



OVATIONS SUMMER STRINGS ACADEMY Sunday, June 25 – Friday June 30, 2017

Welcome 2017 Ovations Summer Strings Academy Participants:

On behalf of the Potomac Arts Academy and the Ovations Program Directors, welcome to Mason! Congratulations on becoming part of the vibrant Mason arts community. We understand that your time is valuable, and we thank you for choosing to participate in our program. We are committed to offering you the highest quality of arts instruction and enrichment and to ensure that your experience at the program is meaningful and inspiring. The following important information will let you know what to expect during your time with us and allow you to plan and prepare. **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRINT OUT THESE PAGES AND KEEP THEM HANDY FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

SUPPLIES

WHAT TO BRING:

- Instrument
 - Instrument Accessories (shoulder rest, rock stop, rosin, etc.)
 - Music—you will be given a folder the first day of camp
 - Pencil
 - Water bottle (optional)
 - Bag lunch (optional – see “Food” section below)
 - Bassists who wish to leave their instrument on campus can use a music locker – you **MUST** bring your own lock!
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DIRECTIONS

GETTING HERE – DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

This program takes place on the **Mason Fairfax Campus**, located at the intersection of Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) and Braddock Road (Route 620) in Fairfax VA. Although there are several ways in to campus, we recommend the following route. *(You are more than welcome to use a different route to the Drop-Off Site if you prefer.)*

Google Maps Coordinates: 38.828765, -77.308511 (for Drop-Off Site at Mason Hall Parking Lot)

From I-495: Take exit 54, Braddock Road (Route 620), westbound. Follow Braddock Road West for approximately six miles. Take a right on Roanoke River Road (across from University Mall); veer **RIGHT** on to Patriot Circle; turn **LEFT** on to Mason Pond Drive and take an immediate **RIGHT** in to the **Mason Hall Parking Lot**.

From Braddock & Rte. 123 (Chain Bridge / Ox Road) Intersection: Proceed east on Braddock Road. Take a left on Roanoke River Road (across from University Mall); veer **RIGHT** on to Patriot Circle; turn **LEFT** on to Mason Pond Drive and take an immediate **RIGHT** in to the **Mason Hall Parking Lot**.

SEE DIRECTIONS VIDEO TUTORIAL HERE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqNwonrWrYg>

Mason Fairfax Campus Map: <http://potomacacademy.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/PDFs/Summer2017Map.pdf>

PARKING

IF YOU ARE PARKING A VEHICLE FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM DAY:

FOR SUNDAY ONLY: A Parking Pass is NOT needed to park in Lot K for Sunday only!

Visitors to the Mason campus must have a valid **temporary Parking Pass** to park in **Lot K** (across the Mason Pond from the Center for the Arts – about a 10 minute walk). Passes are \$25/ week and can be **purchased online** beforehand and **printed at home!** Instructions are on the website:

<http://potomacacademy.gmu.edu/about-us/parking/>

OR you can park in the **Mason Pond Parking Deck** (adjacent to the Performing Arts Building) for \$3/hr (\$15/day max).

A Parking Pass is NOT needed if you are just following the standard Drop-Off/ Pick-up procedure (see below).

Please be sure not to park in any faculty/staff spaces, handicapped spaces, reserved spaces, or in student-only lots to avoid getting a ticket!

DROP-OFF

VERY IMPORTANT MORNING PARTICIPANT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES:

Special **Sunday instructions: Participants can be dropped off no later than 1:00PM. You may begin arriving at 12:30PM; staff members will be ready to greet you “curbside” at this time and will direct you to the exact location of the program (see below) for Check-In. Read the rest of this section for other helpful information regarding drop-off. On Sunday only, you can also park in Lot K for free!*

Monday – Friday: Participants should plan to arrive at the **Drop-Off Point** at the **MASON HALL PARKING LOT** (#7 on the Summer Map) no later than 9:00AM each morning. You may begin arriving at 8:30AM; staff members are ready to greet you “curbside” at this time. **Look for Summer Staff dressed in RED SHIRTS** who will welcome you and escort participants (in groups) to the **de Laski Performing Arts Building** (see below) for Check-In.

Short-term parking: If parents wish to walk their child(ren) to the Drop-Off Point OR the Check-In Location (see below), and you do not have a GMU Parking Pass, short-term parking (up to 15 minutes) is available FREE OF CHARGE in the Mason Pond Parking Deck lower levels – ask the parking attendant for guidance. *(Note: After 15 minutes, you will be charged \$3/hr)*

Expect heavy traffic and activity: Other camps and University activities may be going on at the same time, so please give yourself some extra time to arrive, and be sure to look out for our designated RED-SHIRT staff. As always – safety first! 😊

LATE ARRIVALS/ ABSENCES/ LEAVING EARLY

LATE ARRIVALS: If you anticipate a late arrival, please call Morgan at **757-613-0285** to let us know. (If you arrive after 9:30am and no “red-shirts” are there, you will need to park in the Mason Pond Parking Deck lower levels - ask the parking attendant for guidance - and walk your child to de Laski Performing Arts Building lobby.)

ABSENCES: If the participant is going to be absent for that day, please call Morgan at **757-613-0285** as soon as possible to let us know, otherwise a staff member will be calling you to check in.

LEAVING EARLY: If participants must leave early, please **send a note** with them to hand **to a staff member** so that our staff can plan ahead.

LOCATION

SPECIFIC LOCATION OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY:



The **exact location** of your program is the **de Laski Performing Arts Building** (#1 on the Summer Map). Staff members at the Drop-Off Point (see previous entry) will escort participants in groups to this location. Daily Check-In will take place in this location as well.

PICK-UP

VERY IMPORTANT AFTERNOON PARTICIPANT PICK-UP PROCEDURES:

At the end of each program day, participants will be escorted by RED-SHIRT staff to the **Pick-Up Point** at the **Mason Hall Parking Lot** (same as Drop-Off Point). This program ends at 4:00PM each day (*except for Sunday, which ends at 6:00PM*) – students will be ready for pick-up at **4:15PM** at the **Pick-Up Point**.

When you arrive at the Mason Hall Parking Lot, drive around as directed by the staff. ***To ensure everyone's safety and well-being, please follow all instructions for check-out procedures given by the staff.***

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather such as heavy rain, we may arrange an alternative procedure.

Late pick-up: Any pick-up that occurs after 30 minutes from the program end time is considered a "late pick-up". A \$10 fee for late pick-ups will be assessed every 15 minutes starting at 4:30pm payable by next morning's check-in.

Ages 16+ Participant Drivers: *For participants that have notified us that they are driving and parking their own vehicle, they should follow check-out procedures, and a staff member will direct them as necessary.*

PRE-REGISTERED AFTERCARE

For those participants who pre-registered for Aftercare, at the end of the program day, the student will be escorted to the Aftercare Location in the Center for the Arts. For pick-up, please drive up to the front of the Center for the Arts on Mason Pond Drive and call the Aftercare Coordinator at **703-554-4931**. Aftercare is available until 6PM - a \$10 fee for late pick-ups will be assessed every 15 minutes after that.

FIRST DAY

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FIRST DAY:

Participants **MUST** check in upon arrival to the Program Location **each day** – as we will call parents after the program begins if a name is not checked on the list. At First Day Check-In, participants will be provided with a program packet and any pre-purchased materials (if applicable). After an initial welcome from the University representative and/or the Program Director, participants will be instructed on where to go and what to do – including auditions and rehearsal schedule.

REGARDING SUNDAY AUDITIONS

Please arrive by 1:00 PM to check in. After check-in and before the audition process, the Ovations faculty will present a short introduction and performance to the participants. The initial chair placement test will follow. Students should prepare the appropriate excerpts that are posted on the website:

<http://potomacademy.gmu.edu/summer-camps/summer-music/strings-summer-camp/>

ALL participants should prepare the **Gold Level** Audition Excerpts. More experienced/ advanced players should also prepare the **Green Level** Audition Excerpts. We strongly encourage all students to prepare as many passages as possible

from the Green and Gold orchestra Repertoire lists. **Preparation of ALL excerpts is NOT required, but the faculty would like to place you in the most rewarding ensemble/ section possible - challenge yourself and do your best!**

FOOD

FOOD CHOICES:

A campus food court is located in the **Johnson Center**, right next to the Performing Arts Building. Choices in the food court, which may have reduced summer schedules, include Panera, Burger King, Red Hot & Blue, Sub Connection, Freshens, Mein Bowl, and IndAroma and Starbucks Coffee.

Participants can bring cash for the food court or a bag lunch (requiring no refrigeration). Lunch times will be supervised, and participants are not allowed to wander around campus on their own.

ATTIRE

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:

Participants should dress casually but appropriately. Please be aware that the temperature in the Performing Arts Building can fluctuate at times – come prepared! *For concert performance attire, see below.*

SCHEDULE

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Regular program hours (**Monday – Friday**) are from **9:00AM to 4:00PM** each day. (*Sunday hours, 1pm-6pm, are an exception.*)

A daily program schedule is included at the end of this letter, although it may be subject to minor changes.

BEHAVIOR

BEHAVIOR/ DISCIPLINE:

In the rare case that a participant displays disruptive behavior and is a hindrance to the progress of the program, that participant (and parents) will receive a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, students will be asked to leave the program permanently with no refund granted. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior that will not be tolerated and will cause disciplinary action to be taken:

Hitting/fighting/causing physical harm	Verbal Assault	Sexual misconduct
Profanity/disrespect to staff or participants	Refusal to cooperate	Violation of rules and policies
Possessing weapons/drugs/tobacco	Stealing	Biting/spitting
Temper tantrums	Leaving facility grounds	Bullying

ELECTRONICS

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS POLICY:

While we realize that many participants have cell phones, they should not use them during program hours except during scheduled breaks or in case of emergency. Other personal electronic devices should not be brought, as we cannot be responsible for lost/damaged electronics.

MEDICAL

MEDICAL ISSUES/ ILLNESS:

If a participant does not feel well and may need to leave early, they should tell a staff member. We will contact the parent to assess the situation, and, if necessary to arrange a pick-up. For everyone's safety and well-being, we cannot allow children with contagious or communicable disease to attend the program. In the rare case of serious illness/accident, a staff member will call 911 and then immediately contact the parent.

CONCERTS

CONCERTS/PERFORMANCES:

Sunday, June 25 th	1:35PM	Workshop Faculty Performance	de Laski PAB
Thursday, June 29 th	6PM	OVATIONS SMALL ENSEMBLE CONCERT*	Harris Theatre
Friday, June 30 th	11:35AM	Ovations Photo Shoot ☺**	George Statue
Friday, June 30 th	6PM	OVATIONS ORCHESTRA CONCERT*	Harris Theatre

* Participants should wear their school concert attire or all black for both of these performances.

*All concerts/performances are FREE and open to the public, and family and friends are encouraged to attend. Unless you have a GMU Parking Pass, visitors will need to park in the Mason Pond Parking Deck located next to the Center for the Arts for an hourly rate (\$3/hr).

IMPORTANT: Videotaping and flash photography are allowed from the back row only at Thursday's concert, we just remind you that flash photography can be distracting to performers on stage. On Friday, photos can be taken prior to the performance, but NO video/photos will be allowed during the concert. **You may order a professional CD recording of the Friday evening concert in the lobby following the performance.*

* Please note: On Thursday and Friday, between rehearsal release at 4PM and call-time/concert time at 5:30/6PM, we will conduct Drop-Off procedures as normal, and participants will NOT be supervised on campus. Parents should plan accordingly.

**Please remember to wear your Ovations Camp Tshirt for the Photo Shoot on Friday, thank you!

CAM/VID

CAMERA/VIDEO POLICY:

As a reminder, when you registered for this program, you accepted the following waiver:

"I do hereby grant and give these groups the right to use my or my child(s) photograph/video or image with or without my or my child's name, both singly and in conjunction with other persons or objects and presentations, advertising, publicity, and promotion relating thereto."

Of course, any images/video from the program will be used strictly for organization promotional purposes only and with the utmost discretion, and participant names will never be posted without special permission.

CONTACT US

HOW TO REACH US ON-SITE:

For on-site assistance, please contact the following Potomac Arts Academy staff -

Morgan Reed, 757-613-0285 - OR -

Libby Curtis, 571-296-5880

(While you are welcome to call the Potomac office at any time, a staff member might not be available during summer program hours.)

It is our goal to provide you with an atmosphere where you will continue to enhance your understanding, your skills, and your love of music. If you have any further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Potomac Arts Academy office at 703-993-9889 or potomac@gmu.edu . ***We look forward to seeing you soon!***

Sincerely,

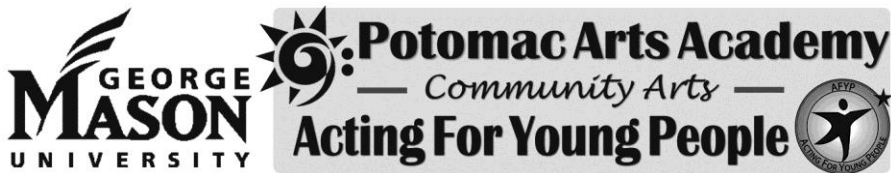


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The Ovation's Summer Strings Academy is a program of Mason's Potomac Arts Academy



OVATIONS SCHEDULE 2017

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

1:00-1:30 PM	Check-in (Arrive already having eaten lunch) in deLaski
1:35-2:30 PM	Faculty introductions and performance
2:35-4:00 PM	Placement auditions
4:00-4:30 PM	Pizza Social
4:35-6:00 PM	First orchestra rehearsal

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26-28

9:00-10:00	Green Orchestra/Gold Chamber Groups
10:05-10:55	Sectionals
11:00-12:00	Green Chamber Groups/Gold Orchestra rehearsal
12:05-1:00	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 12:30-1:00- Faculty meeting in the Johnson center
1:05-1:45	Workshops led by Oventions Faculty
1:50-2:45	Green Orchestra/Gold Chamber Groups
2:50-3:45	Green Chamber Groups/Gold Orchestra rehearsal
3:50-4:00	All in de Laski rehearsal space for announcements and dismissal

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00-10:30	Orchestra (both) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Faculty meeting (minus conductors) in Johnson Center
10:35-11:30	Sectionals
11:35-12:15	Lunch
12:20-1:00	Chamber Ensembles (both)
1:05-2:00:	Special Performance and Discussion by TriForce Quartet and Brandon Harris
2:05-4:00	Chamber Dress Rehearsals and Instrument Petting Zoo (Time slots will be assigned)

Thursday evening Chamber Ensemble Concert Performance – call time TBA

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

9:00-10:30	Orchestra and final faculty meeting
10:35-11:30	Basic Instrument Repair Workshop
11:35-11:45	Group picture
11:50-12:45	Lunch
12:50-2:00	Masterclass
2:05-2:40	Q&A with GMU faculty
2:45-4:00	Dress rehearsal <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Green runs program in Harris first- 2:45-3:20▪ Gold can rehearse in delaski until 3:15 PM if needed▪ Gold runs program in Harris from 3:20-4:00 PM (Stage setup remains for concert)

Friday evening String Orchestra Concert Performance – call time TBA