



## Special Programs 2025-2026

- 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 2025. 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](http://www.napervillemusicacademy.com)

## FESTIVALS AND PERFORMANCES

(Registration links on our home page [www.napervillemusicacademy.com](http://www.napervillemusicacademy.com))

### PIANO ONLY

1. **Sonata and Sonatina Festival** – for all current NMA piano students.
  - Saturday, November 1, 2025
  - 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 and registration: Sept 4 - Oct 4, 2025.
  - Awards: Certificate and trophies for top ranking students
2. **Berkley-Pendell Festival**: for all current NMA piano students  
The event is usually at the end of April. Details announced early next year.
3. **Illinois Music Association Sonata and Sonatina Festival** – for all NMA piano students enrolled in the summer session, 2026.
  - This event is usually in August, and students submit video performances of the songs from a required list.
  - More details will be coming in late spring of 2026.

### ALL STUDENTS

1. **Holiday Celebration Concert** – for all current NMA students
  - Sunday, December 7, 2025
  - Times: 3:30 pm, 4:15 pm, 5 pm and 5:45 pm
  - Registration: October 27 – December 1, 2025
  - Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
  - Fee: \$33 per student, or \$55 for 2 siblings or 2 instruments, payable by credit card, check or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
  - Awards: Concert Program
2. **End of the Year Student Showcase Recital** – for all current NMA students
  - Sunday, May 17, 2025
  - Times: 3:30 pm, 4:15 pm, 5 pm and 5:45 pm
  - Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
  - Fee: \$33 per event; \$55 for two siblings or two instruments, payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
  - Registration: April 15-May 10, 2026
  - Awards: Recital Program
3. **Summer Student Recital** – for all current NMA students
  - Sunday, August 8, 2026
  - Times: 3:30 pm, 4:15 pm, and 5 pm
  - Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
  - Fee: \$33 per event; \$55 for two siblings or two instruments
  - Registration: June 15-July 26, 2026
  - Awards: Recital Program

4. **Illinois Music Association FunFest** – for all NMA students enrolled in the summer session.
  - Competition categories: guitar, drums categories – snare and drum set, piano, violin, viola, voice categories – art song, musical theatre, pop/jazz/county, self-accompanied.
  - Students submit to NMA the videos performing any song and in any style. No required repertoire lists, but piano and strings students can use the songs from the IMA competition required lists. Students can also use the songs from the IMS competition required list.
  - Registration: June 8 – July 5, 2026
  - Video submission deadline: July 10, 2026
  - Fee: \$40 per instrument or event, payable by check, cash or credit card. No additional charges for credit card payments.
  - Awards: medals to all competitors.

## **EXAMS**

### **PIANO ONLY**

1. **AIM Piano Theory Exams (IL State Piano Exams) Levels 3-12** – for all current NMA piano students
  - Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, December 13, 2025 (tentative).
  - Fee: \$25 payable by check or cash to NMA or your teacher; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
  - Location: Wentz Hall and Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
  - Registration and fee payment: Sept 25 - October 25, 2025.
  - Awards: ISMTA Certificate after successfully passing the performance exam in March 2026.
2. **AIM Piano Exams (IL State Piano Exams) Theory and Performance, Levels 1-2** – for all current NMA piano students
  - Saturday, February 7, 2026 (tentative)
  - Fee: \$30 payable by check or cash to NMA or your teacher; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
  - Location: Community United Methodist Church
  - Registration and fee payment: Nov 1 - Dec 1, 2025
  - Awards: ISMTA Certificate
3. **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 14, Sunday, March 15, Saturday, March 21, Sunday March 6, 2026 (tentative).
  - Fee: \$25 payable by check to NMA or your teacher; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
  - Registration and fee payment: Dec 6, 2025 - Jan 6, 2026.
  - Location: Wentz Hall and Community United Methodist Church, both in downtown Naperville.
  - Awards: ISMTA Certificate for passing both theory and performance portions; plaques for students who completed at least 9 levels out of 12.

### **ALL STUDENTS**

1. **Trinity College London Exams** – for all current NMA students. NOTE: NMA is the only licensed Trinity College London testing center in the Midwest and can enter only current NMA students.
  - Fee depends on the level, between \$125 and \$280 per exam. No additional fees for credit card payments.
  - Registration and fee payment deadlines and video submission deadlines:
    - September 13, 2025 - video submission by October 4, 2025
    - December 17, 2025 - video submission by January 15, 2026.
  - For May deadline see below.
  - Please note that once your teacher decides about the level, we will send an invoice for the registration fee.
  - Location: exams recorded digitally, and videos in mp4 or .mov format, smaller than 1 gb, emailed to NMA.
  - Awards: TCL certificate recognized and highly respected in numerous countries and educational institutions around the world.

- 2. Illinois Music Society Annual Exams in Guitar, Drums, Piano, and Voice** – for all currently enrolled NMA students
  - Sunday, April 25, 2026
  - Fee: \$44 payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
  - Location: NMA
  - Registration and fee payment: Mar 11 - Apr 11, 2026
  - Awards: Certificates and medals
  
- 3. National Music Theory Honor Roll Exam** – for all current NMA students
  - Sunday, April 19, 2026 (Also, see below the July exam date.)
  - Fee: \$43 per exam payable by credit card, check, or cash. No additional charges for credit card payments.
  - Location: NMA
  - Registration and fee payment: Mar 11 - Apr 11, 2026.
  - Awards: Certificate, a medal, and the listing on the National Music Theory Honor Roll List for students with scores 90% and higher.
  
- 4. Trinity College London Exams** – for all current NMA students. NOTE: NMA is the only licensed Trinity College London testing center in Midwest and can enter only current NMA students.
  - Fee depends on the level, between \$125 and \$280 per exam.
  - Registration and fee payment: May 23, 2026; video submission by June 13, 2026.
  - Please note that once your teacher decides about the level, we will send an invoice for the registration fee.
  - Location: exams recorded digitally, and videos in mp4 or .mov format, smaller than 1 gb, emailed to NMA.
  - Awards: TCL certificate recognized and highly respected in numerous countries and educational institutions around the world.
  
- 5. National Music Theory Honor Roll Exam** – for all currently enrolled NMA students
  - Sunday, July 25, 2026.
  - 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: June 12 - July 12, 2026.
  - Awards: Certificates, medals and listing on National Music Theory Honor Roll List for students with scores 90% and higher

## STRINGS ONLY

- 1. AIM Exam for Strings (IL State Strings Exams) Levels 1-10** – for all current NMA strings students
  - Sunday, May 3, 2026
  - 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 NMA or your teacher; for credit card payments please add a \$5 processing charge
  - Registration and fee payment: Feb 21 - Mar 21, 2026.
  - Awards: ISMTA Certificate for passing both theory and performance portions; plaques for students who complete all 10 levels.

## SINGING ONLY

- 1. AIM Voice Exam (IL State Voice Exam)** - for all current NMA voice students
  - Sunday, May 3, 2026.
  - 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 NMA or your teacher; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge
  - Registration and fee payment: Feb 21 - Mar 21, 2026.
  - Awards: ISMTA Certificates for students who successfully pass both theory and performance exams; plaques for students who completed level 8.

# COMPETITIONS

## ALL STUDENTS

- 1. Illinois Music Society Annual Competition** – for all current NMA students. Young students and beginners are strongly encouraged to join.
  - Saturday, October 18, 2025: guitar, drums, piano, voice, violin, viola.
  - Fee: \$42 per event. Students registering for multiple events must submit a \$42 fee for each event.
  - Fee submitted in cash, check or credit card to NMA. No additional charges for credit card payments.
  - **Registration and fee payment deadline: Aug 25 - Sept 20, 2025.**
  - Location: Community United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville
  - Awards: trophies for the competitors winning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, ribbons for others, certificates for all, and a \$25 monetary award for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners.
  
- 2. Illinois Music Association Contest** – for all current NMA students
  - Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, 2026. Saturday piano, voice (all categories), and possibly guitar and drums; Sunday piano and strings.
  - Fee: \$42 per student per event, payable in cash or check to NMA; for credit card payments add a \$5 processing charge. Piano students choosing a specific day – add \$1 scheduling fee.
  - **Registration and fee payment deadline: January 6 – March 1, 2026.**
  - Location: Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL
  - Awards: trophies for the top 3 placed competitors, ribbons for all others. Winners' recital for all 1<sup>st</sup> place winners, on June 14, 2026, at 10 am and 2 pm at Beacon Hill Retirement Community in Lombard.

## PIANO ONLY

- 1. Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition and Festival** – for all current piano students able to perform songs AIM level 8 and higher.
  - Event is usually in April
  - More details are coming in the spring semester.

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