

2026-2027 ISYO SEASON CALENDAR

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

Date	Time	Location	Event
8/16/2026	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
8/18/2026	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
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8/23/2026	1:00-3:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Symphony Orchestra (SO) Weekly Rehearsals Begin (Woollen)
8/23/2026	3:30-4:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	CO & SO Parent/Guardian and musician meeting (required)
8/23/2026	4:00-5:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Concert Orchestra (CO) Weekly Rehearsals Begin (Woollen)
8/23/2026	6:00-8:30 pm	Washington Park	Season Kickoff Potluck Party! ALL ensembles and families are invited (optional)
8/25/2026	6:30-8:00pm	Grant Conservatory	Preparatory Orchestra (PO) Rehearsals begin (Hsieh)
9/6-9/7/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS OR CLASSES: LABOR DAY WEEKEND
9/1/2026	5:30-6:20 pm	Grant Conservatory	Community Junior Strings Rehearsals begin (Emmons) (other Junior Strings schedules are TBD and will be sent out individually)
10/18/2026	-	-	Concerto Competition registration deadline (open to CO & SO musicians)
10/30/2026	7:30-9:30 pm (party at 6:30 pm)	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	ISYO@ISO – Concert Visit + Pizza Party (open to Junior Strings/PO/CO/SO musicians) Pizza Party at 6:30 pm.
11/8/2026	10:30-12:30 pm	Grant Conservatory	Concerto Competition (open to CO & SO musicians)
11/15/2026	-	-	No Rehearsal for SO or CO
11/17/2026	6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	UIS (exact location TBD)	CO + SO Dress Rehearsal at UIS CO rehearsal- 6:00-7:00 pm SO rehearsal- 7:00-9:00 pm
11/20/2026	7:30-9:30 pm (party at 6:30 pm)	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	ISYO @ ISO- Concert Visit + Pizza Party (open to Junior Strings/PO/CO/SO musicians) Pizza Party at 6:30 pm.
11/21/2026	12:00-1:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church 321 S 7th St Springfield, IL 62701	ISYO Masterclass (optional, open to the public)- Information will be sent out to families
11/22/2026	3:30 pm (plus ensemble soundcheck time)	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	Autumn Orchestra Festival Concert with UIS Orchestra – SO/CO/PO & Junior Strings 1:00 pm- SO Soundcheck 2:00 pm-CO Soundcheck 2:30 pm- PO Soundcheck 3:00 pm-Junior Strings Soundcheck 3:30 pm – CALL TIME 4:00 pm – CONCERT

11/25-11/28/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS OR CLASSES: THANKSGIVING BREAK
11/29/2026	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	CO & SO rehearsals as scheduled
12/6/2026	Regular Schedule	Grant Conservatory	Dress Rehearsal- CO and SO (required)
12/11/2026		UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	Holiday Pops Side-by-Side with ISO 3:30-4:30 Rehearsal 7:00 Call Time 7:30 pm- CONCERT
12/13/2026	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 1:45 pm- SO Soundcheck 2:30 pm- CO Soundcheck 3:00 pm- PO Soundcheck 3:30 pm – CALL TIME 4:00-5:30 pm – CONCERT
12/14/2026-1/4/2027	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: WINTER BREAK (Concert & Symphony Orchestra – rehearsals resume 1/10/2027)
12/15/2026-1/4/2026	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: WINTER BREAK (Preparatory Orchestra – rehearsals resume 1/5/2027)
12/19/2026-1/3/2027	-	-	NO REHEARSALS: WINTER BREAK (Starter & Junior Strings – rehearsals/classes resume 1/4/2027)
1/5/2027	6:40-8:10	Grant Conservatory	Prep Orchestra Rehearsal Resumes
1/10/2027	Regular Schedule	Grant Conservatory	SO + CO Rehearsal Resumes
1/30/2027		TBD	Starter Strings Showcase – all Starter Strings ensembles School group assignments TBD (information will be sent out to families)
2/7/2027	6:00-7:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	Chamber Music Concert 5:30 pm – CALL TIME 6:00 pm - CONCERT
2/12/2027	7:30-9:30 pm (party at 6:30 pm)	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	ISO@ISO – ISO Concert Visit and Pizza Party (open to Junior Strings/PO/CO/SO musicians) Pizza Party at 6:30 pm.
2/21/2027	Regular Schedule	Grant Conservatory	Dress Rehearsal- CO and SO (required)
2/28/2027	3:30-5:30 pm (plus ensemble soundcheck time)	Sacred Heart-Griffin High School 1200 W. Washington Springfield, IL 62702	Concerto Competition Concert – PO, CO, & SO Soundchecks (subject to change): 1:30-2:30 pm - SO 2:30-3:00 pm - CO 3:00-3:30 pm – PO 3:30 pm - CALL TIME 4:00-5:30 pm - CONCERT
3/5/2027	7:30-9:00 pm	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	Starter Strings at the Symphony event – attending the ISO Good Witch/Bad Witch- <i>The Broadway Witches</i> - Pops (information will be sent out to families)
3/6/2027	12:00-1:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church 321 S 7th St Springfield, IL 62701	ISO Masterclass (optional, open to the public)- Information will be sent out to families
	-	-	Practice-A-Thon (information will be sent out)
3/28/2027	-	-	NO REHEARSAL CO & SO – Easter Holiday

4/10/2027 (to be confirmed)	12:00 pm departure 11:00 pm return	Grant Conservatory- Departure and Return	St. Louis Symphony Orchestra trip (open to SO & CO musicians, other ensembles as space allows) - To be confirmed.
4/11/2027	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	Dress rehearsal – CO & SO (required)
4/18/2027	3:30-6:30 pm (Plus ensemble soundcheck time)	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	Spring Showcase Concert with UIS Orchestra - All Ensembles (Soundcheck times TBD) 3:30 pm - CALL TIME 4:00-6:30 pm - CONCERT
4/23/2027	7:30-9:30 pm (party at 6:30 pm)	UIS Sangamon Auditorium 2200 Ernest Hemingway Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	ISYO@ISO – ISO Concert Visit and Pizza Party (open to Junior Strings/PO/CO/SO musicians) Pizza Party at 6:30 pm.
4/24/2027	12:00-1:30 pm	First Presbyterian Church 321 S 7th St Springfield, IL 62701	ISYO Masterclass (optional, open to the public)- Information will be sent out to families
5/3/2027	5:00-7:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	Auditions for current ISYO musicians <u>wanting to move up to next ensemble and any musicians new to ISYO</u>
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5/8/2027	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Grant Conservatory	Auditions for current ISYO musicians <u>wanting to move up to next ensemble and any musicians new to ISYO</u>
5/9/2027	Regular schedule	Grant Conservatory	SO & CO dress rehearsal
5/16/2027	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 TBD 3:30 pm - CALL TIME 4:00-5:30 pm - CONCERT
5/16/2027	6:00-8:30 pm	Washington Park	End of season potluck party – ALL ensembles and families are invited (optional)
5/17/2027-5/21/2027	-	-	Final Week of Starter Strings & Junior Strings classes
6/4-6/6/2027	-	Millikin University	Heart of Illinois Festival
TBD	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. For questions regarding the season calendar, please contact ISYO Program Manager Elyse Morehead at emorehead@ilsymphony.org or 217-522-2838, ext. 6.

Ensemble key:

SO – Symphony Orchestra, CO – Concert Orchestra, PO – Preparatory Orchestra, JS – Junior Strings