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Important changes happening at NISOM for 2018-2019

Dates to Remember:

- **June 2:** End of 3rd trimester
- **May 28:** Memorial Day; Closed
- **June 1:** Flint-Lindsay & Ryan 2018-19 scholarships application deadline
- **June 4-9:** Make-up week
- **June 6:** ChamberFest Workshop
- **June 7:** ChamberFest Concert
- **June 11:** Summer lessons begin
- **June 15:** Refund request deadline
- **July 1:** 2018-19 general scholarship application deadline
- **July 2:** Summer classes deadline
- **July 9:** Fall registration begins for current (summer) students
- **July 16:** Fall registration opens to former students
- **July 17:** Summer Strings/Summer Sing begins
- **July 23:** Fall registration opens to new students
- **Aug 2:** Summer Strings/Summer Sing concert
- **Aug 11:** Summer session ends
- **Aug 13-18:** Make-up week
- **Aug 20:** 2018-2019 school year begins

New Tuition & Fundraising Policies

Beginning with the new school year, NISOM students will no longer be expected to participate in a fundraiser each year. Instead of charging you less than your lessons cost and asking you to help make up the difference, tuition will be at a higher rate to cover more of the costs. However, you will still have the opportunity to reduce your tuition through fundraising and scholarships.

Tuition will be \$300 per trimester for 30-minute lessons. You can pay this rate and not participate in any fundraising. If you choose to fundraise, a portion of what you raise will be applied to your next tuition payment. Those who meet the Playathon goal of \$100 will get \$50 off their tuition. The more you raise, the more you save, so you could pay less in tuition than you do now! Instead of us telling you how much fundraising you need to do, it will be up to you – do a lot, a little, or none.

NISOM's mission is to make music accessible, and we do not want this change to prevent anyone from continuing their instruction. If the tuition rate will be a hardship for you, please apply for scholarship assistance. **Note that applications are due before fall registration begins.** See page 4 for deadlines and more scholarship information.

New Strategic Plan

This spring NISOM approved a new 10-year strategic plan. In the fall we gathered a lot of information and input, including talking to students and parents. For the new plan we revised our mission and vision statements (page 4), and we have many goals for new things to offer and for internal changes that support what we do. Some fun goals for the next few years include more group classes, more performances, more scholarships, more student features, and adding small ensemble opportunities during lessons.

New Executive Director

NISOM is in the process of hiring our first full-time executive director! We plan to have the new executive director in place beginning July 1. Tracey Rush, the current part-time executive director, announced her resignation this spring, and her position is being combined with the current full-time assistant director. Mrs. Rush, who founded NISOM in 2001, will remain on our faculty and in a new position of artistic advisor.



Summer Classes

In addition to private lessons, NISOM offers fun summer group classes for all ages!

Summer Strings String players can keep those fingers flying in Summer Orchestras. Join one of two string orchestras for incoming grades 6-9.

Summer Sing If your child loves to sing, wants to develop their voice, or wants to have a great time through learning music, Summer Sing is the program for them! Grades 6-8.



Joint concert for all summer strings and sing Aug. 2. Register by July 2.



Classical Guitar (ages 9-adults) Learn the fundamentals of playing classical guitar in a fun group setting where students learn musical note reading, theory, and much more. Register by June 20.

Music Together
Agape Studios

Music Together® Mixed-Age Classes with Agape Studios Each week babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and the grownups who love them gather for 45 minutes of fun-filled family music activities ranging from lullabies to full-on jam sessions (with child-friendly instruments, of course). Register by June 13.

Design Your Own Class: Students of any age can form a class with friends or family. Available in piano, voice, guitar, or preschool music. This is a fun and flexible option!

Visit nisom.com or see class and orchestras flyers for schedules, forms, and more information.

Make-up Week

NISOM's 2017-18 school year runs through June 2 for regular lessons. Make up week is **June 4-9**. Speak with the office to schedule make-up lessons. Remember that not all absences are excused. Lessons will be made up for illnesses, emergencies, or NISOM cancellations. The summer session begins June 11.

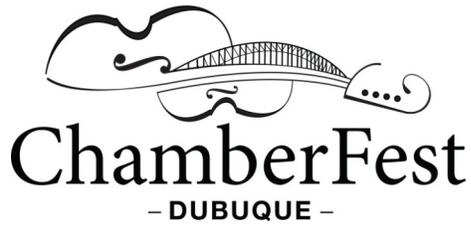
School year make-ups do not carry into the summer and vice versa. If you are owed more lessons for NISOM cancellations than can be made up by June 9, you may request a refund for these lessons. All requests must be submitted by June 15. Refunds will not be given for student absences. Please contact our office if you have any questions. **NISOM will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.**

Don't forget what you've learned!

Sign up for summer lessons.

You don't have to attend every week. Choose only the weeks you want!





Thursday, June 7, 7PM Jansen Hall,
Clarke University
**Tickets are sold out, and we have
created a wait list.**

ChamberFest Concert

ChamberFest Dubuque is back! This June NISOM alum and Pulitzer Prize finalist, Michael Gilbertson and fellow professional musicians will present an intimate concert and lead a free workshop. On **Thursday, June 7**, Gilbertson and friends will entertain at the concert at Clarke University. The concert will feature the guest artists in intimate solo and ensemble performances, with a dessert reception to follow. Visit nisom.com for more information.

ChamberFest Workshop For Students of All Ages

Learn from rising stars of the international music scene! Michael Gilbertson and our ChamberFest guest artists will lead free student workshops on **Wednesday, June 6** from 5:30 to 7:00PM at Clarke University. The workshop begins with a combined session with all musicians before breaking into small groups for each instrument listed below.

Children through adults are encouraged to participate or just come to watch and listen! Register by June 1 for free through NISOM.

Visit nisom.com for information about this year's impressive guest artists.

Small Groups:

Michael Gilbertson, composition
David Fung, piano
Hanah Stuart, violin
Bridget Pasker, cello
Zach Manzi, clarinet
Evan Saddler, percussion



Congratulations Rebecca Payne!

Congratulations to Rebecca Payne, the new conductor of our Dubuque Community String Orchestra! The ensemble's founder Tracey

Rush passed the baton to Becca at the spring concert on April 29th to conclude the 20th season. Becca teaches violin and viola at NISOM will conduct DCSO beginning with the 2018-2019 season.

Fall Registration Dates

Mark Your Calendar for Fall Registration

- June 1:** Flint-Lindsay & Ryan scholarships applications due
- July 1:** General scholarship applications due
- July 9:** Registration begins for current (summer) students
- July 16:** Registration opens to former students
- July 23:** Registration opens to new students
- Aug 20:** 1st Trimester begins

2018-2019 Scholarships



NISOM is now accepting applications for three different scholarships available in the 2018–2019 student scholarship program.

- 1.** NISOM offers scholarships for 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 by **July 1**.
- 2.** The Flint-Lindsay endowed scholarship fund provides a full scholarship to one current student. The Flint-Lindsay scholarship is based on musicianship as well as financial need. Students with both outstanding musicianship and financial need are strongly encouraged to apply. Those with either outstanding musicianship or financial need will also be considered. Apply by **June 1**.
- 3.** The Ryan Scholarship is a full scholarship for new and or relatively new student. Both musical potential and financial need are considered. Students of all ages who have studied at NISOM for less than 2 years are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to students who show potential but are not taking private lessons due to financial need. Apply by **June 1, 2017**.

Applications for the Flint-Lindsay and for the Ryan scholarships must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from one of your teachers. Applications and more information are available at nisom.com and in the NISOM office.

NISOM's Revised Mission and Vision

Mission

Northeast Iowa School of Music (NISOM) makes the life-changing benefits of music education and enrichment accessible to all through instruction, performance, and outreach.

Vision

We envision a community where everyone can experience personal and creative growth through music and reach their full potential as individuals and musicians.

Gmail Issue Repaired

The @nisom.com staff emails have had some issues with Gmail's spam filtering changes, so most first time Gmail, email receivers did not find our emails unless checking their spam folders.

We have worked with our email provider to try to fix this issue, but could use your feedback to confirm success. Whether you have a Gmail or not, please let the office know if you are not receiving our emails. You can be proactive by adding our email addresses to your contacts.



On May 10, NISOM participated in the annual Great Give, through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. Thanks to our wonderful donors, we won a Golden Ticket and raised over \$1,600, to support all our programs, including your lessons and classes. Great Give is just one of the many ways we offset the costs of teaching, so please help us thank our donors for all that they do!