

Frequently Asked Questions - Adults

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How do I obtain a registration form? Registration is available online through Itasca Community Education.getlearning.com under the category of music . If you need help with this, please call the IOSP office at 218.327.5781 and leave a message so we can arrange a time to call you to register over the phone.

Where and when are lessons?

Adult lessons will be scheduled based on the adult student's and our IOSP instructor's availability. Adult lessons will take place in the IOSP lesson room located in the Reif Center.

How much do lessons cost? For the 2020-2021 school year there is a \$50 registration fee due upon registration. Lessons paid in full are \$560for the year or \$72/month for eight months. This includes lessons, orchestra rehearsals, and concerts. Our program fees are subsidized by individual donors, the Blandin Foundation, and Minnesota Legacy Funding.

There is a discount for early registration. The registration fee is \$10 rather than \$50 through May 29th, 2020.

What other expenses are there? We have purchased books that we can purchase from us for your convenience. We typically start student with The Essential Elements book. An option to purchase a book is available with online registration.

If you are renting an instrument, the instrument will be provided with good strings, but if a string breaks during the year, then the string will be charged to your account. All students are encouraged to purchase a collapsible music stand

to encourage practicing with proper posture. You can find collapsible stands on-line beginning at \$11 and up.

We have inexpensive foam chinrests for violins and violas you can purchase from us. The chinrests made with metal and rubber are preferred. The Kun brand works well. We also have some rock stops for cellos and the upright bass that you may purchase through us.

Who do I contact if I am going to miss a lesson or rehearsal? Please contact your lesson instructor if you are missing a lesson.

Do you offer make up lessons if my student misses a lessons? Make up lessons will only be given if a teacher misses a lesson.

Do you have instruments available to rent?

Yes, the IOSP has instruments available to rent at affordable prices. Rental instruments do not include shoulder rests for violin and viola players. A shoulder rest is necessary for proper playing posture. You can purchase a shoulder rest for as little as \$15.

I am renting an instrument, do I need to go to the IOSP office to pick it up before the first lesson? No, our IOSP instructors will bring the rental instrument to you at your first lesson.

What should I keep in mind if I decide to buy an instrument? When it comes to buying a string instrument, the saying about “you get what you pay for” is true. The IOSP highly recommends investing in a quality hard shell case, especially for cellos and basses.

My instrument is broke what do I do? If you have a rental instrument, let an IOSP instructor or call/email the IOSP office to let us know so we can set your student up with a different rental instrument. Return the damaged instrument to the IOSP office. If you own your own instrument, the IOSP office can give you the name of the individuals to whom the IOSP sends instruments for repair.

My instrument is out of tune! What do I do? (To be answered by our Instructors)

What happens if I leave my instrument in the car in extreme cold and heat? Your instrument will crack. A quick run into the grocery store can become very expensive.