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HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY
and
MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY

2017 HANDBOOK

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ABOUT THE SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMIES

Description of Academies

The High School Summer Music Academy will be an opportunity for talented band, orchestra, and piano students from Colorado and around the country to receive world-class instruction in a one-week summer session. Band and orchestra participants will be placed into a wind ensemble or string orchestra with a nationally renowned conductor. Select students will be divided up into one of many small ensembles in order to gain invaluable chamber music experience. Students will also participate in electives that will serve as preparation for collegiate music degree programs. Instruction for the High School Academy is provided by renowned guest conductors, CU faculty members, guest artists, and graduate students in the CU College of Music.

The Middle School Summer Music Academy will be an opportunity for talented band and orchestra students from Colorado and around the country to receive world-class instruction in a one-week summer session. Band and orchestra participants will be placed into a concert band or string orchestra with a nationally renowned conductor. When not in rehearsal, you can expect exciting games and activities throughout the week geared toward teamwork, creative and critical thinking, and fun; a few of last year's activities included skit night, the Amazing Race, and swing dance lessons. Instruction for the Middle School Academy is provided by a renowned guest conductor, area music teachers, and undergraduate music education majors.

Eligibility

The High School Academy is open to **graduates of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12**. Enrollment is limited to the following instrumentation: 8 flutes, 8 clarinets, 2 bass clarinets, 4 oboes, 4 bassoons, 4 alto saxes, 1 tenor sax, 1 baritone sax, 6 French horns, 8 trumpets, 6 trombones, 2 euphoniums, 3 tubas, 6 percussion, 1 pianist, 24 violins, 10 violas, 8 cellos, and 6 basses (1 for band, 5 for orchestra). Seating auditions for placement in the large ensemble will take place during the first day of camp.

Performance and abilities are suggested to meet the following guidelines:

- Proficiency of major scales: 2 octaves, in 16th notes, quarter-note = 112
- Proficiency of harmonic minor scales: 2 octaves, in 8th notes, quarter-note = 120
- Proficiency of chromatic scale: 2 octaves, in 8th notes, quarter-note = 80
- Confidence in performing solo and chamber ensemble repertoire

The Middle School Academy is open to **graduates of grades 6, 7 and 8**. Enrollment is open to anyone enrolled in a school band and/or orchestra class (max enrollment for the band is 80 students and max enrollment for the orchestra is 80 students). While there are no auditions required for enrollment, there will be auditions for seat placement during the first full day of camp.

Staff

Assembled for their talent, teaching ability, dedication, and enthusiasm for music, distinguished music professionals from across the country participate in the University of Colorado Summer Music Academies. They include world-renowned conductors, CU professors, middle school and high school teachers, master class and elective teachers, administrators, and outstanding undergraduate and graduate students who serve as counselors and mentors. Together, their knowledge and experience support an extraordinary educational opportunity where students build confidence and develop good habits and attitudes that shape their future.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2017 High School Summer Music Academy Dates, Fees and Deadlines

High School Summer Music Academy Session: June 18-23, 2017

Fees

- \$750 resident
 - includes: instruction, camp t-shirt, room, all meals
- \$520 commuter
 - includes: instruction, camp t-shirt, all lunches

Incidental Fees

- Lost Room Key fee (to be collected at the time of loss): \$10-\$50
- Lost Meal Card fee (to be collected at the time of loss): \$5-\$15
- Property Damage (where applicable): case-by-case determination

Parents are financially responsible for any and all damages caused by the student to the University of Colorado property including, but not limited to, CU College of Music facilities and CU dormitory facilities.

Deadlines

March 1, 2017: optional scholarship application deadline. See **Scholarship Opportunity** below for more information regarding application requirements and a link to the application form. Awardees will be notified by **April 1, 2017**.

April 1, 2017: scholarship award notification

May 12, 2017: registration, deposit, and recording deadline **for residents and commuters** for the High School Summer Music Academy. Please follow the link above to the online registration form. Registration forms are accepted for the High School camp **until positions are filled or the**

deadline passes. If an instrument section is full, you will be put on a waitlist. We will contact you if a spot becomes available no later than **June 6, 2017**.

May 31, 2017: payment-in-full deadline **for residents and commuters** for the High School Summer Music Academy. Payment may be completed through the registration portal linked above.

May 31, 2017: cancellation deadline for full refund of camp fees excluding a non-refundable **\$150 deposit**. See **Refund Policy** below for more information regarding refunds and cancellation.

June 6, 2017: waitlist notification

2017 Middle School Summer Music Academy Dates, Fees and Deadlines

Middle School Summer Music Academy Summer Session: June 25-30, 2017

Fees

- \$625 residential
 - includes: instruction, camp t-shirt, room, all meals
- \$390 commuter
 - includes: instruction, camp t-shirt, all lunches

Incidental Fees

- Lost Room Key fee (to be collected at the time of loss): \$10-\$50
- Lost Meal Card fee (to be collected at the time of loss): \$5-\$15
- Property Damage (where applicable): case-by-case determination

Parents are financially responsible for any and all damages caused by the student to the University of Colorado property including, but not limited to, CU College of Music facilities and CU dormitory facilities.

Deadlines

March 1, 2017: optional scholarship application deadline. See **Scholarship Opportunity** below for more information regarding application requirements and a link to the application form. Awardees will be notified by **April 1, 2017**.

April 1, 2017: scholarship award notification

May 12, 2017: registration and deposit deadline **for residents and commuters** for the Middle School Summer Music Academy. Please follow the link above to the online registration form. Registration forms are accepted for the Middle School camp **until capacity is reached or the**

deadline passes. If capacity is reached, you will be put on a waitlist. We will contact you if a spot becomes available no later than **June 6, 2017**.

May 31, 2017: payment-in-full deadline **for residents and commuters** for the Middle School Summer Music Academy. Payment may be completed through the registration portal linked above.

May 31, 2017: cancellation deadline for full refund of camp fees excluding a non-refundable **\$150 deposit**. See **Refund Policy** below for more information regarding refunds and cancellation.

June 6, 2017: waitlist notification

High School and Middle School Summer Music Academies Registration

To secure your spot in the High School Summer Music Academy or Middle School Summer Music Academy, please follow the **registration form** link below and complete the online registration form by **May 12, 2017**. A non-refundable **\$150 deposit, which goes toward the full camp fees**, is required with your registration.

*Note: all High School Academy students have additional requirements below.

**Note: all High School Academy *piano* students have additional requirements below.

[Register here!](#)

For assistance with the online registration form, please download this [online registration how-to document](#).

*All High School Academy students will also need to **email** a recording of a 2-minute excerpt of their choice that demonstrates their tone quality and technical ability. Please email this in .mp3 format to musicacademy@colorado.edu by **May 12, 2017**. This will help us gauge the overall level of the large ensembles and place musicians for optional small chamber groups (see below).

Note: this is not an audition for acceptance.

*Optional for High School Academy students: if you would like to participate in a small chamber group or perform as a soloist with piano accompaniment in addition to participation in the large ensemble, please fill out the chamber music portion of the online registration form. Small chamber groups and soloists with piano accompaniment will work with a CU professor or graduate student as a coach in preparation for chamber music and solo music performances. If you would like to do either, we will assemble the appropriate small groups with like-skilled students based on the submitted recording as detailed above.

** For High School Academy piano students, along with your registration and non-refundable deposit, please provide a recording of your playing by **May 12, 2017**. The recording should include two contrasting pieces. This is not an audition CD. Rather, this is a reference for the piano faculty at CU to assign performers to chamber groups. Please send this recording via one of the following options:

1. Email a YouTube link (or links) to Dr. Andrew Cooperstock (cooperstock@colorado.edu). **Note:** An alternative acceptable format may be a link to an audio track (or tracks) in a file sharing website such as SoundCloud.
2. Mail a CD to:
High School Summer Music Academy
University of Colorado Boulder
301 UCB
Boulder, CO 80309-0301

Wait List Information

Due to instrumentation limits in the High School Academy, enrollment is granted on a first-come, first-served basis reserved with a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$150. For the High School Summer Music Academy, enrollment, while open to everyone that meets eligibility requirements, is limited to 115 students. In the unlikely event enrollment is full, all subsequent registrants will be placed on a waiting list. If a spot comes open, we will notify you of the opening no later than **June 6, 2017**.

While open to everyone that meets eligibility requirements, enrollment is limited to 160 students. In the unlikely event enrollment is full, all subsequent registrants will be placed on a waiting list. If a spot comes open, we will notify you of the opening no later than **June 6, 2017**.

Refund Policy

All refunds will be processed on the card used to make the payment through the registration portal. Prior to **May 31, 2017**, refund is in full excluding a non-refundable **\$150 deposit**. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after **May 31, 2017**.

Scholarship Opportunity

For the High School and Middle School Summer Music Academies of 2017, we are excited to announce that we will be offering scholarship assistance to help select students of financial need attend the respective Summer Music Academy. In order to be considered for scholarship assistance, please fill out the form below and return the completed form along with a brief essay telling us about yourself, your need for financial assistance, and how you could benefit from attendance at the Summer Music Academy. Instead of mailing or emailing the completed form, you may complete the Google form below. The completed form and essay are due March 1, 2017, and awardees will be notified by April 1, 2017. Financial need will be taken into account when reviewing applications, and scholarships will be awarded as funds allow.

High School Academy Scholarship Application forms:

[View the Scholarship Application form \(PDF\)](#)

[View the Scholarship Application form \(Google form\)](#)

Middle School Academy Scholarship Application forms:

[View the Scholarship Application form \(PDF\)](#)

[View the Scholarship Application form \(Google form\)](#)

Insurance, Health Care and Medical Forms

All registrants will be required to submit health status and medical release forms. The forms must be submitted to the office no later than June 1st. Participants should retain copies of all submitted forms. Incomplete forms will be rejected. Failure to submit the required health status and medical release forms by the June 1st deadline *could* result in a discharge from the Summer Academy. No refund will be issued.

Parents should provide health insurance for participants. Students who require medical attention will be accompanied to the Student Health Center by a coordinator or counselor. Medical costs incurred for treatment at the Student Health Center will be the responsibility of the parents or guardian of the individual treated.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2017 High School Summer Music Academy Schedule

[View schedule here](#)

2017 Middle School Summer Music Academy Schedule

[View schedule here](#)

High School Academy Electives

Band and orchestra students attending the High School Summer Music Academy attend electives throughout the week, enhancing their learning experience. These classes are hands-on and interactive, encouraging retention and sparking interest for further exploration. Examples of electives offered include: Music Theory, African Drumming, Conducting, Applying and Auditioning for College, Alexander Technique, Music History and more.

Auditions

There are NOT auditions to participate in either the High School Summer Music Academy or Middle School Summer Music Academy; however, there will be seating auditions on the first day of camp for the High School Academy and on the second day (first FULL day) of camp for the Middle School Academy.

Student Performances

Both the High School and Middle School Academies culminate with a student performance in Grusin Recital Hall at CU Boulder College of Music's Imig Music Building. Performance time is

6:00pm for the Middle School Academy and 6:30pm for the High School Academy on Friday, the last day of each session. All performances are free and open to the public. **All students must participate in the final performance and stay for the entire concert including both band and orchestra performances as well as the end of the week slide show.**

The High School Academy will also include student performances on the chamber music concert on Thursday night at 6:30pm in Grusin Recital Hall. This concert is free and open to the public; however, it is not necessary for parents to make a special trip just to hear the chamber music concert. This concert is meant for the students to perform for each other and to gain the invaluable experience that can only be obtained through small ensemble performance. The most outstanding chamber ensembles will be selected to perform a short piece on the Friday night Grand Finale Concert.

Supervision, Housing, and Meals

Our experienced counselors are CU undergraduate music education majors, graduate students, or former students that are area directors. We perform a criminal records check on all counselors. We maintain a 1:10 counselor-to-student ratio (or smaller) and endeavor to match instrumentation areas between counselors and students. Students are supervised at all times by counselors, coordinators, or faculty. Students check in with counselors every time they move from point A to point B, at breakfast, before dinner, and evening meetings with counselors. During the day, attendance is taken at each class.

Residential students are housed all in the same dorm. CU housing services assigns to our camps whatever dorm on the CU campus is available and within easy walking distance of the music building each year. All students are assigned a roommate and share same-gender bathrooms. In the event of an odd number of students, three students will be assigned to a three-person room. Counselors stay on the same floor with their assigned students. Other dorm facilities may be used in the event of high registration numbers.

Although requests cannot be guaranteed, residential students may indicate a preferred roommate on the registration form. Both parties must agree to the request before students are assigned to the same room. Roommate election or changes will not be permitted after **May 31, 2017**; and so, students may not switch roommates upon arrival at or during camp. If no roommate preference is indicated, an effort will be made to match students of the same age and instrument. Visitation between students housed on different floors is allowed at the discretion of the students' assigned counselors.

Three meals are served daily in a campus dining facility. All commuters will eat lunch in the dining hall with the rest of the students and counselors. All students will be provided a meal card with the exact number of meals loaded on the card. It is advised that all students wear their nametag, room key, and meal card on a lanyard around their neck during the week. There is a fee for lost keys and meal cards. The dining room is a state-of-the-art facility that offers many, many options of American and international fare. The facility caters to all food types, dietary

restrictions, and allergies. Service is all-you-can-eat cafeteria style, and food must be eaten in the dining room. Students and counselors eat together and are asked to properly bus tables and trays. All students and counselors will exit the cafeteria together after everyone has eaten. Please note that students may not access their rooms during the meal time except for an emergency and then only with a counselor.

Students are advised to keep their rooms locked and never leave valuables unattended. CU Summer Music Academy is not responsible for students' personal money or other assets. Students should notify their counselor with any issues related to safety and security, room or bathroom maintenance problems, etc.

Check-in/Check-out

Check-in for residential students will take place in the lobby of the dorm assigned to the Academy for that year. In most cases, parents will be able to park right outside the dorm for loading and unloading purposes. It is suggested that luggage remain in the car until after the completion of dorm registration due to the small lobby sizes. The parent or guardian is asked to walk through dorm registration with their student, retrieve luggage, and then see his/her room. Once the student is settled in his/her room, parents are encouraged to depart campus. Students will have a mandatory dorm meeting immediately following registration. The meeting is at 8:30am on Monday for the Middle School Academy and 11:00am on Sunday for the High School Academy.

Commuters for the High School Academy will register at noon on Sunday in the south-east lobby of the Imig Music Building. Commuters for the Middle School Academy will register at 7:30 am on Monday in the south-east lobby of the Imig Music Building as well. Parents are asked to walk through registration with their commuter. On subsequent days of the week excluding Friday, commuters need to be dropped off at 8:00 am and picked up at 5:00 pm for the High School Academy and 8:00 am and 5:10 pm respectively for the Middle School Academy at this same location.

Dorm Check-out will occur at 3:30 pm for the Middle School Academy and 4:00 pm for the High School Academy on the last day of camp (Friday). Parents need to arrive on time to pick up their students to allow the counselors and coordinators time to prepare for the evening concert. The students will have time earlier in the day to get everything packed and have their room inspected so that they are ready to go at the scheduled pick up time. All commuters will need to be picked up at this same time on Friday. There is a two-hour gap between Friday's pick-up time of all students and the call time for the concert. It is recommended that parents feed their children during this time to make sure they are ready for their evening performance.

Rules and Regulations

Students are expected to acquaint themselves with the rules and standards of conduct established by the CU Summer Music Academy. A student who does not fulfill the responsibilities set out

by such rules and standards of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, which can include dismissal from the Summer Music Academy.

- 1) All students must be in attendance for all instructional times and are required to participate in the final concert. If the dates of the Summer Music Academy conflict with another activity or event, the student and parent must choose between the two events prior to registering for the Academy. Scheduling exceptions will not be made. Doctor/dentist/orthodontist/etc. appointments should not be scheduled during the week of the Summer Music Academy.
- 2) Students should immediately report any accident or illness to their counselor.
- 3) Medical or family emergencies are the only acceptable reasons a student may depart early from the Academy. If a student must leave early due to an emergency, the parent or legal guardian must contact the program administrator or coordinator to sign the student out. Residential students should turn in their room key upon departure.
- 4) Students are required to wear their name tag, room key, and meal card on their lanyard at all times.
- 5) Students must eat all contracted meals and be escorted by a counselor at all times when walking between the dining hall, dorm and music building.
- 6) Locked doors should never be propped open or held open for an unknown person anywhere on campus.
- 7) Keep all areas neat and clean. Do not move furniture or equipment. Prior to check-out, student rooms should be cleared of trash and debris. Avoid excessive noise in and around the residence hall. **Practicing musical instruments is not allowed in the dorms.** Any type of rowdy, loud, or disruptive behavior is NOT permitted in the residence hall. Appropriate behavior and consideration of the rights of others is expected.
- 8) Students may not be in possession of merchandise with intent of resale while on campus. Any such items will be confiscated and not returned.

Examples of unacceptable conduct by students, which is subject to disciplinary penalty (including fines, dismissal, and possible legal actions) encompass but are not limited to:

- 1) Possession or use of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, chemicals, gasoline, other explosives, firearms, illegal knives, clubs, or other prohibited weapons
- 2) Theft
- 3) Visitation to rooms of campers of the opposite sex
- 4) Fraternalization with persons not associated with the Summer Music Academy
- 5) Unexcused tardiness or absences from attendance checks, classes, rehearsals, performances, or evening activities
- 6) Destroying, defacing, or tampering with institutional property, including fire and life safety equipment
- 7) Creating a condition hazardous to another person on the premises
- 8) Disorderly conduct, horseplay, and pranks
- 9) Harassment, violence, threats, or other acts intended to intimidate, or harass
- 10) Fighting, encouraging a fight, attempting to cause injury to another person
- 11) Elevator misuse or damage

12) Violations of safety rules and practices of any local, state, or federal law

Any student dismissed under these conditions will not be allowed to return to the Summer Music Academies in subsequent summers. It is the responsibility of the Administrative Staff to make decisions in this area. Students will be sent home at the expense of the parent or legal guardian. Parents are financially responsible for any and all damages caused by the student to University of Colorado Property including, but not limited to, College of Music facilities and dormitory rooms.

Recreation

When not in class or rehearsal, the counselors for the summer music academy plan both day and evening activities for the students. Some of these in the past have been Music Brain Wars, Amazing Race, Movie Night, Game Night, Carnival, Bowling, and the end of the week dance party, of course. All of these activities are free excluding for bowling. The bowling alley has billiards, arcade, and a concession stand that costs extra money. It is recommended that students bring \$10-15 for this activity.

What to Bring With You

- Neat, casual, modest, hot-weather attire (clothing should reflect modesty and good taste)
- comfortable shoes
- Dressier clothing (non-formal) with suitable shoes for performance. Shorts or jeans are not acceptable for the concerts.
- Twin extra-long sheet set, pillow, blanket**
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Shower supplies
- Shower Shoes
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- hangers
- umbrella
- healthy snacks
- Alarm clock
- Your musical instrument
- reeds, valve oil, and mutes
- pencil
- Percussionists must bring their own sticks, mallets, brushes (and practice pad, if possible); all percussion instruments will be provided.
- Extra cash for incidental expenses such as vending machines, supplemental snacks, recreational activities not included in the basic camp fee (bowling, billiards, arcade games at the UMC). The parent or guardian should decide the appropriate amount to send with the student.
- Optional recreational items such as cameras, playing cards, board games. Please reconsider expensive items, such as laptops, that could be lost, stolen, or damaged.

Accessibility

If a student requires special accommodations, please contact the camp office before registering and we will work to verify that we will be able to adequately meet your expectations. Note that housing arrangements are assigned to the Summer Music Academy by the CU Housing Department.

Parking and Traffic

All visitors to The University of Colorado campus must observe parking and traffic regulations. Parking is restricted by permit Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm. Posted signs, whether permanent or temporary, must be obeyed at all times. **Any Parking fees or citations will be the responsibility of the visitor.** During check-in and check-out, parents of residential students may load and unload next to the residence hall. Commuters may be dropped off on Wardenburg Drive (south of the Imig Music Building). Due to the temporary closure of the Euclid AutoPark until November 2017, we are unable to make a parking recommendation at this time; however, once parking services has made us aware of the best possible parking for the evening concerts, we will notify all of this recommendation either on the Summer Music Academy website or by email. There is street parking by Imig Music Building on 18th St, Euclid Ave, and Wardenburg Dr, which is \$4.00 after 5 pm; however, these spaces are limited. For more information, visit www.colorado.edu/parking.

Students **may not** drive or have cars on campus during camp. Exceptions are made for campers with special circumstances and parental permission. Due to university parking restrictions, the Summer Music Academy does not offer parking permits.

Directions

From Highway 36/28th Street, exit the Baseline Road exit and head west (towards the mountains). Turn right onto Broadway. Go through the Regent Drive light on Broadway and turn at the first right, pass the bus stop. This will be Euclid Avenue. If you miss this turn, the next light is Euclid Avenue also. The music building is right in the curve of Euclid Avenue. The road to the south of the music building is Wardenburg Drive. The dorms are in various locations to the east of the music building.

Recordings

A DVD of the final concert and end of the week slide show may be purchased after the concert for \$15. They are sold as a joint package and are not sold separately.

FAQ

Can I request someone to be my roommate?

Although requests cannot be guaranteed, residential students may indicate a preferred roommate on the online registration form. Both parties must agree to the request before students are assigned to the same room. Roommate election or changes will not be permitted after May 31, 2017. If no roommate preference is indicated, an effort will be made to match students of the same age and instrument. Students may not switch roommates upon arrival or during the week.

Can I make payments for the camp and when are the payments due?

Yes, payments are accepted at any time prior to the due dates. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due by **May 12, 2017**, for the High School Camp and Middle School Summer Music Academies; this deposit is made with submission of the online registration form. The full payment is due **May 31, 2017**, via the online portal for registration and the deposit.

What extra money will I need?

While almost everything is covered by the Summer Music Academy fees, students may need some extra money for vending machines, extra snacks, bowling, billiards, and arcade games. Parents most likely will need to pay for parking at the concert.

How can I contact my child?

Students are allowed to have cell phones at camp. However, they are asked to turn them off during class and rehearsal. During work hours, parents can contact the main office at 303-492-6584, 303-492-5004, or 303-735-2283 and a camp administrator will pass a message or get the student on the phone.

What if I need to leave camp?

Students will not be permitted to leave camp for any reason (including visiting home or a Boulder friend/relative), unless we receive **detailed written notification one week prior to the first day of camp.** Students may not leave camp with anyone under the age of 21. Only requests that do not interfere with rehearsals or classes will be considered. If a student must leave early due to a medical or family emergency, the parent or legal guardian must contact the program administrator or coordinator to sign the student out.