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From the Camp Directors' Desk:

As the leaves change color and the temperatures begin their descent toward winter, we enjoy taking moments to reflect on the 2023 IMC season and talk about our observations from the past summer. One thing that we circle back to again and again is simple fact that doesn't get the recognition it deserves: Summer Camp is an important experience for kids.



We are surrounded by the benefits of the summer camp experience in our daily work lives, but it is often worth repeating for our own sake and to remind others:

- -Summer camp builds resilience.
- -Summer camp fosters empathy.
- -Summer camp instills healthy decision making in a safe environment.
- -Summer camp makes friendships.

At IMC, we can add to that list the fact that campers at IMC are able to meet people from across the world, work with professional teaching artists to hone their craft, and spend time outdoors in the beautiful International Peace Garden. All of these experiences add up to a unique and empowering week (or more) for campers, and we are honored to help facilitate that experience for our campers, staff, faculty, and the families we serve.

We hope that you and your camper will be able to join us again on the US/Canada border in 2024. It is a pretty remarkable place with a pretty remarkable impact on our young people.

Thanks for a great 2023!

Sincerely,



Tim and Christine





Upcoming IMC Dates

October 1, 2023: Registration opens for the IMC 2024 season, our 68th!

April 12, 2024: IMC Held Scholarships Deadline

May 1, 2024: Early Bird Registration Price Change

May 16-18, 2024: Spring Clean-up Weekend at IMC

May 31-June 2, 2024: Indigenous Cultural Aesthetics Program

June 6-8, 2024: Old Time Fiddler's and Bluegrass Workshop and Contest

June 16, 2024: IMC 2024 Session 1 Begins!



2024 IMC Season

Session 1 – June 16-22, 2024

- Middle School Band (grades 5-8)
- Middle School Choir (grades 5-8)
- Middle School Art (grades 5-8)
- Professional Development for Educators (PDE) Band, Choir & Art

Session 2 – June 23-June 29, 2024

- Band (grades 6-12)
- Drumline (grades 7-12)
- Digital Photography (grades 7-adult)
- Creative Writing (grades 7-12)
- Drama (grades 7-12)
- Dance (ages 12-19) Hip Hop Intensive
- PDE Band, Drumline, Digital Photography, Dance, Creative Writing & Drama

Session 3 – June 30-July 6, 2024

- Band (grades 6-12)
- Garage Band (grades 8-12)
- Audio Technology (grades 9-12)
- Musical Theatre (grades 5-12)
- Music Composition & Songwriting (grades 9-12)
- PDE Band, Garage Band, Audio Technology, Musical Theatre & Music Composition & Songwriting

Session 4 – July 7-13, 2024

- Choir (grades 7-12)
- Pop Choir (grades (7-12)
- Piano (ages 10-adult)
- Piano/Organ (ages 10-adult)
- Guitar (grades 6-12)
- Dance (ages 12-19)
- Handbells (grades 5-adult)
- Basic Art (ages 11-14)
- Drawing (ages 14-19)
- University Preparatory Program A (grades 10-12)
- PDE Choir, Pop Choir, Piano, Organ, Guitar, Handbells, Dance, U Prep & Art

Session 5 – July 14-20, 2024

- Band (grades 7-12)
- Jazz Band (grades 7-12)
- Vocal Jazz (grades 8-12)
- Dance (ages 12-19)
- University Preparatory Program B (grades 10-12)
- PDE Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Dance & U Prep

Session 6 – July 21-27, 2024

- Orchestra (grades 5-12)
- Band (grades 9-12)
- Fiddle (grades 6-adult)
- Harp (grades 7-12)
- Mallet Percussion (grades 7-12)
- World Percussion (grades 7-adult)
- Cartooning (ages 13-19)
- Painting (ages 14-19)
- Sculpture (ages 14-19)
- University Preparatory Program C (grades 10-12)
- PDE Orchestra, Band, Fiddle, Harp, Mallet Percussion, World Percussion & Art

Session 7 – July 27-30, 2024

- All programs for ages 21 & Up
- Community Bands & Brass Band
- Community Symphony & String Orchestra
- Community Mixed Chorus
- Women's & Men's Barbershop
- World Percussion
- Harp
- Handbells
- Guitar
- Studio Art

BACF Upgrades Rehearsal Spaces

The Brandon Area Community Foundation (BACF) announced that IMC will be the recipient of a \$13,000 grant to replace the lights in Howard Hall. The building is currently used as a large ensemble rehearsal space, classroom, dance hall, and gathering location. Howard Hall was the first building built by the International Music Camp and it remains in its original layout. The siding and roof were recently replaced and the staff housing located on the east side has undergone several small improvements over the years. "We are excited to refresh and upgrade this portion of this historic building" says Camp Director Tim Baumann. "The support of the

BACF allows us to do this upgrade in a way that will brighten the space and make care and upkeep much easier moving forward." This work is part of a larger effort to update large rehearsal spaces and classrooms across the campus. The BACF is located in Brandon, MB and has assisted IMC in several capital improvements over the past years. "This is an incredible partnership for all of us!"



New Scholarships for Campers

Thanks to the generosity of family and community members, the International Music Camp is proud to announce three new scholarship opportunities for IMC campers and their families.



Late spring 2023, the family of Sandra Massoth finalized details for two \$600 USD scholarships to be awarded to deserving IMC campers attending for either band or orchestra. "Thank you so much! This gift makes coming to IMC (which is like my favorite place ever) a possibility given our challenges at home" writes one of the recipients.



The Sandra and Dennis Bergstrom Memorial Scholarship will be available for the first time in 2024 and is designed to provide a \$600 USD scholarship to attend IMC to a camper living in Mountrail County, ND. Sandra and Dennis were both advocates of music education and worked to support young people in rural settings.



The Brock Zavalney Memorial Scholarship is also new for 2024 and works to celebrate the life and passions of Brock Zavalney. Brock was a Minot-raised musician who attended IMC for many different sessions and brought with him a desire to care for the people around him. This scholarship will be available to campers attending the Garage Band camp.

ND American Legion Supports IMC

In early July, IMC was visited by both the ND American Legion Commander Dan Brown AND the American Legion National Commander-Elect Vincent Troiola. (Yes, the whole country!) It was an honor to show both of them and their support team around the International Music Camp facilities.

They were incredibly impressed with not just the location, but more importantly, the people who work to make IMC a success every year. At the end of their visit, Commander Brown presented IMC with a \$25,000 check representing his fundraising efforts at the state level over



the past year. Thank you Commander Brown and all of our Legion and Legion Auxiliary members for continuing to support the International Music Camp and the campers we serve!!

Scholarships? You Betcha!

"Will there still be scholarships available to our campers?" The answer is a resounding yes! Thanks to local arts organizations, Inspiritus' Twice Blessed Program, The Tom & Frances Leach Foundation, Ottertail Power Company, and donors to both the IMC Scholarship Endowment Fund and Jaring Timmerman Memorial Bursary Fund, there are plenty of scholarship opportunities for students to keep growing as artists this



summer. IMC Need Based Scholarships can be used for all of the IMC programs. You can find the IMC Scholarship application form and other scholarships on the IMC <u>Scholarship page</u> in the Registration section of our website.





Summer Employment at IMC!

Come join us this summer as an IMC staff member! The International Music camp is now accepting applications for our 2024 support staff (ages 18+). Job qualifications vary by position. Check out all the details on our employment page here. Summer positions include:

- Cooks
- Kitchen Assistants
- Housekeeping
- Equipment Managers
- Concessions
- Office Assistants
- Dean of Girls
- Dean of Boys









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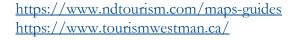
Years of Service:

One of the many reasons that our campers learn and grow so much in a week at IMC is the fact they get to work with incredible and inspiring faculty and staff. In the summer of 2023, IMC recognized the following faculty and support staff members for their milestone years of service:

10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Jesslyn Hall	Greg Gatien	Monica McGowan	Deb Harris
Dr. Ian Hodges	Jenny Michalenko	Jennifer Metelski	
Siri Johnson	Anna Penno	Naomi Russell	35 Years
Carolyn Nelson	Gary Wendel	Dr. Bill Wieland	Terri Calvillo

Make your IMC weekend plans in advance this year!

Most of us come to the International Peace Garden each summer to participate in the International Music Camp. But with a little bit of planning, you can make a full weekend out of your camper drop off or pick up experience and enjoy all that the Turtle Mountains has to offer. Visit these websites for more info!





North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs Support IMC!

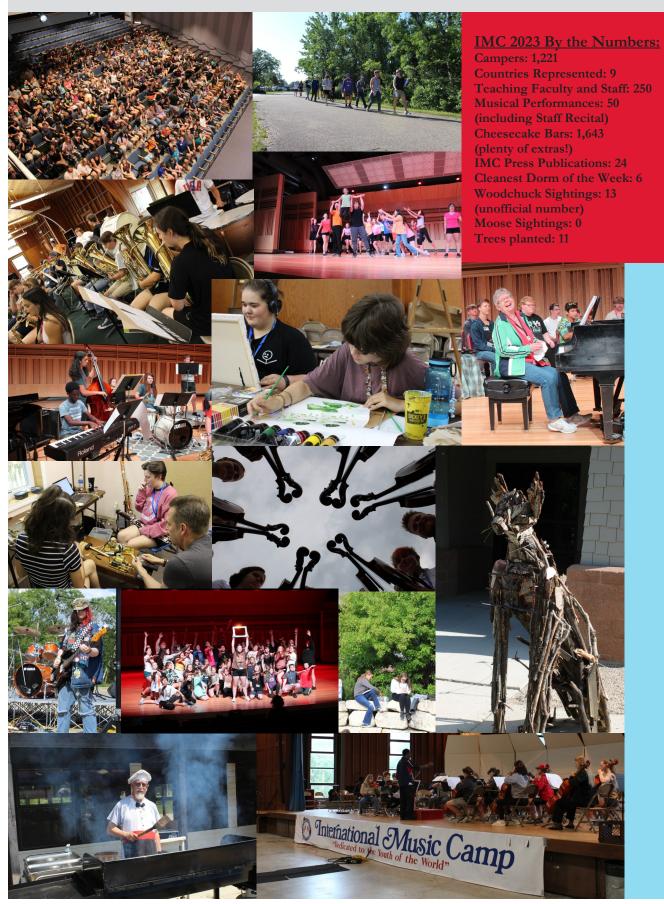
IMC once again saw the active involvement and support of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs. Local chapters work tirelessly to raise funds that support students from their communities to attend the International Music Camp each summer. The state organization also provides an annual gift to the camp to help make necessary equipment purchases and upgrades. This year, the gift of \$1,000 was presented by Debbie Eraas, a member of the Minot Schumann Guild and NDFMC West Vice President.



Also, the National Federation of Music Clubs presents scholarships for six individuals to play in the Symphony Orchestra Wind, Brass, and Percussion sections. The scholarship is named after Agnes Jardine, a North Dakota woman who was the president of the National Federation of Music Clubs. The recipients in 2023 were: Alyssa Tarasen, flute, Minot, ND; Michael Phillips, oboe, Williston, ND; Jack Austin, trumpet, Minot,

ND; **Thomas Haas**, trumpet, Ashley, ND; **Lainey Martin**, French horn, Minot, ND; **Ian Kronbeck**, trombone, Hawley, MN. Congratulations to all of the Agnes Jardine Scholarship recipients and thank you for assisting our 130+ string players in the orchestra program!

Thank you for making IMC 2023 an amazing summer experience!



2023 Donor Club Members

For the past 67 years, the International Music Camp has counted on our friends to provide the best possible fine arts camp experience at the most affordable cost to students and their families. The people listed here have made a financial contribution to IMC and a commitment to our success. The IMC Donor Club is made up of individuals and organizations who have donated to the Development Fund, the Scholarship Endowment Fund, or the Pave the Future Endowment. THANK YOU!!!

How to Donate

Donations to the International Music Camp can be made online via PayPal, e-transfer (for Canadians), or by mail, and are tax deductible. Please call our office at 701-838-8472 if you have any questions. One time or monthly donations can be made through PayPal or CanadaHelps. Donations can also be mailed to either: International Music Camp, 111 11th Ave SW, Suite 3, Minot, ND 58701, United States or International Music Camp c/o Brent Johnson, 121 Cathedral Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2W 0W7, Canada.

Canadian E-Transfers

Donations from Canadian bank accounts can be sent directly to IMC via e-transfer sent to: canada@internationalmusiccamp.com. E-transfers will be automatically deposited into IMC's bank account. Please include the intended fund for your donation in the notes before you send your e-transfer. Your donation will appear as International Music Camp (Man) Inc. on your banking statement.

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In Memorium



Steve Ask, a long time adult camper, passed away on February 23, 2023. Steven was born August 1st, 1959, in Bagley, MN, the son of Stanley and Marion (Sand) Ask.

He attended Gonvick High School then went onto U of M, North Dakota where he earned his CPA degree. He enjoyed researching his heritage and was Vice President of a Norwegian Club and attended many Norwegian festivals and events. As a talented Alto Saxophone player, he was part of the Hopkins West Wind Orchestra for 35 plus years. He was also part of the Minneapolis Police marching

band. Steven worked at Knight Seed company for 20 plus years, following semi-retirement, then working as a seasonal Tax Preparer at Boyum Barenscheer. Steve will be missed dearly by many of his IMC Adult Camp friends and colleagues.



Daniel Stephen Cutforth, a longtime adult band camper at the International Music Camp, passed away February 2, 2023 at the age of 71.

Dan was born in Gilbert Plains on October 16, 1951 to parents Steven and Doreen Cutforth. He took his schooling in Gilbert and area. He continued his studies at Brandon University. He met the love of his life during summer semester at the university in 1973. They married on August 9, 1975 and moved to The Pas, MB where Dan worked in the Mill-Manfore. He got a job, working at the Dauphin General Hospital in the engineering department where he remained until his permanent retirement in 2021 at the age of 69.

Dan helped his dad with the bee business then took over from his dad and kept it as a side line until 2009 when he sold it.

Dan was very involved with the Gilbert Plains Band, eventually becoming the band instructor and conductor. Dan learned to play many instruments. His love for music led him to develop his own band, North of Dixie. Dixieland music was his passion, so many trips to New Orleans were made with family and friends.



Judith Adele (Allen) Spitzer, 81, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side on Monday, August 14, 2023. She was a longtime volunteer and supporter of the International Music Camp and could often be found painting windows, door frames, and railings.

Judy was born on October 8, 1941 to Wiliam "Doc" Allen and Eulalie (Huckle) Allen in Minot, North Dakota. Judy was a 1959 graduate of Minot Model High School and went on to attend Minot State University. She received a Bachelor of Music Education in 1962 and later earned her Master's Degree in Music Education. Judy taught in Egeland and Parshall, North Dakota for several years before accepting a position with Minot Public Schools where she spent the remainder of

her teaching career. In addition to being a music educator in the school system, Judy played clarinet in the Minot City Band for 45 years and the Minot Symphony Orchestra for 50 years. An avid philanthropist, Judy was an active member of the AG chapter of P.E.O. for over 60 years. Judy married her loving husband, Jerry Spitzer, on November 25, 1964, in Minot, North Dakota where they raised their family.

Though she was known for her gregarious nature and kind heart, she was always a woman who told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Her tact and grace made her a cherished confidante and comrade to all that had the honor to know her.