July 5, 2017

Dear Southern Maine Junior Music Academy Parents & Participants,

I hope that this letter finds you well and anticipating the Southern Maine Junior Music Academy, which will be held on the Gorham Campus of the University of Southern Maine beginning on Sunday, July 23, 2017. Check-in will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the lounge of the Upperclass Hall on the 23rd. The final concert is on Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m. The director’s letter that you’ve received in this email has more details.

In order to better prepare you for the Academy, this guideline has been provided for your use when packing:

**Required Items:**
- Alarm clock
- Sleeping bag or blankets & sheets (twin)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Bath towels/washcloths
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush/paste
- Comb, brush, personal items
- Easy care summer clothes
- Sweater or sweatshirt (rain coat?)

**Dress up clothing for concert, such as:**
- Men: nice slacks and shoes,
  - Sport shirt and tie
- Women: nice summer dress

(Insect repellant?)

**Your instrument!!**
And all the musical items your camp director has asked for in her letter.

**Optional Items:**
- Sports equipment (Frisbee, tennis racket, etc)
- Camera and film
- Spending Money

*Put a label on everything you bring, especially the things you’re not willing to lose (instrument case, music stand-both pieces, music books…) Sadly, things are left behind each year and never found again. Returning lost items is not always possible. We suggest that you make a checklist of your belongings that you can check off as you pack to go home.*
The final concert by the participants will be held **Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m.** at the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School. We hope that your family and friends will be able to join us for this exciting conclusion to the program. The performance is free and open to the public.

**A Special Note to Commuter Students:**

*After the first day, commuters should plan to arrive by 7:45 a.m. each day ready for the SMJMA meeting at 7:50 a.m. in the band room (320).*

*Lunch and dinner will be provided for you by the Academy each day. We hope that you will attend all of the evening concerts planned during the Academy. They are planned so that your musical experience during the program is that much broader and richer. Also, please plan to stay for the "Get Acquainted Sessions" from 6:15pm - 7:50 p.m. on the first day of camp (Sunday).*

*Generally, concerts end around 8:30 pm. After some of the concerts there may be social activities that continue until around 9:30 p.m. Your schedule will have these on it.***

**On Sunday, July 23rd you should plan on checking in sometime between 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. (just like the resident students) in the Lobby of Upperclass Hall. Once you check in, you will then proceed to Corthell Hall for your audition. There will be a meeting for all Academy participants and faculty beginning at 2:45 p.m., also in Corthell Hall. Remember to allow yourself enough time for the audition and still be on time for the meeting! So, except for breakfast every day, plan to participate in everything else just like the residents.***

All campers, please indicate if you need any special services, assistance, or accommodations to participate fully in this program by contacting me at (207) 780-5142 or TTY (207) 780-5646. Requests for reasonable accommodations and/or special dietary needs must be received five days prior to the start of the Academy.

If you should have any questions about program content, contact the camp director, Melissa Shabo, Melissa.shabo@maine.edu, (207) 590-3626.

We look forward to meeting you on **Sunday, July 23 beginning at noon**, and having you at this year’s Southern Maine Junior Music Academy!

Sincerely,

Lori Arsenault

Performing Arts Operations and Concert Manager
University of Southern Maine
School of Music, 207 Corthell Hall
Department of Theatre, Russell Hall
37 College Avenue
Gorham, ME 04038

My Direct Line: (207) 780-5142; Fax: (207) 780-5527, loria@maine.edu
After Registration 2017------Then What?

1. Put your belongings in your room – Take a few minutes to unpack.

2. Go to Corthell Hall for your auditions (Auditions are for seating in the SMJMA ensembles and not for exclusion from the SMJMA).
   
   **best recommendation, check in closer to noon to have some time to unpack, then go with your instrument and music to your audition without feeling rushed. If there’s time after the audition, you can go back to the dorm, finish unpacking and get better oriented before the meeting at 2:45. If you arrive later, there will be less time to unpack and get oriented.**
   
   *All Auditions will be held in Corthell Hall.*

3. Meet in the Corthell Concert Hall at 2:45 am for the ALL-SMJMA MEETING!!!!

Academy Check-Out Procedures

1. Students pack and clean their rooms Friday night and Saturday morning - ready for a quick check-out after lunch, before the final concert. Students attend rehearsals on Saturday morning with only their instruments and music. After lunch on Saturday, students will return to Upper Class Hall, get all the rest of their belongings from their rooms, and return their meal and dorm key cards to the dorm staff. Students with lost, chipped or broken meal and/or dorm cards will be charged $25 each card (2 keys, total of $50 if both are lost or damaged).

2. All inhabitants of a suite or apartment will be billed a share of excessive cleaning charges. To avoid these charges, please leave the rooms as neat and clean as possible, with all trash delivered to the recycling room, and refrigerators empty and clean.

3. Check out is 12:00-12:45 at Upper Class Hall. Parents need to be at check-out in order to pack camper gear into vehicles. Following check-out, parents can go to Gorham High School for the final concert.

4. Students will depart by bus at 1:00 pm to Gorham High School for the final concert.

5. Parents should arrive at Gorham High School before 2 p.m. for the final concert following check-out, and depart from there with their children. The concert will be approximately 90 minutes, not counting mingling time after the concert!

If you have any questions or concerns related to check-out, check the frequently asked questions page at http://usm.maine.edu/music/summer-camp-faq, or call Lori Arsenault, 780-5142, loria@maine.edu.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- Lock the door to your room, carry your keys with you and don’t lend/give your keys to anyone.
- Exterior doors on all residence halls are locked at all times for your safety. Do not prop exterior doors and do not let non-residents into residence halls.
- Know which staff members are on duty by checking the duty information listed on the Resident Assistant Office door in the lobby of each residence hall.
- Campus police are located in Gorham in the lower level of Upton Hall and in the Steego Building on the Portland Campus. For emergencies, dial 911 or for non-emergency business, dial 780-5211 (if on campus, just dial 5211).
- Emergency phones are located in the lobby of each resident hall and under the blue lights on the Gorham and Portland campuses.
- Fire Safety:
  Locate and review the fire evacuation plan on each floor. In the event of a fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not tamper with fire safety equipment, it is dangerous and against the law.
- Avoid walking alone after dark.
- Campus police escorts are available by calling 780-5211 (if on campus, dial 5211).
- Report suspicious behavior and individuals to police or staff members.
- Remember USM staff are ready and willing to answer your questions and to help you out - all you have to do is ask.
CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The USM School of Music is located in Corthell Hall on the Gorham campus, and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The School of Music office number is 207-780-5265, but for Summer Camp matters, call Lori at 207-780-5142.

If you need to reach someone at any other time, or need to contact your student during the Academy, please call the following numbers.

To get a message to your student during the Academy, please call:
Lori Arsenault, School of Music Summer Camp Coordinator, 207-780-5142, loria@maine.edu, cell: 207-415-1979
or Melissa Shabo, Camp Director, (207) 590-3626, Melissa.Shabo@maine.edu

In case of emergency, call the campus Police Department at 780-5211. The Campus Police Department is fully recognized by the town and the state, and serves as our emergency 911 responder with officers on duty 24-7.

If you need to send something to your child, please mail it in care of:

University of Southern Maine
c/o Junior Music Academy
School of Music
37 College Avenue
Gorham, ME 04038

Gorham Campus Map
https://usm.maine.edu/sites/default/files/about/gorham-campus-map.pdf

Map and Directions to the Gorham Campus
https://usm.maine.edu/about/directions-gorham-campus

Online campus picture tour for first time arrivals.
http://usm.maine.edu/music/welcome-summer-camp
Southern Maine Junior Music Academy  
Melissa Shabo, Director  

June 5th, 2017  

Dear SMJMA Campers and Parents:  

I hope everyone is enjoying their last few weeks of school! It’s just about eight weeks before the start of the Southern Maine Junior Music Academy, and I want to keep all of you informed with important information in order to make camp week as successful as possible. The SMJMA currently has 82 campers enrolled! Our staff is in the process of selecting some very exciting music, and we are all looking forward to working with you!  

**SMJMA begins on Sunday, July 23rd and will conclude on Saturday, July 29th.** You will be receiving the SMJMA daily schedule along with this letter. Please look over the schedule carefully. The daily schedule will need to be adjusted occasionally, but basically this is what you can expect. Additionally, please be sure to carefully review all materials and information provided by the USM School of Music.  

When you arrive on **Sunday, July 23rd,** in addition to checking into the dorm, you will also be asked to **play a short audition for seating in the band.** Please have a section of a solo or other piece prepared. You should know your **concert B-flat scale** and the chromatic scale would be nice as well. **Percussionist** may play a piece from their band program and/or rudiments. You will also have the opportunity to **audition for jazz band** during your concert band seating audition. All you have to do is tell the instructor that you wish to audition for jazz band!  

Please be sure to bring any instruments you may need for the week. We will lock them up at the end of each day. Percussionists DO NOT need to bring an instrument, but do need to bring their drum sticks.  

**Note to parents:** Please be sure that your child’s instrument is working well and is not in need of repair. This avoids frustration for all of us! Also, make sure your child’s name is labeled on the instrument case.  

All campers will participate in all of SMJMA’s offerings. Campers who are not in jazz band will take part in the Jazz Fundamentals Class. Once again, the plan is to have two jazz bands. **All will be involved in chorus and small ensembles as well.**  

Take note that **check-in time on Sunday is from noon - 2:00 PM.** Please allow yourself enough time to register, move into the dorm, audition, and be on time for the **2:45 PM SMJMA**
meeting in the Corthell Concert Hall. Parents do not have to stay for this meeting, but are certainly welcome to stay if desired.

Regarding camp evening entertainment, on **Monday, July 24th, 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM**, DJ **George and Missy Shabo** will be spinning the tunes you know and love, as we will have an hour of fun, entertainment, and socializing. We encourage campers to get up and do your favorite line dances and just have some fun unwinding with your new friends. **On Tuesday, July 25th, 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM**, the camp will be treated to the music of special guests the **Maine Marimba Ensemble**. Both Monday and Tuesday entertainment will be held in Corthell Hall. **Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

The annual **SMJMA Faculty Recital will be held on Thursday, July 27th**, and the **SMJMA Student Small Ensemble Concert will be held on Friday, July 28th**. Both of these programs will also be held at Corthell Hall at 7:00 PM and are open to the public free of charge.

Once again (barring rain), our off-campus activity on **Wednesday, July 26th**, will be a trip to the **Funtown Amusement Park in Saco!** This should be a nice break from all of the hard work we will be doing. Each camper will receive a park pass and a voucher for a meal at the park. **I am particularly good at the bumper cars if anyone is up to the challenge!**

The **SMJMA Final Concert for the SMJMA Chorus, Jazz Band, and Concert Band will be held on Saturday, July 29th, 2:00 PM**, at the Gorham High School Auditorium. Admission is free of charge. USM School of Music will be providing information to parents regarding directions as well as other important information pertaining to check out procedures.

Parents frequently ask if recordings/videos of the wonderful SMJMA Final Concert and the Friday night ensemble will be available to order. I am pleased to announce that we will once again have the services of **Concert Recording Company** who will take orders for both performances! This company provides quality recordings and videos of the SMJMA’s electrifying performances. **This information will be sent to you via email.**

You have received a list of “to bring” items in this packet from the USM School of Music. Here are a few items that I think are important as well.

✴ Dress up clothing for two concerts
✴ Instrument(s)
✴ Audition materials
✴ Fold-up music stand - **make sure your name is clearly labeled on the stand!**
✴ Pencils (USM School of Music will provide one pencil in your packet)
✴ Extra reeds, oils, etc. (depending on your instrument)
✴ Straight mutes for brass players (I will bring extras as well)
✴ Be sure that your instrument is in good condition (this is important!!)
Please be sure to read all of the enclosed material very carefully. It will help to make our first day at SMJMA run as smooth as possible. The ultimate goal of SMJMA is to provide our campers with the best musical experience in their young careers. Please feel free to contact me at (207) 590-3626 or email me at melissa.shabo@yahoo.com if you have any question or concerns before camp begins. I anxiously look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Melissa Shabo
SMJMA Director
SMJMA Schedules
2017 Schedule (will change on Wednesday and Friday)

**Daily Schedule**

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Schedule for Sunday, July 23rd

Noon-2:00 PM  Registration/Dorm Check-in
Noon-2:40 PM  Auditions in Corthell Hall
2:45-3:00 PM  SMJMA meeting in Corthell Hall
3:00-3:25 PM  Sectional meetings to receive music - room to be announced
3:30-4:45 PM  Concert Band rehearsal in room 320
5:00-5:50 PM  Dinner
5:45-6:15 PM  Jazz Band meetings in room 320 or Concert Hall
6:15-7:00 PM  Get acquainted (A-K) Corthell Lobby
               Chorus (L-Z) in Concert Hall
7:05-7:50 PM  Get acquainted (L-Z) Corthell Lobby
               Chorus (A-K) in Concert Hall
8:00-8:30 PM  Floor meetings in dorm
8:30-9:00 PM  Dorm meeting in dorm lobby
9:00 PM       On your floor
9:15 PM       In your room
9:30 PM       Lights Out!

Schedule for Saturday, July 29th

7:00-7:40 AM  Breakfast
8:30-11:15 AM  Dress Rehearsals
11:30-1:00 PM  Lunch and dorm check-out
2:00 PM       Final Concert at Gorham High School Auditorium
RECORDING ORDER FORM
USM Junior Music Academy ~ July 28 – 29, 2017

HOW TO ORDER:

1) **By Mail:** Complete this order form and mail it with a check to the address on the form.
2) **Online:** Visit [www.ConcertRecordingCompany.com/SMJMA](http://www.ConcertRecordingCompany.com/SMJMA) ← note “/SMJMA”
3) **In Person:** Visit the sales table at the concerts.

All Videos contain the popular “Slide Show” of Camp Week!

I ordered:

- [ ] Fri DVD  [ ] Sat CD  [ ] Sat DVD  [ ] Fri MP4  [ ] Sat MP3  [ ] Sat MP4

paid $________ cash / check / charge

S. Maine Junior Music Academy 7/28 & 7/29, 2017 - Recording Order Form

Or mail check to: Concert Recording Company, 55 Eaton Avenue, Meredith, NH 03253

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PHONE AND EMAIL ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORDER

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Thank you! Questions? Call 603-707-2729, or Email orders@ConcertRecordingCompany.com