

Achievement in Music Examinations (AIM)

VOICE

Illinois State Music Teacher Association Exam

What are the benefits of taking AIM examinations?

These exams enhance musicianship, develop performance confidence, and can make a significant difference in college application process. Universities give advantage to the students with extensive, relevant and successful track record in extracurricular activities.

AIM exams are demanding and require daily vocal practice and theory study. The goal is for students to have a positive experience, and feel rewarded for their dedication and diligent work. Students receive a certificate for successful completion of the theory and the performance exams.

Class Structure

Due to the extensive and complex nature of these exams, they can be prepared in individual lessons only. Regular tuition rates apply to AIM preparation in individual voice lessons.

Deadlines

Please inform your teacher about your intention to take the exam as soon as possible. Early preparation is the key to good scores. Signup deadlines are in the early spring. NMA will send e-mails to all voice students to let them know when the signup starts.

Voice Exam Dates for academic year 2017-2018.

- Sunday, May 6, 2018.
- Signup deadline: March 15, 2018.

Are there any age limitations?

Lowest age for voice AIM exams is 11.

Who are the NMA teachers participating in exam preparation?

Individual voice lessons: Ms. Emily Moran and Ms. Nicolette Maas.

How are the exams structured?

AIM examinations are divided by level and content. There are specific technique, theory, and repertoire requirements for each level. Both the theory portion and the performance portion of the exam are done on the same day. Please consult your teacher about the exam level which would be most appropriate for your child.

Where are the AIM voice examinations held?

The exams are held at the NMA. You will receive the exam time information from your teacher about a week ahead.

Who adjudicates the examinations?

Members of Music Teacher National Association in our area are the adjudicators at AIM examinations, and they are experienced teachers and adjudicators

Are there any extra fees for AIM examinations and materials?

Yes, there is a participation fee of \$15 per student per exam, and this fee covers both the theory and the performance portion of the exam. The fees are due at registration, payable by check made out to NMA or cash. Books needed for exam preparation and the accompanist's fee are additional costs. The accompanist fee is the fee payable to the pianist who will be accompanying the student at the exam. The fee will cover a short rehearsal and the exam. The fee is determined by the pianist and NMA will let you know what the amount is before you decide to sign up.

How do I sign up?

You will be signing up with your teacher directly. NMA facilitates the organization of this program and collects the fees, but an individual teacher needs to be a member of MTNA in order to enter the students into the AIM exams. The fees are payable in cash or check made out to NMA

Please let us know if we can provide further clarifications.

*Talk with your teacher at your earliest convenience to set everything up and order the materials.
The sooner you sign up the greater the chance of the student's success at the examination.*