

Subject Heading: Welcome to Fall Term at the CIM!

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Dear CIM students and families,

Welcome to Fall Term at the Center for Irish Music! Our instructors are looking forward to working with you this term.

Please read through the following beginning-of-term dates, announcements and reminders. Be sure to peruse our September newsletter, full of information for CIM's larger audience, coming out this Thursday.

1. FALL TERM DATES

- Fall term runs from September 4th - January 20th.
- Make up week is January 21st-27th.
- Important Dates: [Download the CIM school calendar](#) here (including school closures, concerts, events, recitals & fleadh) and/or refer to the CIM [google calendar](#).

2. PRIVATE LESSON SCHEDULES

Hannah has already confirmed your first lesson date with you in an email. To review your private lesson schedule, log into your [CIM account](#) (it's like an Amazon account). Click on the "My Activities" tab, and choose which private lesson schedule you would like to see. **Log in now and confirm when you are coming in next week!**

3. FALL GROUP CLASS & ENSEMBLE SCHEDULES

We will contact you directly if your class has low enrollment, otherwise you can assume that it is running.

Class dates are posted online throughout the term on the [CIM registration site](#). Many of our instructors are touring musicians and may be away at various dates through the term.

To view exact dates for CIM classes/ensembles:

Go to the [CIM registration site](#) (available from any page on CIM's main website by clicking on the "register" tab). Find your class/ensemble page, click on the "view" link under details, then click on "view complete list of dates".

You can view schedules for all of your CIM activities by [logging into your account](#) going to the "my activities" tab.

Note: Group class/ensemble dates are available to the public, so you don't need to log into your account to view dates. To view private lesson schedules, you must be logged in.

4. PAYMENTS

A 20% deposit is required before coming to your first class, lesson or ensemble.

How to pay:

Online: Payments are easy to make online! Log into your account to make the required 20% deposit before coming to your first class or lesson*. To set up a payment plan, click on "My Account", then "Click here to pay your balance". Scroll down to the bottom of your invoice and click on the box that says "Click here to put this invoice on a payment plan".

Echeck: Save the CIM credit card fees and pay with an echeck! It's just like using a check, but you enter the numbers online instead of a hard copy check.

Check: Place your check or cash in the mailbox outside the CIM office.

Payment plans:

- Automatic payment plans are only available with credit card payments. The automatic payment plans are a 20% required deposit, followed by three remaining automatic charges on your credit card on 9/4, 10/4 and 11/4 for a third of the remaining balance on the invoice.**
- Manual payment plans are still an option. Please contact Hannah to set up a manual payment plan.

5. IMPORTANT DATES 2018-19. Mark your calendars!

December 1 - Advanced Youth Ensemble concert 3pm

December 7 - adult student open mic, 7pm

December 9 - Youth recitals, 1-6pm

November 15 - Give to the Max Day

February 23, 2019 - Éigse CIM, A Gaela Event, CIM's annual fundraiser including sit-down dinner, silent auction reception and concert featuring CIM instructors.

April 26-28 - Midwest Fleadh, Chicago

June 14-16, 2019 - Minnesota Irish Music Weekend

These dates, and more, are available as a print-out on the [calendar page](#)

6. 2018-19 POLICIES

Please take a moment to review our [updated 2018-19 policies](#).

24-hour cancellation: CIM has a 24-hour cancellation policy for private lessons. Lessons cancelled or rescheduled with less than 24 hours notice will be charged to the student.

Reschedule limit: 2 lessons can be rescheduled during the term (1 if you are taking every other week lessons), as long as admin@centerforirishmusic.org and instructors are given more than 24 hours notice by email.

7. ALL STUDENTS - PLEASE REVIEW CONTACT INFO

Please log into your CIM account to review and update contact information and birthdates for everyone in your account. Also, please ensure you have signed the updated waivers. Thank you!

On behalf of all of the staff, instructors and board, I look forward to sharing this term of tunes & songs with you!

All the best,
Norah Rendell & Hannah Carr-Murphy

Norah Rendell
Executive Artistic Director



Register now for [Fall term lessons & classes](#), starting on September 4th!

Join us for our annual [Open House](#) on Sunday, August 26th from 2-5pm.

Don't miss [The Harvest Home](#) workshop & concert event featuring Trian on September 22nd.

The Center for Irish Music is an independent nonprofit community music school based in St. Paul's Midway area dedicated to handing down the tradition.

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