



Winter Calendar:

- **Nov. 5:** DCSO 20th Anniversary Concert, 2:00 PM
- **Nov 6-11:** 2nd Trimester private lesson tuition due
- **Nov 11:** 1st Trimester ends
- **Nov. 13:** 2nd Trimester begins
- **Nov. 18:** L&MOP: Music Together with Susan Cramer
- **Nov 20-22:** Make-up private lessons and classes only; no regular lessons
- **Nov 23-25:** NISOM closed
- **Dec. 9:** L&MOP: David Landau: Children's Entertainer
- **Dec 10:** Playathon 1:30-6:30PM Roshek building
- **Dec 24-Jan 2:** NISOM closed
- **Jan 3-6:** Make-up week
- **Jan 8:** Regular lessons and classes resume
- **Jan 13:** L&MOP: Julien Chamber Winds
- **Feb 10:** L&MOP: The Mistletoes
- **Feb 19-23:** 3rd Trimester tuition is due
- **Feb 24:** Student Recital
- **Feb 24:** End of 2nd Trimester
- **Feb 26-March 3:** Make-up lessons/classes only; no regular lessons or classes
- **March 5:** 3rd Trimester begins
- **March 10:** L&MOP: Senior High Orchestra



Make-up & Holiday Schedule

First trimester ends November 11. Second trimester begins the following week on November 13.

The first make-up week is the week of Thanksgiving. **There are no regularly scheduled lessons or classes November 20-25.** November 20-22 are reserved as make-up days. Make-up lessons for excused student absences and any NISOM cancellations may be scheduled during these days. Remember not all student absences are excused; please refer to our policies and contact our office with any questions or to schedule make-ups. Make-up lessons are not automatically scheduled or necessarily at the student's regular lesson time.

The NISOM office will be closed November 23–25 for Thanksgiving. Make-up lessons on Saturday, November 25 may be scheduled at teachers' discretion.

There are also no regularly scheduled lessons or classes December 24-January 2, 2018. NISOM will be closed for the holidays during this time. The weeks of December 25-January 6 is not counted in the trimester, so lessons do not need to be made up for these weeks. However, January 3-6 is a make up week so you can schedule make up lessons for that week. Regular lessons will resume on Monday, January 8.

Private Lesson Tuition Due Nov 6-10 for 2nd Trimester

2nd Trimester is Nov. 13-Feb. 24

Tuition for 30-minute lessons: \$255

Tuition for 45-minute lessons: \$382.56

Tuition for 60-minute lessons: \$510



NISOM does not mail invoices unless tuition is late. A \$5 per week late fee is added if payment is not received before the first lesson of the new trimester. So that you do not need to re-register to keep your lesson time, private students are automatically enrolled and billed throughout the school year unless we are notified of a change. **If you are not continuing with private lessons for the 2nd Trimester, you must let us know.**

Fundraising Recital: Playathon

Our first student recital of the school year is **Playathon on Sunday, December 10**. Students will perform from 2:30 to 7:30PM. Playathon is a fundraiser, so this recital is only open to students who fundraise to perform or who volunteer at Playathon. Private **students will receive Playathon packets in the mail** with complete information. All private students are asked to participate in Playathon or another fundraiser each year; students in group classes are welcome to join the fun.

: The deadline to turn in your Playathon sponsor money has changed The New Deadline is December 1st to perform.

We will begin signing up for performance times the week of November 13. Each teacher will reserve a block of time for his or her studio, so if you need a particular time that day, let your teacher know. If you can't perform during your teacher's block, you can sign up for another time, but your teacher may not be there.

Please read your Playathon Packet for all details: mailing soon!

We Want *Your* Vision for NISOM!

Do you want to help shape the future of music in our community? NISOM is collecting input to incorporate in our next strategic plan. We want to include feedback from our students and parents.

We can meet before or after your lesson or at another time either in person or by phone. Please let Becky know if you are able to participate and what time works. We need you to give 5-10 minutes of time to shape NISOM's future goals!

Contact Becky Perkins at bperkins@nisom.com to set up a time to share your thoughts!
Thank you!

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This FREE concert series introduces kids and their families to a variety of musical styles and instruments.

Saturdays, 10:00 AM

Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Nov 18: Music Together with Susan Cramer

Dec 9: David Landau: Children's Entertainer

Jan 13: Julien Chamber Winds

Feb 10: The Mistletones

March 10: Senior High Orchestra

April 14: Sharon Anway: Tincanarimba

Sponsored by Drs. Mark Niemer and Yasyn Lee

New Faces

NISOM is happy to welcome the new faculty and board members who joined us this year:

Laura Bee, Piano Faculty
Abby Foley, Piano Faculty
Ray Guerra, Guitar Faculty
Nick Majesky, Guitar Faculty
Jocelyn Odegard, Clarinet Faculty
Becca Payne, Viola & Violin Faculty

Jessica Schreyer, Board Member
Debbie Tancrell, Board Member
Danita Grant returned as Board Treasurer.



Bassoon Student Receives Flint-Lindsay 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 for 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 play college level orchestra music. Kate also 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, 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.



Guitar Student Awarded 1st Ryan Scholarship

NISOM is pleased to announce the first recipient of our new Leroy and Marion Ryan Scholarship is guitar student Lane Leopold. Lane received 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 a few 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.

Dubuque Community String Orchestra 20th Year Concert

Free Concert: Sunday, November 5, 2017, 2:00PM, Emmaus Bible College, Marble Chapel

Join us for a celebration of the Dubuque Community String Orchestra's (DCSO) 20th year with a special concert on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00PM in Emmaus Bible College's Marble Chapel.

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.

[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.

Our thanks to DCSO 2017-2018 season podium sponsors Tim & Christine Conlon.

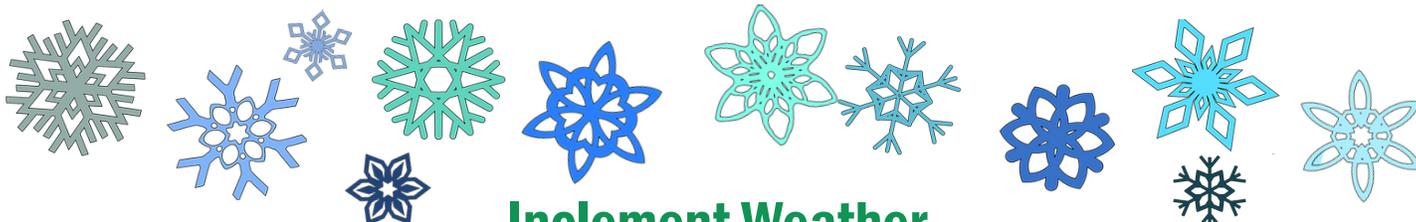


Cold & Flu Season

With cold and flu season approaching, remember that if you or your child is not well enough to go to school or work, you should not attend lessons. There is no need to infect other students and teachers. Please remember to call the office as early as possible. We cannot excuse the absence if you do not call ahead.



Keep in mind that teachers get sick, too. In the event that your teacher is ill, we will either provide a substitute or notify you of the cancellation as soon as possible. All faculty cancellations will be made up at a later date or refunded at the end of the school year.

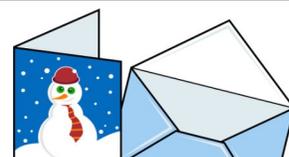


Inclement Weather

NISOM does **NOT** automatically close when Dubuque schools are closed due to inclement weather. When NISOM closes, we announce the cancellation via radio, email, and text*, as well as on our website, Facebook and Twitter. If in doubt, call our office.

In the event that we are holding lessons but students who travel from out of town do not feel it is safe, please notify the office that you will not be attending. Similarly, teachers may also need to occasionally cancel due to travel conditions even if NISOM is open.

*You can receive NISOM alerts via text message on your mobile phone by texting "@nisom" to 81010. Messages are sent through a 3rd party service with Remind.com and include weather cancellations as well as tuition and make-up week reminders. Visit remind.com or contact our office for more information.



Fundraising Volunteer Opportunity Coming Soon

We have a volunteer opportunity soon to write notes in holiday cards to our donors and address envelopes! You will help us raise money from the community. Students did an awesome job with this last year! Watch for details to come or more volunteer opportunities to be announced throughout the year. NISOM will have cards and envelopes to use. Talk to Sarah in the office for more details.

Internship Opportunity!

Earn tuition while gaining job experience!

NISOM is seeking high school or college age students for a work study internship.

Our current opening is: **Librarian:** Tasks include maintaining NISOM's music library and preparing ensemble folders. Hours will be on a varying schedule, typically averaging 1.5 to 2 hours per week.

Students earn tuition credits to be applied toward their next payment. To apply, submit an application form to NISOM. Applications are available at the NISOM office or at nisom.com.

