



MASON SUMMER PERCUSSION ACADEMY July 31 – August 4, 2017

Welcome 2017 Mason Summer Percussion Academy Participants:

On behalf of the Potomac Arts Academy and the Summer Percussion Academy Program Director, welcome to “**Mason Summer Music Intensive Week**”! 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:

- **Percussion equipment** - Please bring whatever sticks, mallets, tambourines and triangles that you own, and a drumpad for our morning warm-up. If you do not have a drum pad, you are welcome to borrow one from Mason.
 - IF you would like to store your instruments in a campus locker, please bring your own padlock.
 - **Music** - Percussion ensemble music and clinic materials will be handed out to everyone at the start of the camp. If you are working on a piece for an upcoming audition, please bring that with you for the performance/audition class. This performance/audition class is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable performance experience, please take advantage of this opportunity!!
 - **Monday evening faculty/student concert** - The first night of the camp, we are planning to showcase both our faculty and select students. If you have an advanced solo work (for snare drum, timpani, vibraphone, or marimba) that you would like to play on this concert, please let me know. Examples of advanced solo works would be - *Eight pieces for solo timpani*, *Blues for Gilbert* (vibraphone), *rotation 1-4* (marimba) or similar works.
 - **Tuesday Yoga for Musicians class** - Dr. Mulcahy will present a *Yoga for Musicians* session, suitable for all fitness levels, and will include breathing techniques for managing stress, stretches that are helpful for musicians, and fun exploration of some basic yoga poses. All students are strongly encouraged to bring a yoga/exercise mat and a large towel (beach towel is great) – and wear comfortable clothing that allows for free movement.
 - Your creativity and enthusiasm!
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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)

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:

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 – please follow the staked directional signs). 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:

Note: Drop-off/ Pick-up Procedures do not apply to participants who signed up for the Residential (on-campus housing) program!

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 exact **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 direct 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:

Note: Drop-off/ Pick-up Procedures do not apply to participants who signed up for the Residential (on-campus housing) program!

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 – 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 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.

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 (lower level).

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.

Note: All meals are included for those participants who signed up for the Residential (on-campus housing) program and are detailed in the Residential information letter.

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.

NOTE: Residential program participants will have special evening activities planned as well.

A detailed **Daily Schedule** of the Summer Music Intensive Week can be found at the end of this letter (*subject to change*).

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 of a minor) 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:

Monday, July 31st 7-8:30PM **FACULTY/ ADVANCED STUDENT CONCERT*** (attendance optional)
de Laski Performing Arts Building

Friday, August 4th 2-4PM **SUMMER MUSIC WEEK FINAL PRESENTATIONS***
de Laski Performing Arts Building
Participants should wear their Camp Tshirt and casual pants/ shorts.

* Including Percussion Academy, Clarinet Academy, Trumpet Academy and Music Composition Explorations!

*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).

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 in the office 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!***

IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE RESIDENTIAL (ON-CAMPUS HOUSING OPTION) PROGRAM AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET YET, PLEASE CALL THE POTOMAC OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!

Sincerely,



Jonathan Bisesi, Program Director

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