



Special Programs 2024-2025

- Please register early so that the students have sufficient time to prepare and achieve great results.
- Many of the fees are tentative and will be finalized by early October.
- Scroll down for dates and deadlines for all events. NOTE: Some of the dates are tentative and will be confirmed by October 2024. We will update this document as soon as we have final information and notify you if there are any changes.
- Detailed information for each event is on our website www.napervillemusicacademy.com

FESTIVALS AND PERFORMANCES

Sonata and Sonatina Festival for Piano Students – for all current NMA piano students.

- Saturday, November 9, 2024
- Fee: \$35 payable by check or cash to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
- Location: North Central College in downtown Naperville
- Fee payment deadline: October 5, 2024.
- Awards: Certificate and trophies for top ranked students

Holiday Celebration Concert – for all current NMA students

- Sunday, December 15, 2024
- Times: 2 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:15 pm
- Registration: October 21 – December 5, 2024
- Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
- Fee: \$31 per student, or \$53 for 2 siblings or 2 instruments, payable by credit card, check or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
- Awards: Concert Program

End of the Year Student Showcase Recital – for all currently NMA students

- Sunday, May 18, 2025
- Times: 2 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:15 pm
- Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
- Fee: \$31 per event; \$53 for two siblings or two instruments, payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
- Registration: April 7-May 10, 2025
- Awards: Recital Program
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Summer Student Recital – for all current NMA students

- Sunday, August 3, 2025
- Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
- Fee: \$31 per event; \$53 for two siblings or two instruments
- Registration: June 15-July 26, 2025
- Awards: Recital Program
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EXAMS

FALL SEMESTER

AIM Piano Theory Exams (IL State Piano Exams) Levels 3-12 – for all current NMA piano students

- Saturday, December 7 and Saturday, December 14, 2024.
- Fee: \$25 payable by check or cash to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
- Location: Wentz Hall and Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
- Fee payment deadline: November 2, 2024.
- Awards: ISMTA Certificate after successfully passing the performance exam in March 2025.

NEW! **Trinity College London Exams** – for all current NMA students. NOTE: NMA is the only licensed Trinity College London testing center in IL and can enter only current NMA students.

- These exams require video submission (digital exams)
- **Fee depends on the level, between \$105 and \$260 per exam. (Due to the international recognition and possibility to receive high school and college credit from some institutions, these exams, conducted in over 60 countries and taken by 850,000 students annually, have exceptionally high fees.)**
- Please note that once your teacher decides about the level, we will send an invoice for registration fee payment
- Location: exams recorded digitally, and videos submitted through a secure link received from TCL.
- Fee payment deadline for winter exams: **December 20, 2024.** (NOTE: There will also be spring exams – see below)
- Awards: COL certificate recognized and highly respected in numerous countries and educational institutions around the world.

SPRING SEMESTER

AIM Piano Exams (IL State Piano Exams) Theory and Performance, Levels 1-2 – for all current NMA piano students

- Saturday, February 1, 2025
- Fee: \$30 payable by check or cash to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
- Location: Community United Methodist Church
- Fee payment deadline: December 7, 2024
- Awards: ISMTA Certificate

AIM Piano Performance Exam (IL State Piano Exam) Levels 3-12 – for all current NMA piano students who successfully passed the theory AIM exam in December.

- Saturday, March 8, Sunday, March 9, Saturday, March 15, Sunday March 16, 2025.
- Fee: \$25 payable by check or to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
- Fee payment deadline: December 20, 2024
- Location: Wentz Hall and Community United Methodist Church
- Awards: ISMTA Certificate for passing both theory and performance portions; plaques for students who completed at least 9 levels out of 12.

Illinois Music Society Annual Exams in Guitar, Drums, Piano, and Voice – for all currently enrolled NMA students

- Sunday, April 27, 2025
- Fee: \$44 payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
- Location: NMA
- Registration and fee payment deadline: April 15, 2025
- Awards: Certificates and medals

AIM Exam for Strings (IL State Strings Exams) Levels 1-10 – for all current NMA strings students NOTE: currently, the information below is only tentative.

- Sunday, May 4, 2025
- Location: NMA
- Fee: \$30 for levels 1-2; \$50 for levels 3-10 (\$25 for theory and \$25 for performance exam) payable by check or cash to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments please add a \$5 processing charge
- Registration and fee payment deadline: March 28, 2025
- Awards: ISMTA Certificate for passing both theory and performance portions; plaques for students who complete all 10 levels.

AIM Voice Exam (IL State Voice Exam) - for all current NMA voice students

- Sunday, May 4, 2025.
- Location: NMA
- Fee: \$30 for level 1; \$50 for levels 2-8 (\$25 for theory and \$25 for performance) payable by check or cash to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
- Registration and fee deadline: March 28, 2025.
- Awards: ISMTA Certificates for students who successfully pass both theory and performance exams; plaques for students who completed all 8 levels.

National Music Theory Honor Roll Exam – for all current NMA students

- Sunday, May 11, 2025 (Also, see below the July exam date.)
- Fee: \$43 per exam per student payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
- Location: NMA
- Registration and fee payment deadline: May 5, 2025.
- Awards: Certificate, a medal, and the listing on National Music Theory Honor Roll List for students with scores 90% and higher

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- **Fee depends on the level, between \$105 and \$260 per exam.**
- Please note that once your teacher decides about the level, we will send an invoice for registration fee payment
- Location: exams recorded digitally, and videos submitted through a secure link received from TCL.
- **Fee payment deadline for spring exams: May 23, 2025.**
- Awards: COL certificate recognized and highly respected in numerous countries and educational institutions around the world.

National Music Theory Honor Roll Exam – for all currently enrolled NMA students

- Sunday, July 20, 2025
- Fee: \$43 per exam per student payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
- Location: NMA
- Registration and fee payment deadline: July 12, 2025.
- Awards: Certificates, medals and listing on National Music Theory Honor Roll List for students with scores 90% and higher

COMPETITIONS

Illinois Music Society Annual Competition – for all current NMA students. Young students and beginners strongly encouraged to join.

- Sunday, October 20, 2024: guitar, drums, piano, voice, violin, viola. AIM piano and strings students - only up to AIM level 6
- Fee: \$40 per event. Students registering for multiple events must submit a \$40 fee for each event.
- Fee submitted in cash, check or credit card. No additional charges for credit card payments.
- Registration: **September 1-28, 2024.**
- Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
- Awards: trophies for the competitors winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, certificates for all, and a \$25 monetary award for 1st place winners.

NEW! **Sherer Internation Piano and Violin Competition** – for advanced piano and violin students – equivalent of AIM levels 9 and higher.

- Students must be registered by their parents going on the competition website <https://www.goshen.edu/academics/music/sherercompetition/>
- Saturday and Sunday October 19 and 20, 2024
- Deadline for fee, registration form and video – **October 1, 2024**
- Eligibility: advanced students in violin and piano
- For more details also visit NMA page with the competition details by clicking on Competitions button. Best information will be found on the competition website listed above.

Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition and Festival – for all current students able to perform songs AIM level 4 and higher.

- Date – April, 2025
- More details are coming later in the fall.

Illinois Music Association Contest – for all current NMA students

- Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, 2025. Saturday piano, guitar, drums, ukulele and voice; Sunday piano and strings.
- Fee: \$38 per student per event, payable in cash or check to NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge. Piano students choosing a particular day – add \$1 scheduling fee.
- Registration: **January 8-February 29, 2025.**
- Location: Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL
- Awards: trophies for the top 3 placed competitors, ribbons for all others, and winners' recital for all 1st place winners.

*You can find more information about each of the events on our web site.
Please contact us if we can provide more information.*