



Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-129
OMB No. 1615-0009
Expires 02/28/2027

For USCIS Use Only	Receipt	Partial Approval (explain)	Action Block
	Class: _____ No. of Workers: _____ Job Code: _____ Validity Dates: _____ From: _____ To: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Classification Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Consulate/POE/PFI Notified At: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Granted <input type="checkbox"/> COS/Extension Granted	

▶ **START HERE** - Type or print in black ink.

Part 1. Petitioner Information

If you are an individual filing this petition, complete Item Number 1. If you are a company or an organization filing this petition, complete Item Number 2.

1. Legal Name of Individual Petitioner

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

2. Company or Organization Name

Open Arms Music Academy

3. Mailing Address of Individual, Company or Organization

[\(USPS ZIP Code Lookup\)](#)

In Care Of Name

Susan Piper

Street Number and Name

627 8th Street NE

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

☐ ☐ ☐

City or Town

Washington

State

DC

ZIP Code

20002

Province

Postal Code

Country

4. Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number

2025552948

Mobile Telephone Number

Email Address (if any)

pipers@openarms.edu

Other Information

5. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

▶ 34-0957294

*The response to Q6 will depend on one's 501(c)3 status.
Please refer to USCIS' Form I-129 instructions for details.*

6. Are you a nonprofit organized as tax exempt or a governmental research organization?

☐ Yes ☐ No



Part 1. Petitioner Information (continued)

7. Individual IRS Tax Number
8. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)

Part 2. Information About This Petition

1. Requested Nonimmigrant Classification (Write classification symbol): **P-3**
2. Basis for Classification (select only one box):
- ☒ a. New employment.
- ☐ b. Continuation of previously approved employment without change with the same employer.
- ☐ c. Change in previously approved employment.
- ☐ d. New concurrent employment.
- ☐ e. Change of employer.
- ☐ f. Amended petition.
3. Provide the most recent petition/application receipt number for the beneficiary. If none exists, indicate "None." **N o n e**
4. Requested Action (select only one box):
- ☒ a. Notify the office in Part 4. so each beneficiary can obtain a visa or be admitted. (NOTE: A petition is not required for E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B1 Chile/Singapore, or TN visa beneficiaries.)
- ☐ b. Change the status and extend the stay of each beneficiary because the beneficiary(ies) is/are now in the United States in another status (see instructions for limitations). This is available only when you check "New Employment" in Item Number 2., above.
- ☐ c. Extend the stay of each beneficiary because the beneficiary(ies) now hold(s) this status.
- ☐ d. Amend the stay of each beneficiary because the beneficiary(ies) now hold(s) this status.
- ☐ e. Extend the status of a nonimmigrant classification based on a free trade agreement. (See Trade Agreement Supplement to Form I-129 for TN and H-1B1.)
- ☐ f. Change status to a nonimmigrant classification based on a free trade agreement. (See Trade Agreement Supplement to Form I-129 for TN and H-1B1.)
5. Total number of workers included in this petition. (See instructions relating to when more than one worker can be included.) **1**

Part 3. Beneficiary Information (Information about the beneficiary/beneficiaries you are filing for. Complete the blocks below. Use the Attachment-1 sheet to name each beneficiary included in this petition.)

1. Type of Beneficiaries Requested (select only one box) ☒ Named ☐ Unnamed (for H-2A or H-2B petitions only)
2. If an Entertainment Group, Provide the Group Name
3. Provide Name of Beneficiary
- | Family Name (Last Name) | Given Name (First Name) | Middle Name |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Gbashne | Nathi | Kouanda |

Part 3. Beneficiary Information (Information about the beneficiary/beneficiaries you are filing for. Complete the blocks below. Use the Attachment-1 sheet to name each beneficiary included in this petition.) (continued)

4. Provide all other names the beneficiary has used. Include nicknames, aliases, maiden name, and names from all previous marriages.

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name

5. Other Information

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Gender	U.S. Social Security Number (if any)
08/05/2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Alien Registration Number (A-Number)	Country of Birth	
A-	South Africa	
Province of Birth	Country of Citizenship or Nationality	
	Canada	

6. If the beneficiary is in the United States, complete the following:

Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy)	I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number	Passport or Travel Document Number
Date Passport or Travel Document Issued (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date Passport or Travel Document Expires (mm/dd/yyyy)	Passport or Travel Document Country of Issuance
Current Nonimmigrant Status	Date Status Expires or D/S (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)	Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Number (if any)	

7. Current Residential U.S. Address (if applicable) (do not list a P.O. Box)

Street Number and Name	Apt. Ste. Flr.	Number
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
City or Town	State	ZIP Code

Part 4. Processing Information

1. If a beneficiary or beneficiaries named in Part 3. is/are outside the United States, or a requested extension of stay or change of status cannot be granted, state the U.S. Consulate or inspection facility you want notified if this petition is approved.
- a. Type of Office (select only one box): ☐ Consulate ☒ Pre-flight inspection ☐ Port of Entry
- b. Office Address (City)
- c. U.S. State or Foreign Country

Toronto Pearson Int'l Airport

Canada



Part 4. Processing Information (continued)**d. Beneficiary's Foreign Address**

Street Number and Name

129 Shaw St

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

☐ ☐ ☐

City or Town

Torono

State

Province

Ontario

Postal Code

1W9 M7Y

Country

Canada

2. Does each person in this petition have a valid passport? ☒ Yes ☐ No. If no, go to Part 9. and type or print your explanation.
3. Are you filing any other petitions with this one?
☐ Yes. If yes, how many? ☒ No
4. Are you filing any applications for replacement/initial I-94, Arrival-Departure Records with this petition? Note that if the beneficiary was issued an electronic Form I-94 by CBP when he/she was admitted to the United States at an air or sea port, he/she may be able to obtain the Form I-94 from the CBP Website at www.cbp.gov/i94 instead of filing an application for a replacement/initial I-94.
☐ Yes. If yes, how many? ☒ No
5. Are you filing any applications for dependents with this petition?
☐ Yes. If yes, how many? ☒ No
6. Is any beneficiary in this petition in removal proceedings?
☐ Yes. If yes, proceed to Part 9. and list the beneficiary's(ies) name(s). ☒ No
7. Have you ever filed an immigrant petition for any beneficiary in this petition?
☐ Yes. If yes, how many? ☒ No
8. Did you indicate you were filing a new petition in Part 2?
☒ Yes. If yes, answer the questions below. ☐ No. If no, proceed to Item Number 9.
- a. Has any beneficiary in this petition ever been given the classification you are now requesting within the last seven years?
☐ Yes. If yes, proceed to Part 9. and type or print your explanation. ☒ No
- b. Has any beneficiary in this petition ever been denied the classification you are now requesting within the last seven years?
☐ Yes. If yes, proceed to Part 9. and type or print your explanation. ☒ No
9. Have you ever previously filed a nonimmigrant petition for this beneficiary?
☐ Yes. If yes, proceed to Part 9. and type or print your explanation. ☒ No
10. If you are filing for an entertainment group, has any beneficiary in this petition not been with the group for at least one year?
☐ Yes. If yes, proceed to Part 9. and type or print your explanation. ☐ No
- 11.a. Has any beneficiary in this petition ever been a J-1 exchange visitor or J-2 dependent of a J-1 exchange visitor?
☐ Yes. If yes, proceed to Item Number 11.b. ☒ No
- 11.b. If you checked yes in Item Number 11.a., provide the dates the beneficiary maintained status as a J-1 exchange visitor or J-2 dependent. Also, provide evidence of this status by attaching a copy of either a DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status, a Form IAP-66, or a copy of the passport that includes the J visa stamp.

Part 5. Basic Information About the Proposed Employment and Employer

Attach the Form I-129 supplement relevant to the classification of the worker(s) you are requesting.

1. Job Title
Indweba Player and Instructor
2. LCA or ETA Case Number
N/A
3. Address where the beneficiary(ies) will work if different from address in Part 1.
Street Number and Name
See itinerary
City or Town
See itinerary
Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
☐ ☐ ☐ **See itinerary**
State
See itinerary
ZIP Code
See itinerary
4. Did you include an itinerary with the petition? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Will the beneficiary(ies) work for you off-site at another company or organization's location? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Will the beneficiary(ies) work exclusively in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
7. Is this a full-time position? ☐ Yes ☒ No
8. If the answer to Item Number 7. is no, how many hours per week for the position? **15**
9. Wages: \$ **See contracts** per (Specify hour, week, month, or year) **See contracts**
10. Other Compensation (Explain)
Hours vary. Other compensation includes travel, hotel, and per diem.
11. Dates of intended employment From: (mm/dd/yyyy) **09/1/2024** To: (mm/dd/yyyy) **05/26/2025**
12. Type of Business
Music Academy
13. Year Established
1940
14. Current Number of Employees in the United States
25
15. Do you currently employ a total of 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees in the United States, including all affiliates or subsidiaries of this company/organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Gross Annual Income
\$5,000,000
17. Net Annual Income
\$0

The response to Q15 will vary. Please refer to USCIS' Form I-129 instructions for details.

Part 6. Certification Regarding the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons in the United States

(This section of the form is required only for H-1B, H-1B1 Chile/Singapore, L-1, and O-1A petitions. It is not required for any other classifications. Please review the Form I-129 General Filing Instructions before completing this section.)

Select Item Number 1. or Item Number 2. as appropriate. **DO NOT** select both boxes.

With respect to the technology or technical data the petitioner will release or otherwise provide access to the beneficiary, the petitioner certifies that it has reviewed the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and has determined that:

1. ☐ A license is not required from either the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of State to release such technology or technical data to the foreign person; or
2. ☐ A license is required from the U.S. Department of Commerce and/or the U.S. Department of State to release such technology or technical data to the beneficiary and the petitioner will prevent access to the controlled technology or technical data by the beneficiary until and unless the petitioner has received the required license or other authorization to release it to the beneficiary.

Part 7. Declaration, Signature, and Contact Information of Petitioner or Authorized Signatory (Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section.)

Copies of any documents submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that, as the petitioner, I may be required to submit original documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at a later date.

I authorize the release of any information from my records, or from the petitioning organization's records that USCIS needs to determine eligibility for the immigration benefit sought. I recognize the authority of USCIS to conduct audits of this petition using publicly available open source information. I also recognize that any supporting evidence submitted in support of this petition may be verified by USCIS through any means determined appropriate by USCIS, including but not limited to, on-site compliance reviews.

If filing this petition on behalf of an organization, I certify that I am authorized to do so by the organization.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have reviewed this petition and that all of the information contained in the petition, including all responses to specific questions, and in the supporting documents, is complete, true, and correct.

1. Name and Title of Authorized Signatory

Family Name (Last Name)

Piper

Given Name (First Name)

Susan

Title

2. Signature and Date

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

➔ [Original wet signature in blue ink recommended]

[mm/dd/yyyy]

3. Signatory's Contact Information

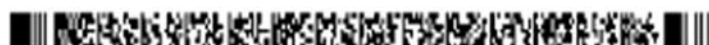
Daytime Telephone Number

2025552948

Email Address (if any)

pipers@openarms.edu

NOTE: If you do not fully complete this form or fail to submit the required documents listed in the instructions, a final decision on your petition may be delayed or the petition may be denied.



Part 8. Declaration, Signature, and Contact Information of Person Preparing Form, If Other Than Petitioner

Provide the following information concerning the preparer:

1. Name of Preparer

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

(If applicable, provide the name of your accredited organization recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).)

3. Preparer's Mailing Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

4. Preparer's Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address (if any)

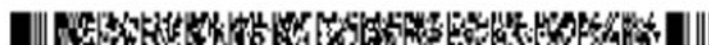
Preparer's Declaration

By my signature, I certify, swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this petition on behalf of, at the request of, and with the express consent of the petitioner or authorized signatory. The petitioner has reviewed this completed petition as prepared by me and informed me that all of the information in the form and in the supporting documents, is complete, true, and correct.

5. Signature and Date

Signature of Preparer

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)





O and P Classifications Supplement to Form I-129

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Section 1. Complete This Section if Filing for O or P Classification

1. Name of the Petitioner

Open Arms Music Academy

Name of the Beneficiary or if this petition includes multiple beneficiaries, the total number of beneficiaries included.

2.a. Name of the Beneficiary

Nathi Kouanda Gbashne

OR

2.b. Provide the total number of beneficiaries:

3. Classification sought (select only one box)

- ☐ a. O-1A Beneficiary of extraordinary ability in sciences, education, business or athletics (not including the arts, motion picture or television industry)
- ☐ b. O-1B Beneficiary of extraordinary ability in the arts or extraordinary achievement in the motion picture or television industry
- ☐ c. O-2 Accompanying beneficiary who is coming to the United States to assist in the performance of the O-1
- ☐ d. P-1 Major League Sports
- ☐ e. P-1 Athlete or Athletic/Entertainment Group (includes minor league sports not affiliated with Major League Sports)
- ☐ f. P-1S Essential Support Personnel for P-1
- ☐ g. P-2 Artist or entertainer for reciprocal exchange program
- ☐ h. P-2S Essential Support Personnel for P-2
- ☒ i. P-3 Artist/Entertainer coming to the United States to perform, teach, or coach under a program that is culturally unique
- ☐ j. P-3S Essential Support Personnel for P-3

4. Explain the nature of the event.

Recitals and master classes.

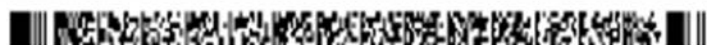
5. Describe the duties to be performed.

Present workshops to students on the Indweba, a culturally unique and traditional African Musical instrument, at music schools and academies throughout the U.S.

6. If filing for an O-2 or P support classification, list dates of the beneficiary's prior work experience under the O-1 or P principal.

7.a. Does any beneficiary in this petition have ownership interest in the petitioning organization?

- ☐ Yes. If yes, please explain in Item Number 7.b. ☒ No.



Section 1. Complete This Section if Filing for O or P Classification (continued)

7.b. Explanation

8. Does an appropriate labor organization exist for the petition?

☒ Yes ☐ No. If no, proceed to Part 9. and type or print your explanation.

9. Is the required consultation or written advisory opinion being submitted with this petition?

☒ Yes ☐ No - copy of request attached ☐ N/A

If no, provide the following information about the organization(s) to which you have sent a duplicate of this petition.

O-1 Extraordinary Ability

10.a. Name of Recognized Peer/Peer Group or Labor Organization

10.b. Physical Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

10.c. Date Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)

10.d. Daytime Telephone Number

O-1 Extraordinary achievement in motion pictures or television

11.a. Name of Labor Organization

11.b. Complete Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

11.c. Date Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)

11.d. Daytime Telephone Number

12.a. Name of Management Organization

12.b. Physical Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

12.c. Date Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)

12.d. Daytime Telephone Number

Section 1. Complete This Section if Filing for O or P Classification (continued)

O-2 or P beneficiary

13.a. Name of Labor Organization

This section's info will vary depending on artistic genre of beneficiary/ies

13.b. Complete Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

13.c. Date Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)

13.d. Daytime Telephone Number

Section 2. Statement by the Petitioner

I certify that I, the petitioner, and the employer whose offer of employment formed the basis of status (if different from the petitioner) will be jointly and severally liable for the reasonable costs of return transportation of the beneficiary abroad if the beneficiary is dismissed from employment by the employer before the end of the period of authorized stay.

1. Name of Petitioner

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

Piper

Susan

2. Signature and Date

Signature of Petitioner

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)



[Original wet signature in blue ink recommended]

[mm/dd/yyyy]

3. Petitioner's Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number

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