

2025-2026 ISYO SEASON CALENDAR

(Subject to change, members will be updated for any TBD listings)

Date	Time	Location	Event
8/17/2025	10:00 am-8:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	Auditions for current ISYO musicians <u>wanting to move up to next ensemble & any musicians new to ISYO</u> *Also chair placements for SO & CO
8/19/2025	4:00-8:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Auditions for current ISYO musicians <u>wanting to move up to next ensemble & any musicians new to ISYO</u> *Also chair placements for SO & CO
8/20/2025	4:00-8:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Auditions for current ISYO musicians <u>wanting to move up to next ensemble & any musicians new to ISYO</u> *Also chair placements for SO & CO
8/24/2025	1:00-3:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Symphony Orchestra (SO) Weekly Rehearsals Begin (Woollen)
8/24/2025	3:30-4:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	CO & SO Parent/Guardian and musician meeting (required)
8/24/2025	4:00-5:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Concert Orchestra (CO) Weekly Rehearsals Begin (Woollen)
8/24/2025	6:00-8:30 pm	Washington Park	Season Kickoff potluck party! ALL ensembles and families are invited (optional)
8/26/2025	6:30-8:00pm	Grant Conservatory	Preparatory Orchestra (PO) Rehearsals begin (Emmons & Hsieh)
8/31-9/1/2025	-	-	NO REHEARSALS OR CLASSES: LABOR DAY WEEKEND
9/9/2025	5:30-6:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Community Junior Strings Rehearsals begin (Emmons) (other Junior Strings schedules are TBD and will be sent out individually)
10/19/2025	-	-	Concerto Competition registration deadline (open to CO & SO musicians)
10/25/2025	12:00 pm depart 11:30 pm return	Grant Conservatory departure & return	St. Louis Symphony Orchestra trip (open to SO & CO musicians, other ensembles as space allows)
11/7/2025	7:30-9:30 pm	Springfield First United Methodist Church	ISYO@ISO – attending ISO concert together (open to Junior Strings/PO/CO/SO musicians)
11/8/2025	12:00-1:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Springfield	ISYO Masterclass (optional, open to the public) – Information will be sent out to musicians & families
11/9/2025	10:30-12:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Concerto Competition (open to CO & SO musicians)
11/16/2025	3:30 pm (plus ensemble soundcheck time)	Southeast High School 2350 East Ash Street Springfield, IL 62703	Autumn Orchestra Festival Concert with UIS Orchestra – SO/CO/PO & Junior Strings Soundchecks TBD 3:30 pm – CALL TIME 4:00 pm – CONCERT
11/26- 11/29/2025	-	-	NO REHEARSALS OR CLASSES: THANKSGIVING BREAK
11/30/2025	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	CO & SO rehearsals as scheduled
12/7/2025	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	Dress rehearsal – CO & SO (required)
12/7/2025	6:00-7:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	Chamber Music Concert 5:30 pm – CALL TIME 6:00 pm - CONCERT

12/13/2025 (Saturday)	3:30-5:30 pm (plus ensemble soundcheck time)	Sacred Heart-Griffin High School 1200 W. Washington Springfield, IL 62702	Holiday Concert - Symphony/Concert/Preparatory Orchestras Soundcheck times TBD 3:30 pm – CALL TIME 4:00-5:30 pm – CONCERT
12/14/2025- 1/3/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: WINTER BREAK (Concert & Symphony Orchestra – rehearsals resume 1/4/2026)
12/17/2025- 1/5/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: WINTER BREAK (Preparatory Orchestra – rehearsals resume 1/6/2026)
12/19/2025- 1/5/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: WINTER BREAK (Starter & Junior Strings – rehearsals/classes resume 1/6/2026)
1/31/2026	Group 1: 1:00 pm Group 2: 3:00 pm Group 3: 5:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	Starter Strings Showcase – all Starter Strings ensembles School group assignments TBD (information will be sent out to families)
2/12/2026	7:30-10:00 pm	Springfield First United Methodist Church	ISYO@ISO – ISO rehearsal visit (open to CO & SO musicians)
2/14/2026	12:00-1:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Springfield	ISYO Masterclass (optional, open to the public) – Information will be sent out to musicians & families
2/22/2026	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	Dress rehearsal – CO & SO
3/1/2026	3:30-5:30 pm (plus ensemble soundcheck time)	First Presbyterian Church, Springfield	Concerto Competition Concert – PO, CO, & SO Soundchecks (subject to change): 1:30-2:15 pm - SO 2:15-3:00 pm - CO 3:00-3:30 pm – PO 3:30 pm - CALL TIME 4:00-5:30 pm - CONCERT
3/5/2026	7:30-10:00 pm	Springfield First United Methodist Church	ISYO@ISO – ISO rehearsal visit (open to CO & SO musicians)
3/7/2026	12:00-1:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Springfield	ISYO Masterclass (optional, open to the public) – Information will be sent out to musicians & families
3/14-3/29/2026	-	-	Practice-A-Thon (information will be sent out)
3/14-3/21/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: ISYO SPRING BREAK
4/5/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSAL CO & SO – Easter Holiday
4/10/2026	7:30-9:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church (Springfield)	Starter Strings at the Symphony event – attending the ISO Chamber concert (information will be sent out to families)
4/12/2026	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	Dress rehearsal – CO & SO (required)
4/19/2026	3:30-6:30 pm (Plus ensemble soundcheck time)	Southeast High School 2350 East Ash Street Springfield, IL 62703	Spring Showcase Concert with UIS Orchestra - All Ensembles 1:00-1:45 pm – UISO/SO Soundcheck 1:45-2:15 pm - CO Soundcheck 2:15-2:45 pm - PO Soundcheck 2:45-3:30 pm – Starter Strings and JS Soundcheck 3:30 pm - CALL TIME 4:00-6:30 pm - CONCERT
4/26/2026	6:00-8:30 pm	Washington Park	End of season potluck party – ALL ensembles and families are invited (optional)
5/1/2026	7:30-9:30 pm	Springfield First United Methodist Church	ISYO@ISO – attending ISO concert together (open to Junior Strings/PO/CO/SO musicians)
TBD	TBD	Grant Conservatory	Auditions for current ISYO musicians <u>wanting to move up to next ensemble and any musicians new to ISYO</u>

5/10/2026	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	SO & CO dress rehearsal
5/17/2026	3:30-5:30 pm (plus ensemble soundcheck time)	Sacred Heart-Griffin High School 1200 W. Washington Springfield, IL 62702	Season Send-Off Concert – PO, CO, SO, & Chamber Groups Soundchecks (subject to change): 1:30-2:15 pm - SO 2:15-3:00 pm - CO 3:00-3:30 pm – PO 3:30 pm - CALL TIME 4:00-5:30 pm - CONCERT
5/18/2026- 5/22/2026	-	-	Final Week of Starter Strings & Junior Strings classes
TBD	-	-	Heart of Illinois Festival 2026 (open to interested CO & SO musicians)
6/8-6/12/2025	8:30 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-4:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Summer Strings Camp (information will be sent out) 8:30 am-12:00 pm – for current Starter Strings musicians 1:00-4:30 pm – for current Junior Strings, PO, & CO musicians

Please note: Rehearsals and classes will not take place if the host site is closed due to holidays or weather events. In-school Starter Strings classes will not be held if their site school is closed. Any season calendar updates will be sent to families via email.

Ensemble key:

SO – Symphony Orchestra

CO – Concert Orchestra

PO – Preparatory Orchestra

JS – Junior Strings