

NISOM Northeast Iowa School of Music

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Fall 2017

DCSO Celebrates 20th Year

DCSO Anniversary Concert
Sunday, November 5, 2PM
Emmaus Bible College, Marble Chapel

Join us for a celebration of the Dubuque Community String Orchestra's (DCSO) 20th year!

This concert will feature some of the orchestra's favorite selections from the past two decades of performances, as well as some works they have not previously performed. Come hear music you'll love from Baroque classics to fiddle tunes, including works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Sibelius, and Rush. Be sure to stay for a piece of cake! The concert is free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted.



In 2011 DCSO performed a Halloween concert in the Roshek Building during Day of Scare

DCSO is a non-auditioned ensemble for adults of any age who play a string instrument. Now sponsored by NISOM, DCSO was founded in 1998 by conductor Tracey Rush to give non-professional musicians an outlet for ensemble performance. In the past 19 years, DCSO has performed: Over 350 works, 52 concerts, in 19 different venues, with 6 different choirs, with 56 different soloists, with 3 guest conductors, and commissioned or premiered 7 new works.

This season DCSO will also give a free holiday concert on December 4 at Oak Park Place and a free spring concert with New Horizons Band on April 29. NISOM thanks DCSO 2017-2018 season podium sponsors Tim & Christine Conlon.

New Horizons for Band Musicians

Do you want to play favorite melodies and exciting band arrangements? Meet new people who share a love of music? Have a weekly outing that promotes good health, relaxation, and fun? Are you age 50 or up? Join NISOM's New Horizons Band!

NISOM believes musical enrichment should be available to everyone, including adults. That is why NISOM is proud to be a member of the international organization New Horizons Music (NHM) with our local New Horizons Band. NHM is living proof that, when it comes to learning to play a musical instrument, it truly is "never too late." If you already play, join the band today. If you need beginner or refresher lessons, sign up for one-on-one instruction at NISOM. We still have plenty of openings for private lessons in band instruments!

NISOM's New Horizons Band is conducted by Glenn Pohland. This season NHB will perform with the Jr. High Honor Band on October 27 at Loras College and with DCSO on April 29. Additional performances are TBA. Learn more at nisom.com.



NISOM 2017-2018 Season of Events

- Oct 21: L&MOP: Blu Flame Jazz Trio
- Oct 27: New Horizons Band/Jr. High Honor Band Performance
- Nov 5: Dubuque Community String Orchestra 20th Anniversary Concert
- Nov 18: L&MOP: Music Together with Susan Cramer
- Dec 4: DCSO concert at Oak Park Place
- Dec 9: L&MOP: David Landau, Children's Entertainer
- Dec 10: Playathon recital
- Jan 13: L&MOP: Julien Chamber Winds
- Feb 10: L&MOP: The Mistletones
- Feb 24: Student Recital
- March 10: L&MOP: Senior HS Orchestra
- April 14: L&MOP: Sharon Anway, Tincanarimba
- April 29: Spring Concert of DCSO and New Horizons Band
- May 19: Student Recitals
- June TBA: ChamberFest Dubuque
- TBA: Additional New Horizons Band Concerts

Learn more about all NISOM's upcoming events at nisom.com/events



Personal Message from Tracey Rush, NISOM Executive Director



So much for which to be thankful this Fall!

As you may have heard, this past April I was diagnosed with kidney cancer. My left kidney was removed in June, and I spent the entire summer recuperating. As hard as it was to miss all the ChamberFest events and summer lessons, Assistant Director Becky Perkins temporarily took over as Acting Executive Director, and she and the rest of the outstanding staff at NISOM carried on beautifully in my absence.

A huge thank you also goes to the many people who sent cards, prayers, and messages of support while husband and I dealt with all of this.

I am very pleased to report that the cancer was contained in the one kidney, I did not need to have any further treatments, and I was able to resume my duties as Executive Director as of August 15. My three-month check-up was also big "thumbs up" from the doctor, so I am praising the Lord.

Grants Support Music



The **City of Dubuque** has again awarded NISOM much-needed general funding through the Arts & Culture Operating Support Grant Program. This funding helps run all of NISOM's programs, including weekly lessons and classes. NISOM is one of 15 organizations receiving operating funds this year.

The **City of Dubuque** has renewed their funding support of NISOM's need-based student scholarship program through the Department of Leisure Services. This \$3,000 provides financial assistance for 11 students, enabling them to receive life-changing music education.

The **Schoen Family Charitable Trust** awarded NISOM \$1,000 for the student scholarship program. The goals of the program are to improve lives through music and to make music accessible for all students by removing financial barriers to the mental, emotional, and physical health benefits of music education. Interested students should visit nisom.com or call (563) 690-0151 for more information or to apply for assistance.

Thank You for Supporting our Students!

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers



L&MOP returns in October! Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers (L&MOP) is our popular concert series for kids. These free monthly concerts are a fun, interactive way to expose children to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Sponsored by Drs. Mark Niemer and Yasyn Lee, the 2017-2018 season includes new performers and returning L&MOP favorites, including children's entertainer David Landau (above). Kids leave with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop!



L&MOP 2017-2018
Saturdays, 10:00-10:30AM
Carnegie-Stout Public Library
Free! All Ages Welcome!

- Oct 21: Blu Flame, Jazz Trio
- Nov 18: Music Together with Susan Cramer
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Visit nisom.com for details

Massages for Music



During the month of October, Dubuque Massage Therapy will donate \$5 to NISOM for every table massage.

Dubuque Massage Therapy LLC's goal for clients is to "Relieve Pain, Reduce Stress, Live Healthy" through specialized natural massages. Becky Waterman and Emily Mckeon help clients with massage techniques including precision neuromuscular therapy, Swedish / relaxation, deep tissue, and prenatal / pregnancy.

Visit www.dubuquemassage.com or call (563) 231-6565 to schedule or learn more.

What NISOM Students Say About Their Teachers



Source: Faculty report cards



ChamberFest Dubuque



ChamberFest Dubuque 2017 was our most successful fundraiser ever! Together we raised nearly \$18,000 for music education in our community. This year’s festival included the gala concert at Clarke University on June 15 and a free student workshop on June 14.

NISOM extends our deepest thanks to Michael Gilbertson and our guest artists, the ChamberFest committee, all of our sponsors, and everyone who purchased tickets.

Sign up today for private lessons!

We still have plenty of openings for band instruments. Other instruments are limited, so reserve your spot now.

“Children exposed to drama, music and dance are more proficient in reading, writing and math. “

“Children also discover respect for themselves and for adults who instruct them.”

From “The Importance of Performing Arts”
by Rhonda Gillrie: <http://bit.ly/2tcmwt3>

Acts of Kindness

When NISOM's Executive Director Tracey Rush and her family moved from South Carolina, they drove over 700 miles with a two-year-old and arrived in a new city exhausted and hungry. Imagine their gratitude when they were gifted with a box of spaghetti, a jar of sauce, and a loaf of bread! It was a simple, planned act of kindness that did not cost very much, but it was just what they needed.

Today, we invite you to make your own planned act of kindness by becoming a member of NISOM's Melody Club of monthly giving. For just a few dollars a month – about the cost of a box of spaghetti, a jar of sauce, and a loaf of bread – you join us in teaching students to not only be better musicians, but to be better people. You help them learn hard work, perseverance, determination, and even kindness.

You change lives through music. In fact, in a survey to our former students, 100% of respondents said NISOM and making music changed their lives! They expressed the same memorable gratitude that Tracey's family felt all those years ago. When you support NISOM, you gift these students with much more than a meal.

Please help us change more lives with your act of kindness today.

To join NISOM's Melody Club, contact us at (563) 690-0151 with your pledge, or download the monthly giving form at nisom.com.

Or, make a random act of kindness by sending your one-time gift today to 2728 Asbury Rd, Ste 200, Dubuque IA, 52001. Give online now at nisom.com.

Join Us in the Melody

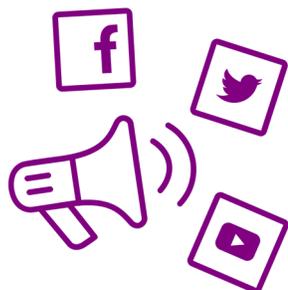
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Contact us at (563) 690-0151 with your pledge.
Or, select the recurring monthly option with your online gift now.

Questions: Call NISOM at (563) 690-0151



More Kindness: Volunteer in Your PJs

Love music? Social media savvy? Check out this fast, free, and easy way to support music education! Volunteer as a NISOM social media ambassador on your schedule from the comfort of your couch or anywhere you log on. Help simply by liking, commenting, sharing, and retweeting. You can also write a review on Facebook or Google!

Spread the word about great (and often free!) music programs in our community.

Guitar Student Awarded 1st Ryan Scholarship

NISOM is pleased to announce that the first recipient of our new Leroy and Marion Ryan Scholarship is guitar student Lane Leopold. Lane will receive a full scholarship for our 2017-2018 school year of his instruction with Ray Guerra.

Lane Leopold is a student at Washington Middle School in Dubuque. Born in Monroe, Wisconsin, Lane moved to Dubuque with his father three years ago. He loves to read, listen to music, ride his bike, and dream up new inventions and video games. Lane began his musical training on viola in spring 2017 but switched to guitar not long after. He explains, "My heart says guitar. I've always enjoyed the sound of electric guitar. It's a dream to play one. I hope to own one someday. I am extremely happy I have this chance to continue to play music through this scholarship."

NISOM's Ryan Scholarship was established in 2017 in memory of Leroy and Marion Ryan, parents of NISOM's Executive Director Tracey Rush. The scholarship is provided via an endowed fund to help make private lessons accessible to new students, part of NISOM's mission of making the life-changing benefits of music education accessible to all.



Bassoon Student Receives Full Scholarship



Congratulations to bassoonist Kate Muehring, the recipient of NISOM's fifth-annual Flint-Lindsay scholarship! Kate will receive a full scholarship for NISOM's 2017-2018 school year of her bassoon instruction with Dennis Williams.

Kate Muehring started playing the bassoon in the spring of 2016. She played bassoon in the 2016 Loras Honor Band and the 2016 Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band. In the spring of 2017, she was one of only five bassoonists invited to play in the Iowa Bandmasters Association All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band. Kate will also play in the 2017-2018 Dubuque Symphony Youth Orchestra, where she will be playing college level orchestra music. Additionally, she plays the flute and baritone saxophone that she has played in marching band and jazz band. She has performed at All that Jazz at the Town Clock Plaza, and as a soloist at Plaython, other NISOM events, and her church. Kate continues her music education at NISOM and at Hempstead High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

NISOM's Flint-Lindsay Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by James and Susan Lindsay through an endowment gift of \$25,000. In addition to the Flint-Lindsay fund, NISOM offers a need-based student scholarship program. For the 2017-2018 school year NISOM has awarded over \$5,000 in total scholarship funding thus far.



Noteworthy news

Spotlights: Meet our New Faculty



Laura Bee (piano) has been accompanying and teaching piano lessons since high school and has a degree in piano performance from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. In addition to teaching at NISOM, Laura teaches piano lessons at the University of Dubuque, accompanies for Chamber Choir and Concert Choir at UWP, and is the Music Director at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dubuque.

Jocelyn Odegard (clarinet) is an active member of the music community in Dubuque. She is a founding member, board member, and musician in the Julien Wind Ensemble and performs professionally with various chamber groups, a jazz band, a clarinet choir, and pit orchestras. Jocelyn studied music education at the University of Northern Iowa, where she started a woodwind quintet. She holds a BA and MBA from the University of Dubuque.



Rebecca Payne (viola, violin) is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a BS in Instrumental Music Education. She is a member of Clarke Strings and performs on viola and violin in ensembles like Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. She is the Director of Orchestras at East High School and teaches at the No Strings Attached beginner program at Kitrell Elementary in Waterloo, Iowa.

Ray Guerra (guitar, piano, & voice) teaches general music, choir, and band at Tri-State Christian School in Galena and holds a Music Education degree from Emmaus Bible College. During his college career, he served as an assistant director to the Chamber Choir and Emmaus Ensemble. He also serves as a music ministry leader at Asbury Community Chapel.



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Playathon 2017
A Grand Student Recital

Sunday, December 10
2:30-7:30PM
During A Roshek Holiday
Roshek Building, 700 Locust St, Dubuque

Featuring students of a variety of ages, skill levels, and instruments. Free and open to the public.

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