

## IMC NEWS

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### A Letter from the Directors


#### Growing Peace and Friendship at the International Music Camp

Since 1956, our mission has been to serve the youth of the United States and Canada by providing high quality music and fine arts education. We do that every summer by coming together to celebrate what makes us human and to grow in this shared language of understanding and empathy. We bring this knowledge back home with us after the week has finished and enrich our local communities and families. We dream during the cold winter months of returning to the beautiful, lush, green, and sunny camp to reunite with our friends from around the world and make music and art together again.

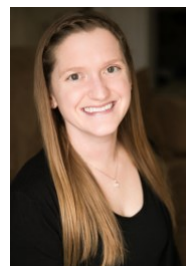
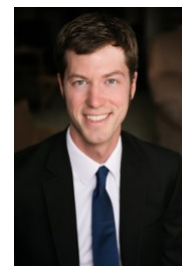


We hope that you will join us again this summer at our shared summer home within the International Peace Garden to celebrate the friendships and relationships of the past 69 years and prepare for the next 100+ years of friendship and art-making.

With appreciation,

 *Christini Baumann*

Tim and Christine



## Summer Camp Helps Us To:

- Develop Empathy
- Build Self-Esteem
- Listen to our Conscience
- Develop Skill Competence
- Refine Consistency
- Develop our Value of Learning
- Gain Perspective
- Grow in Self-knowledge
- Practice Good Decision-making Skills



## More Than 45 Different Programs Available!

### Session 1 – June 15-21, 2025

- 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 22-28, 2025

- Band (grades 6-12)
- Drumline (grades 7-12)
- Creative Writing (grades 7-12)
- Drama (grades 7-12)
- PDE – Band, Drumline, Creative Writing & Drama

### Session 3 – June 29-July 5, 2025

- 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 6-12, 2025

- 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 13-19, 2025

- 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 20-26, 2025

- 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 26-29, 2025

- 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

**\*Campers must be registered one week before their program starts!**

**\*Registration is open now!**  
<https://internationalmusiccamp.com/registration>

# IMC Founder's Day

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Saturday, June 28, 2025 is IMC's Founder's Day. Join us for lunch, concerts, and the Annual General Meeting at 3:00 PM Central Time.

## SCHEDULE:

### Creative Writing Readings

12:30 p.m. Burdick Center for the Performing Arts

### Drumline Exhibition & Band Concert

1:00 p.m. Masonic Auditorium Performing Arts

### Drama Production

2:00 p.m. Burdick Center for the Performing Arts

## Now Hiring!

We are currently accepting applications for people wanting to be on a waitlist for full summer positions or are available to work only one or two weeks.

<https://internationalmusiccamp.com/about/employment-opportunities/>

See our website for complete details and apply today! We are setting up interviews as applications come in.



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## The Annual Old-Time Fiddle Weekend Set for June 5-7, 2025

The International Old-Time Fiddle Workshop and Contest are scheduled for June 5, 6, and 7, 2025. The workshop will be held on Thursday and Friday with a concert on Friday evening. The concert will begin with a feature performance by Mitchell Makoons! Workshop Instructors include: Evie Andrus, Fiddle; Caitlin Baker, Fiddle/Metis; Shelby Huston, Fiddle; John Andrus, Banjo; Daniel Kowlack, Bass, and Guitar

The Contest is on Saturday, June 7th. Some of the best fiddlers around the region on both sides of the border will compete for cash prizes.

Whether you come as a fiddler or a spectator, you will surely enjoy this day of old-time music.

For more information or to sign up, see <https://internationalmusiccamp.com/about/news/fiddlers-weekend/> or contact the IMC Office at (701) 838-8472.



## Your Presence is Requested: Spring Cleaning at IMC

Volunteers are needed to help open and clean the 71 buildings that make up the International Music Camp campus. Are you able to help vacuum, sweep, scrub, mop, rake, laugh, smile, and eat for a day or more while preparing IMC for its 69th season? If so, then **the IMC Volunteer Weekend is for you!** This weekend gives opportunities for camp patrons and families to lend their cleaning expertise to a place they love and value. The event will run May 16-17, 2025. Volunteers are welcome to attend one day or the whole time. Meals and overnight accommodations are provided.

**Please RSVP for the event by May 9th** by calling the IMC Winter Office at (701) 838-8472 or e-mailing us at [info@internationalmusiccamp.com](mailto:info@internationalmusiccamp.com).

As with all tasks, the more hands, the easier the work. We hope to see you there!



## US Portal to Undergo Major Renovations in 2025

The US Border and Customs port will begin a major renovation and upgrade in 2025. We do not expect any disruptions in function and capacity for our high traffic Saturday and Sunday events. We have been working closely with the project manager to make sure we are in the communications loop along with the International Peace Garden and we will convey any pertinent information to US camper families as it becomes available.

Canadian campers – you will be unaffected by these upgrades.

This renovation/replacement project has been planned since 2022 and is part of a larger series of upgrades to border facilities across the US/Canada since 2016.



## Scholarship Opportunities

The International Music Camp works with many local, state, and regional partners to help secure scholarship funding for campers to attend IMC every summer. Many scholarships are awarded and administered locally through schools, civic organizations, and community foundations, but there are a few that are awarded through the International Music Camp. To apply for an IMC-held scholarship, please visit the Scholarships page on our website [here](#) and complete the General Scholarship Application Form and all other applicable scholarship applications. All scholarships are made available through generous donations to the IMC Scholarship Endowment Fund. Providing camper scholarships helps IMC fulfill its values of opportunity and inclusion for all campers.



## Planning Your Trip to the International Peace Garden

Let's face it – you drive a long way to get your camper to the International Music Camp. Make the most out of it by planning ahead and taking advantage of all of the great things the International Peace Garden has to offer! You can connect to their website [here](#) to book a campsite and plan for weekend events.

Here are our favorite recommendations:

- Have young kids? Plan to check out the interpretive play area! Children and adults alike really appreciate how easy it is to engage with this space.
- Arts lover? Catch a concert or two! Plan to come in for the free, Friday night Festival of the Arts concerts (8:00pm) and stay for the IMC camper concerts on Saturdays.
- Outdoor enthusiast? Hit the trails! Plan on hiking a bit on Saturday or bring the bike to hit the miles of paved trails. (Plus, you will be moving faster than the mosquitos)
- Serenity Seeker? Find moments of Zen! Plan to visit the Peace Chapel right on the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel and enjoy the dry warmth and silence of the Vitko cactus collection.



## A Letter from the Canadian Board of Directors

The International Music Camp (IMC) Canadian Board is currently seeking recommendations for board members. The purpose of the board is to support International Music Camp and its Camp Directors. The Canadian board is comprised of between 5-9 members. Board members are elected for 3-year terms and elections are held at our AGM each June.

If you or someone you know might be interested in being considered for a board position now or in the future, please contact Anna Penno at [pennoanna@gmail.com](mailto:pennoanna@gmail.com) before **May 31, 2025**. A slate of candidates will be prepared following May 31, with elections taking place at the AGM on June 22, 2025.

On behalf of all IMC Canadian board members, thank you for your interest in this important role.

Regards,  
IMC Canadian Board Nominating Committee 2025  
Rob Chrol  
Marissa Hirsch  
Anna Penno



# 2024-2025 Donor Club Members

For the past 69 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 made a financial contribution to IMC and a commitment to our success. The IMC Donor Club is made up of individuals and organizations who 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.

The International Music Camp is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the United States and a registered Charitable Organization in Canada (Registration No. 118970862RR0001). **This list includes donations received from September 1, 2023 - April 1, 2025.**

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## 2025 Guest Conductors Announced

**Session 1**

Jason Rygg - MS Band  
Brandon Van Den Eykel - MS Choir

**Session 2**

Jason Rygg - MS Band  
Dr. Rebecca Phillips - HS Band

**Session 3**

Dr. Amy Roisum-Foley - HS Band  
Kenley Kristofferson - MS Band

**Session 4**

Dr. Jamie Hillman -  
 Mixed Choir & Chamber Choir  
Dr. Charlette Moe - Treble Choir

**Session 5**

Dr. Jason Caslor - HS Band  
Rebecca Warren - MS Band

**Session 6**

Dr. Ernesto Estigarribia Mussi-  
 Concert & Cadet Orchestras  
Dr. Chad Hutchinson - Symphony  
 & Chamber Orchestras  
Dr. Henry Dorn - HS Band

**Session 7**

Jane Linde Capistran - String &  
 Symphony Orchestras  
William Martin - Brass Band  
Dr. Monte Grisé - Intermediate  
 Band & Jazz Band  
Cheryl Ferguson - Advanced Band  
Trevor Maliborski -  
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Monica McGowan - Handbells  
Dr. André Dagenais - Mixed Choir  
Naomi Russell -  
 Women's Barbershop  
Marlaine Stevens - Men's Barbershop  
Dr. Jaclyn Wappel - Harp  
Dr. Ian Hodges - Guitar  
Arvin Davis Jr. - Studio Art

## In Memorium

### Peter Tjernberg

On December 17th, after a short illness, we lost Peter Tjernberg — a husband, father, teacher, musician, IMC champion, and a deeply loyal friend.

Born on August 6, 1957, Peter spent his life making music and sharing it with others. He played and taught clarinet and saxophone for decades, not out of obligation, but because it was who he was. Teaching wasn't just something he did — it was something he gave, with patience, passion, and honesty. When he was 18, Peter visited the International Music Camp at the Peace Garden for the first time, and it left a mark on him. He kept returning, building a lasting relationship with the camp and its people. Over the years, he helped countless young musicians from Sweden find their way there too, because he believed in what the place offered — connection, growth, and joy through music. The friendships he built there lasted for decades, and many of those fellow teachers and musicians later came to visit and work with him in Sweden.

Peter had a strong presence — sharp-witted, principled, and full of humor. He didn't need recognition. He cared more about doing right by people, about showing up, and about putting care into everything he did. Whether you were family, a student, a friend, or just someone crossing his path, you could count on him to be genuine. He is survived by his wife, Rita; his daughters, Liv, Camilla, and Andrea; his son, Hadi; his brothers-in-law, John and Max; and his grandchildren, Graysen, Arvid, and a baby girl soon to arrive. He's left behind a lot — not just memories, but relationships, music, and stories that will continue to be told. Peter lived with intention, and the people whose lives he touched will carry that forward in their own ways.



## Join Us for the 2025 Festival of the Arts Concert Series!

Music is in the air this summer!! Plan to join the International Music Camp for free concerts this summer. All concerts are at 8pm at the Burdick Center for the Performing Arts on the IMC campus unless otherwise noted.

Friday, June 6 – Mitchell Makoons (7pm)

Friday, June 20 – The Carlile Family Band

Friday, June 27 – The International Brass Quintet

Friday, July 4 – The Old-Fashioned Ice Cream

Social Concert Band (Masonic Auditorium)

Friday, July 11 – Oda Voltersvik, Piano

Friday, July 18 – IMC Jazz Faculty (Masonic Auditorium)

Friday, July 25 – Raine Hamilton

Saturday, July 26 – Raine Hamilton

