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Dates to remember:

- **Feb 19– 24:** Tuition is due
- **Feb 21:** Class registrations due
- **Feb 24:** Student Recitals
11:00AM & 12:30 PM
- **Feb 24:** 2nd Trimester ends
- **Feb 26-Mar 3:** Make-up week
- **Mar 5:** 3rd Trimester begins
- **Mar 10:** L&MOP: Dubuque Senior High School Orchestra
- **Mar 26-31:** Make-up week
- **April 14:** L&MOP: Sharon Anway: Tincanarimba
- **April 29:** Adult Ensembles: DCSO and NHB Concert: 2PM
- **April 30:** Summer registration begins for current students
- **May 14:** Summer registration opens to new & former students
- **May 19:** Student recitals
- **May 28:** CLOSED Memorial Day
- **Jun 2:** 3rd Trimester ends
- **Jun 4-9:** Make-up week
- **Jun 6:** ChamberFest Dubuque Workshop Time-TBD
- **Jun 7:** ChamberFest Dubuque Gala Performance 7:00 PM
- **Jun 11:** Summer session begins
- **Jun 15:** Refund request deadline for 2017-18 lessons

Make-up Weeks

Second trimester ends February 24. Third trimester begins March 5.

The weeks of February 26-March 3 and March 26-31 are make-up weeks.

There are no regular lessons or classes these weeks, and make-up lessons for excused absences can be scheduled. Make-up lessons are NOT automatically scheduled. Please remember that not all absences are excused. Private lessons will be made up for illnesses, family emergencies, and snow days or other NISOM cancellations. Group classes can be made up if any classes were canceled. **Please speak with the office or your teacher to schedule make-ups.**

Private Lesson and Class Tuition is Due Feb 19-23 for 3rd Trimester

3rd Trimester is March 5-June 2

Tuition for 30 minute lessons: \$255

Tuition for 45 minute lessons: \$382.56

Tuition for 60 minute lessons: \$510

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Student Recitals

Our next student recitals are on **Saturday, February 24** at 11:00AM AND at 12:30PM. Located at Emmaus Bible College, on 2570 Asbury Road. Talk to your teacher or the office by February 16 to sign up.

Recitals are a great way to gain performance experience, get inspired by other students, and share what you're learning with family and friends. All NISOM students are encouraged but not required to perform in at least one recital per school year. Recitals are not formal, but students should dress nicely and remember to smile.



All student recitals are free and open to the public, so please join us in the audience even if you are not performing this time! 😊

Get NISOM Alerts by Text

You can receive NISOM alerts on your mobile phone:

Text @nisom to (563) 554-6446

or go to <https://www.remind.com/join/nisom> to sign up.

You will receive NISOM announcements such as tuition reminders, weather cancellations, and make-up weeks via text message through Remind. Visit Remind.com for more information.



Easter

There is make up week the week before Easter. There are regularly scheduled lessons the week after Easter. If you have holiday plans that conflict with lessons, be sure to notify the office. If you wish to reschedule, contact us as early as possible, so we can attempt to find an alternate time.

Spring Group Classes: Register by February 21 for 3rd Trimester

Beginning Classical Guitar (Ages 9-Adult)

Fridays 4:30-5:00 PM with instructor Nick Majesky

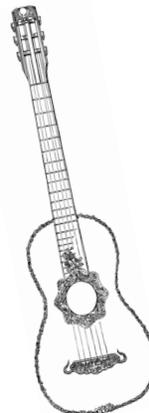
Have you wanted to learn to play guitar? This class is an introduction to the fundamentals of playing classical guitar in a fun group setting. Students will come learn the rudiments of classical guitar technique, musical note reading, and music theory.

Limit 3 students. \$140+ book.

Design Your Own Class

Offered in preschool, voice, and guitar with no experience needed and no registration deadline! See class flyer for details.

See class flyer for details or visit nisom.com!



Faculty Report Cards

You will receive a faculty report card the week of February 19-23. Please take the time to fill this out and return it to the office. NISOM is here to serve our students, and we value your input!

If you do not receive a report card from each of your instructors, ask your teacher or the office for one the next time you are in.

Parents, please fill out the parent section and help young students with the student section. It should not take more than a few minutes. Thank you!

Tuition (cont. from page 1)

Private students are automatically enrolled in and billed for the entire school year. **If you are not planning to continue lessons for the 3rd Trimester, you must let us know immediately.**

If you pay by automatic monthly withdrawals, no action is needed at this time to continue. Tuition is due the week of February 19 for those paying by trimester. Pay by your first lesson of 3rd trimester to avoid late fees. A \$5 per week late fee is added if payment is not received before the first lesson of the new trimester. **NISOM does not mail invoices unless tuition is late.**

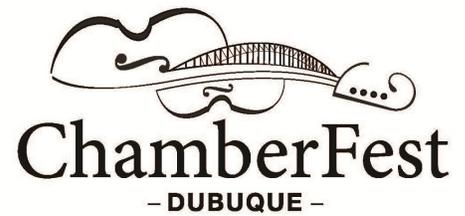
NISOM is a non-profit organization that seeks to raise other funds to subsidize all lessons. If you can afford to do so, please consider including a donation with your payment. These tax-deductible donations help off-set the costs of your lessons that are not covered by tuition and are greatly appreciated!



ChamberFest Dubuque Workshop and Concert

Wednesday, June 6
Time TBA, Loras College

Thursday, June 7
7:00PM, Clarke University's Jansen Hall



Save the dates for June's ChamberFest Dubuque when NISOM alum and award-winning composer Michael Gilbertson brings an ensemble of outstanding young artists home to Dubuque for two amazing events: Wednesday's workshop offers local musicians the rare opportunity to learn from Michael and the guest artists in a mini-performance and classes for cello, piano, clarinet, composition, and additional instruments TBA soon. This opportunity is free and open to all ages; register through NISOM beginning in April. Then join us Thursday June 7 for the concert - an audience favorite! Tickets go on sale to the public in April.



2017-18 Scholarships Still Available!

NISOM is accepting applications for the remainder of 2017–18 student scholarship program. NISOM offers need based financial assistance to students from low and moderate income families and those with demonstrated need. Students of any age are encouraged to apply for lessons, classes, or other programs.

Apply now Applications and more information are available at nisom.com and in the NISOM office.

Northeast Iowa String Teachers Association (NEISTA)

Congratulations to NISOM's students who were selected for NEISTA:

Violin: Wesley Miller and Xander Sherman
Bass: Isaac Johnson, Luke Tonn, Noah Blair, and Samuel Erickson



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

Saturdays, 10:00-10:30 AM
Carnegie-Stout Library

March 10: Dubuque Senior High
Orchestra

April 14: Sharon Anway:
Tincanarimba

*Sponsored by Drs. Mark
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DCSO Conductor will Pass the Baton After 20 Years

Tracey Rush has announced that she will retire as conductor from NISOM's Dubuque Community String Orchestra (DCSO) at the end of this season – the ensemble's 20th. NISOM is currently seeking a conductor to begin with the 2018-2019 season.

Rush has been DCSO's conductor since she founded the ensemble in 1998 to give adult amateur musicians an outlet for ensemble performance. The group is non-auditioned and welcomes adult string players of all ages, part of NISOM's mission of making music accessible to all. The ensemble's first concert was playing Christmas carols at a senior center.

"I have loved working with these wonderful musicians these many years, but it is time for a new face on the podium, someone with fresh ideas," says Rush. DCSO celebrated their 20th season with a special concert in November 2017 that featured some of the group's favorite selections from the first 19 seasons.



NISOM thanks DCSO 2017-2018 podium sponsors Tim and Christine Conlon.

Read full article at nisom.com



Free Adult Ensembles Concert

Final Bow

Rush will take her final bow at a free spring concert on April 29, 2018 at 4:00 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church. For the spring concert, DCSO will join forces with NISOM's other non-auditioned ensemble New Horizons Band (NHB), which is conducted by Glenn Pohland. The concert will feature favorite works of both conductors. Did you see NHB on TV? See news on nisom.com or watch online at kcrg.com



Dubuque Community String Orchestra Open Rehearsal

Come Play with Us!

Monday, February 19, 6:30-8:00PM, at Emmaus Bible College, Choir Room

DCSO is accepting new members for the Spring 2018 semester. The DCSO semester will begin on February 19 with a free open rehearsal. The public is invited to sit in with the group or try them free during the open rehearsal.

Playathon Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who participated in Playathon 2017! We exceeded our yearly Playathon fundraising goal and had over four hours of music during A Roshek Christmas on December 10.

To thank everyone for their hard work, we awarded students prizes that included Playathon T-Shirts, show tickets, gift certificates, free restaurant food items, and much more.

NISOM extends our deepest thanks to all the businesses who donated these prizes and to all the individuals who sponsored students. Thank you for helping continue music education in our community! Remember that if you did not fundraise, donate, or volunteer yet, every student is asked to do so each school year at NISOM.



Roshek Holiday Auction Wreath

Sharing the Spirit of Music



What's the holiday season without music? A big thank you to those who bid on NISOM's silent auction item this year! Look for this opportunity to support NISOM when you bid next year during a Roshek Holiday's nonprofit silent auction on the item NISOM enters. This wreath featured trumpeters and silver bells aglow with blue lights. Displayed in the Roshek building lobby between mid-November and early December.

Holiday Cards Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in writing holiday cards to our donors! Students who volunteered in this form to complete their fundraiser for the school include:

Hailey Wedewer
Miaomiao Zou
Kate Muehring
Elizabeth Gneiser
Jace Holz
Nicholas Giurgea
Liliana Asta
Yini Liu

