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Winter Calendar:

- **Nov. 2:** 2nd Trimester group class registration deadline
- **Nov 7-12:** 2nd Trimester private lesson tuition due
- **Nov 12:** 1st Trimester ends
- **Nov. 12:** L&MOP: River Reeds Sax Quartet
- **Nov. 14:** 2nd Trimester begins
- **Nov 21-23:** Make-up private lessons and classes only; no regular lessons
- **Nov 24 & 25:** NISOM closed
- **Dec. 10:** L&MOP: Dubuque Community String Orchestra
- **Dec 11:** Playathon 2:30-7:30PM Roshek building
- **Dec 23-Jan 2:** NISOM closed
- **Jan 3:** Regular lessons and classes resume
- **Jan 14:** L&MOP: Tapestry
- **Feb 11:** L&MOP: Dancers in Company
- **Feb 13-18:** 3rd Trimester tuition is due
- **Feb 18:** Student Recital
- **Feb 18:** End of 2nd Trimester
- **Feb 20-25:** Make-up lessons/classes only; no regular lessons or classes
- **Feb 27:** 3rd Trimester begins



Make-up & Holiday Schedule

First trimester ends November 12. Second trimester begins the following week on November 14.

The first make-up week is the week of Thanksgiving. **There are no regularly scheduled lessons or classes November 21-26.** November 21 through 23 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 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving. Make-up lessons on Saturday, November 26 may be scheduled at teachers' discretion.

There are also no regularly scheduled lessons or classes December 23 through January 2, 2017. NISOM will be closed for the holidays during this time. The week of December 26-30 is not counted in the trimester, so lessons do not need to be made up. However, Friday December 23 and Monday January 2 will need to be made up. Regular lessons will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Private Lesson Tuition Due Nov 7-12 for 2nd Trimester

2nd Trimester is Nov. 14-Feb. 18

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.**

Group Class Registrations Due Nov. 2 for 2nd Trimester

If you are currently enrolled in a group class, you must register by November 2 if you wish to enroll in 2nd Trimester. You are not automatically enrolled in the next session.

Next Recital: Playathon

Our first student recital of the school year is **Playathon on Sunday, December 11**. Playathon will again be held during A Roshek Holiday at the Roshek Building in downtown Dubuque. Students will perform from 2:30 to 7:30PM and earn exciting prizes! Playathon is a fundraiser, so this recital is only for students who collect sponsorships to perform. Private students should have received Playathon packets with complete information. All private students are expected to participate in Playathon or another fundraiser each year; students continuing in group classes for 2nd trimester are also welcome to join the fun.

We will begin signing up for performance times the week of November 14. 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 soon. If you can't perform during your teacher's block, you can sign up for another time, but your teacher may not be there.

Fundraising Volunteer Opportunity Coming Soon

If you are unable to do Playathon or prefer another option, you can fundraise through volunteering. We have a new volunteer opportunity coming up! You can write notes in holiday cards and address envelopes for our donors as part of our donation appeals in December. NISOM will have cards and envelopes to use. Talk to Sarah in the office for more details.

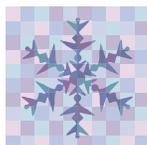


This FREE concert series introduces kids and their families to a variety of musical styles and instruments.

Saturdays, 10:00 AM
Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Nov 14: Dubuque River Reeds Quartet
Dec 10: Dubuque Community String Orchestra
Jan 14: Tapestry: Folk/Rock Band
Feb 11: Dancers in Company
March 11: Dubuque Senior Jazz Combo
April 8: Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir
May 13: UD Theatre: James and the Giant Peach

Sponsored by Drs. Mark Niemer and Yasyn Lee



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 "@nison" 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.

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, so you don't 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.

Vocalist Awarded Flint-Lindsay Scholarship



We are pleased to announce the recipient of NISOM's fourth-annual Flint-Lindsay scholarship is pianist Talia Servin. Talia received a full scholarship for NISOM's 2016-2017 school year of her piano instruction with Laura Chase.

Talia Servin, a high school freshman, began studying piano at NISOM at age seven in a small group class with Laura Chandler. She is now beginning her 7th year of private lessons and her 3rd year under Laura Chase. Talia has been home schooled since kindergarten except for 7th grade when she went to Tri-State Christian School in Galena. She decided to go back to home schooling for 8th grade but returned to Tri-State this fall for high school. Talia is a talented artist, she enjoys photography and ballet, and can often be found with her face in a good book! She has participated in many recitals and Playathons at NISOM and currently plays the keyboard for her youth group at Word of Life Church in Dubuque.

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 2016-2017 school year NISOM has awarded over \$5,000 in total scholarship funding thus far.



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. Hours earned may also be applied to NISOM workshop fees, registration fees, and concert tickets.

To apply, submit an application form to NISOM. Applications are available at the NISOM office or at nisom.com.



New Faces

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

Marcus DeJesus, Guitar and Ukulele Faculty
Holly Gaunitz, Piano Faculty
Matt Gaunitz, Trumpet and Low Brass Faculty
Madalyn Mackey, Flute and Piccolo Faculty

Richard Kirkendall, Board Member
Cathy Goodman, Board Member

Joining the board as parent representative is Jennifer Johnson and faculty representative is Rebecca Lansing.

NISOM's 15th Birthday Student Celebrations!



Thank You to all of the wonderful students, parents, and faculty who participated in NISOM's 15th Birthday Student Celebrations!



Small Prize Winners:

Estella Brown and Jessica Peters



T-shirt Drawing Winner:

Anna Johll



How Are *You* Using Your Music?

Have you won honors or been accepted to ensembles? Did you get a part in a musical or first chair in your school ensemble? Do you sing or play in church or nursing homes? Have you noticed an impact in other areas like grades, behavior, or even health? Let us know by mail, email, phone, or in person! You might just see yourself featured in an upcoming student newsletter or patron newsletter that goes out to the community.