

Happy 25th Anniversary Composers Institute



Newsletter from Pat Steege 9-26-26

2026- Most recent campers with staff

University of Wisconsin – River Falls



2002 - First year

Northwestern College

St. Paul, MN

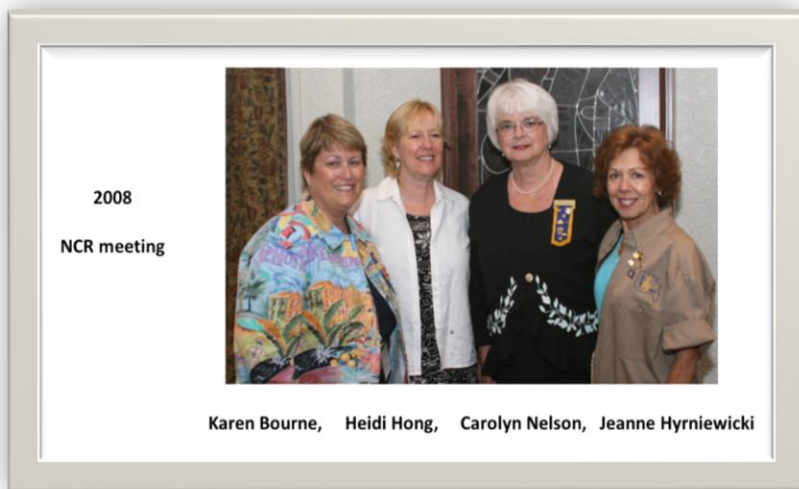
Teachers cooked all the meals!



Pat Grantier, Pat Steege, Amy Guillaume

Hosting a reception after the Showcase on 7/19/26





I could not resist including this 2008 picture of pillars of the NCR and CI. Faithful supporters over the years!

Composers Institute is a summer music camp offering programs that emphasize creativity and community through the study of composition. In residence on the beautiful campus of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, CI provides an inspiring environment ideal for creative music making. Our programs include the Junior Composers Institute (for creating ensemble pieces or songs) and Junior Composers Studio (for creating film and game music). Young people ages 14-20, with or without previous experience with composition, are invited to attend. We have served over 500 students in our 25 years.

We are a 501(c)3 organization supported by member states of the North Central Region (NCR) of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and many private donors. Additionally, the NCR states provide generous scholarships every year. Without this support we would not be able to continue.

Four times, CI has received NFMC's summer festival award which brings appreciation and awareness of US American music. We have received numerous NFMC FAMA grants to purchase equipment that supports the students and the program, like laptops, mini controllers, printers, and percussion mallets, to name a few.

The best way to experience our success is to watch the end-of-week Showcase salon. The 2026 Showcase can be viewed on our YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@composersinstitute>

Keep watching our website for updates about the 2027 program, scheduled for July 11-24 in River Falls. www.composersinstitute.net

Respectfully and gratefully submitted by

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At the far left of this picture is Kiara Motwani (Bettendorf, IA) who has been with us two years.





Haven O'Brian
(Bettendorf, IA)

In lesson with Kim Sherman



Mary Kate Arians
(Clear Lake, IA)
Teaches at North Iowa
Area Community College
Mason City

JCI alum, faculty,
Admin Director



On left Paul Kissinger (Algona IA)

Having ice cream with Brayden
Schneider (Wisconsin)



Daisy Otundo (Waukee, IA)

Student Counselor

JCI Alum

Kim's right-hand woman





Cameron Maffucci with saxophone

At final Showcase

(Clive, Iowa)