



Special Programs 2026-2027

Registration links on NMA website at the start of registration.
Some deadlines will be finalized by the end of October.

Recitals (All Instruments & Voice)

All events located at the Community United Methodist Church; fees are \$34 per student/event or \$56 for 2 siblings/instruments (credit card only).

- **Holiday Celebration Concert:** Dec 13, 2026 (Times: 3:30, 4:15, 5, 5:45 pm) | **Register:** Nov 5 – Dec 5, 2026.
- **End of the Year Showcase Recital:** May 16, 2027 (Times: 3:30, 4:15, 5, 5:45 pm) | **Register:** Apr 10 – May 10, 2027.
- **Summer Student Recital:** Aug 1, 2027 (Times: 3:30, 4:15, 5 pm) | **Register:** June 26 – July 26, 2027.

Exams

Piano Only (AIM - IL State Exams)

All events located at the Community United Methodist Church. Fees: Cash/check to NMA/teacher; add \$5 for credit card processing charges.

- **Theory Levels 3–12:** Dec 5 & 12, 2026 (Tentative) | **Fee:** \$25 | **Register:** Sept 25 – Oct 25, 2026.
- **Theory & Performance Levels 1–2:** Feb 6, 2027 (Tentative) | **Fee:** \$30 | **Register:** Nov 1 – Dec 1, 2026.
- **Performance Levels 3–12:** Mar 13, 14, 20, & 21, 2027 (Tentative) | **Fee:** \$25 | **Register:** Dec 6, 2026 – Jan 6, 2027, (*must pass Dec theory*).

Strings Only (AIM - IL State Exams)

- **AIM Exam for Strings (Levels 1–10):** May 2, 2027 (Tentative), | **Fee:** \$30 (Levels 1–2); \$50 (Levels 3–10) | **Register:** Feb 24 – Mar 24, 2027, | **Location:** NMA.



Voice Only (AIM - IL State Exams)

- **AIM Voice Exam (Levels 1–8):** May 2, 2027, | **Fee:** \$30 (Level 1); \$50 (Levels 2–8) | **Register:** Feb 24 – Mar 24, 2027, | **Location:** NMA.

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- **Trinity College London – 3 Exam Dates: Register by:** Sept 27, 2026, 11:59 pm (*Video submissions due by Oct 18, 2026, 11:59 pm*) | **Register by:** Dec 18, 2026, 11:59 pm (*Video submissions due by Jan 24, 2027, 11:59 pm*) | **Register by:** May 23, 2027, 11:59 pm (*Video submissions due by Jun 20, 2027, 11:59 pm*) | **Fee:** \$125–\$280 (CC only).
- **National Honor Roll Exam (Theory):** Apr 18, 2027 (Register Mar 11 – Apr 11) & July 18, 2027 (Register June 12 – July 12) | **Fee:** \$44 (CC only) | **Location:** NMA.
- **Illinois Music Society Annual Exams (Guitar, Drums, Piano, Voice):** Apr 25, 2027, | **Fee:** \$46 (CC only) | **Register:** Mar 15 – Apr 15, 2027, | **Location:** NMA.

Festivals & Competitions

Piano Only

- **NMTA Sonata/Sonatina Festival:** Nov 14, 2026, | **Fee:** \$35 cash/check to NMA/teacher (\$5 additional charge for CC payments) | **Register:** Sep 4 - Oct 4, 2026, 11:59 pm | **Location:** Wentz Hall.
- **IMA Sonata/Sonatina Festival (Video):** **Fee:** \$32 (CC only) **Register:** Oct 10-Nov 10, 2026, | **Video due:** Nov 16, 2026, 11:59 pm | **Results posted:** Dec 21, 2026
- **Berkley-Pendell Festival & Competition:** Late April | Details TBA early 2027.
- **Sherer International Competition for Piano and Violin** – see below

Strings Only

- **Bach Competition (Video):** **Fee:** \$35 (CC only) **Register:** Nov 10-Dec 10, 2026, 11:59 pm | **Video due:** Dec 20, 2026, 11:59 pm | **Results posted:** Jan 15, 2027
- **Technique Olympics (Video):** **Fee:** \$22 (CC only) | **Register:** Jan 10-Feb 10, 2027, by 11:59 pm | **Video due:** Feb 17, 2027 | **Results posted:** March 15, 2027



- **Strings Master Classes: (Virtual):** April 25 and May 2, 2027 | **Fee:** \$35 participants; Free for observers (CC only) | **Register:** March 5-April 15, 2027, | Register: by 11:59 pm
- **Sherer International Competition for Piano and Violin –** see below

All Instruments & Voice

- **IMS Annual Competition (Guitar, Drums, Strings):** Nov 8, 2026, | **Fee:** \$44 per event (CC only) | **Register:** Sept 20 – Oct 20, 2026, | **Location:** Community United Methodist Church.
- **Sherer International Competition for Piano and Strings: In mid March 2027, |** **Fee:** \$80 (CC only) | **Register:** TBD, | **Location:** 1st round video submission, final round in person in Goshen College, Goshen, IN.
- **IMA Contest:** May 22-23, 2027, | **Fee:** \$45 per event (CC only; piano: +\$1 for choosing a specific day) | **Register:** Jan 6 – Mar 1, 2027, 11:59 pm | **Location:** Wheaton College.
- **Sam and Rose Licata Memorial Contest:** May 23, 2027, | **Fee:** \$45 (CC only) | **Register:** Jan 6 – Mar 1, 2027, 11:59 pm | **Location:** Wheaton College.
- **IMA Fun Fest (Video):** **Fee:** \$33 per event (CC only) | **Register:** Jun 8–Jul 1, 2027, | **Video due:** Jul 7, 2027, 11:59 pm

Scholarship Opportunities for Music Major and Minors

IMA Scholarship Auditions: for students who plan to major or minor in music in college, 12th grade and up to age 21 | **Applications due:** in summer of 2027 | **Audition and interview:** July 30, 2027, | More information coming up in the spring.

Note: Registration links and detailed event guides are available at www.napervillemusicacademy.com.