

May 5, 2017

Dear String Odyssey Participant & Parent,

Orchestra Project is right around the corner and we are so excited you are joining us for this innovative and artistically challenging summer camp! This letter includes detailed information about your time spent with us.



Placement Audition Music

Every student will play a placement audition on Sunday, June 25th to determine which orchestra they will be part of for the week. The audition excerpts are posted online at <http://orchestraprojectrva.com/camps/string-odyssey/placement-audition/>. Please review the material carefully. Learn more about our [seating philosophy](#).

Schedule – String Odyssey

Sunday, June 25th Schedule | Check-in/orientation/ reading rehearsal

10:30-11:30am: DORM Check-in for **resident campers only**

(RESIDENT CAMPERS: make sure to visit resident camper page for complete details!)

11:30am: Camp registration for **all** String Odyssey students at: Singleton Center for the Performing Arts on campus of VCU (922 Park Ave. Richmond, VA23220)

12:15pm: Orientation Meeting (*parent or legal guardian need to attend meeting – but are free to leave after 1pm*)

1:00-3:30pm: Placement Auditions/ Full camp activity

3:30pm: Announcement of Ensembles & Snack

4:00-5:00pm: Rehearsal

5:00pm Student dismissal in Singleton Center Lobby (no carpool on Sunday)

Resident students: pizza dinner/ice breaker at dorm.

Daily Schedule: Monday – Thursday

8:45-8:55am Arrival

9:00-12:15pm Rehearsal, Sectionals, Recreation

12:15-1:15pm Lunch (VCU dining center or brown bag)

1:15-3:15pm Rehearsal

3:20-4:30pm Elective Class

4:35pm Dismissal (Carpool line behind Singleton Center)

Friday, June 30th Schedule

8:45-8:55am Arrival

9:00-12:15pm Rehearsal, Sectionals, Recreation

12:15-1:15pm Lunch (VCU dining center or brown bag)

1:30pm-3:15pm Intensive Chamber Concert (Odyssey student attend)

3:30pm-3:45pm Final Camp Meeting

4:00pm-6pm Ice Cream Social

6:00pm Dismissal (Carpool line behind Singleton Center)

Saturday, July 1st Schedule for all participants

10-10:45am Resident Campers eat lunch @ Dorm (food provided)

11-12:00pm Dorm Check-out @ Brandt Hall (*Parents will be responsible for getting their child to Singleton by 12:30pm after dorm check-out.*)

12-12:25pm Carpool line will open for day campers (day campers need to eat lunch before they arrive)

12:30pm Call time ALL students @ Singleton Center

1-2:45pm Concert

3pm Dismissal in lobby

What to Bring (daily)

Instrument

Folding Music Stand (clearly marked w/ Student's Name)

Pencils

Music

Extra Strings & Rosin

Rockstop & bass stool

Light Snack

Water bottle

Other (if needed or optional): Daily medication (if needed), spending money for lunch, brown bag lunch, camera, etc.

Saturday Afternoon Performance

A closing String Odyssey and String Intensive performance will feature the three orchestras at camp on **Saturday, July 1st at 1pm** in the Singleton Center for the Performing Arts at VCU. Families will be able to purchase a CD of the performance in the lobby prior to the concert. *String Intensive chamber ensembles will present a performance on Friday, June 30th at 1:30pm in the Recital Hall – Black Music Center.*

Lessons

The schedule for private lessons (optional) will be sent out closer to the start of camp. Lessons will typically be scheduled between 10am-12pm. VERY LIMITED SPOTS REMAIN FOR LESSONS. Sign-up for a lesson [here!](#)

Location

VCU Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
922 Park Ave, Richmond Virginia 23220

VCU Black Music Center
1015 Grove Ave. Richmond, VA 23220

Students will be accompanied by an *Orchestra Project* staff person when moving between buildings.

Drop-off / Pick-up

Daily carpool drop-off and pick-up will take place at the courtyard located directly behind the Singleton Center beginning on Monday. Students may arrive to camp each day beginning at 8:45am. Absolutely NO early drop-off. Classes will begin promptly at 9am. Day campers will be dismissed at 4:35pm- please be on time for pick-up. A parent must sign-out their child each day. Student drivers will be responsible for signing themselves out each day. More details about drop-off and pick-up will be explained at the Sunday orientation. Parent/legal guardian must be present for the orientation meeting.

If you are interested in carpooling with another student, please consult the student information spreadsheet (emailed closer to camp) sorted by zip code. You will be responsible for making your own carpool arrangements.

Parking

- Limited, free street parking is available. On Saturdays & Sundays, there are no restrictions for parking in the Fan...just keep in mind that it may take you a few minutes to find a space. Be prepared to walk a couple of blocks.
- Parking is also available 24/7 at the West Broad Parking deck located Broad & Harrison (1111 W. Broad St. – across from Siegel Center) Cost: \$1 for the first hour and \$2 per hour for each additional hour for a maximum rate of \$10 per day. Credit/debit cards, RamBucks and cash are accepted. If you need to pay with cash please use the pay stations located near the elevators.
- **Student Drivers** should park in the West Broad parking deck during the week (located at Harrison and Broad St.) – the fee is \$10 per day.

Medical & Other Important Forms (required)

Orchestra Project requires FOUR ONLINE forms to be completed and submitted BEFORE orientation day from every student. Check out the required online forms page for complete details.

No student will be able to participate without a completed set of forms on file! Medications are to be submitted to camp directors at orientation on June 25th – please submit LABELED medication in zip lock bag.

Meals

Participants may bring a lunch or purchase lunch at the VCU Shafer Court Dining Center (ALL meals are included in resident camper tuition). The VCU Dining Center is a buffet style state of the art gourmet facility with lots of choices. The cost is \$11.75 for lunch. More info on Menu Choices can be found at

<https://vcu.campusdish.com/Locations/Market810.aspx>

What to wear

Daily Clothing: Casual clothing that is appropriate for the weather is expected each day. Tee shirts must reflect good taste. Bring comfortable shoes. Appropriate shoes must be worn or brought to wear at the gym. The VCU buildings can get quite chilly with the AC – **you are advised to bring a sweater.**

Concert Dress: Friday afternoon chamber concert: camp t-shirt (students will receive at orientation) and shorts (appropriate in length) or pants. **Saturday afternoon orchestra concert:** White tops, black bottoms & black shoes dark socks or nylons. No open toed shoes. (NO jeans, tee shirts, sneakers, or flip-flops).

Recreation

Recreation will take place Monday-Thursday from 11-12:15pm. Students will meet counselors and staff in the Singleton lobby and travel together to the Cary Street Gym (counselors and staff will supervise students while at the gym). Students **must** wear or bring appropriate athletic attire to wear at the gym (students have the option to bring a bathing suit and towel if they would like to go swimming – swimming will be offered as an option 2 of the 4 days.) **To participate in activities at the gym, students must wear athletic shoes – a student wearing sandals will not be allowed to participate.** On Friday, dress rehearsals will take place during the gym time so that Odyssey students are available to attend the Intensive Chamber Performance Friday afternoon.

Resident Campers

Complete details about check-in/out, packing list, counselors, etc. are located on the resident camper page – please read through all the information carefully!

Important Contact Information

If you need to reach an *Orchestra Project* staff member or your child during camp hours, please call the OP Line at **804-326-4390**. This number will only be in use the week of camp; prior to camp please call the office phone number listed below. You may also email orchestraprojectrva@gmail.com **Please note:** if you call the office numbers you will NOT be able to reach us. Our staff will not have office hours the week of camp.

Questions? Please contact us! orchestraprojectrva@gmail.com or (804) 788-4717 x 144.

We look forward to seeing you on June 25th! ☺

Directions to W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

922 Park Ave.

Richmond, VA 23220

Traveling I-64 West to VCU

1. Take Exit #190 for Fifth Street and Downtown/Coliseum.
2. Turn right at the eighth traffic light, onto West Main Street.
3. Follow West Main Street for about 13 blocks to Harrison Street (turn right).
4. Go about 2 blocks to Park Ave. (turn right).
5. VCU W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts will be on your left (922 Park Ave.)

Traveling I-95 South to VCU

1. Take Exit #79 to right towards Powhite Parkway (Route I-195). Bear left off the ramp onto I-195.
2. Take the exit for Hamilton and Broad Streets.
3. Follow North Hamilton Street to Monument Avenue (second left) and turn left.
4. Follow Monument Avenue east; its name will change to Franklin Street.
5. Follow Franklin Street to North Harrison Street (turn right);
6. At the first stop light turn left onto Park Ave. The Singleton Center for the Performing Arts will be on your left

Traveling I-64 East to VCU

1. Take Exit #186 towards the Powhite Parkway.
2. Take the exit for Hamilton and Broad streets.
3. Follow North Hamilton Street to Monument Avenue (second left) and turn left.
4. Follow Monument Avenue east; its name will change to Franklin Street.
5. Follow Franklin Street to North Harrison Street (turn right).
6. At the first stop light turn left onto Park Ave. The Singleton Center for the Performing Arts will be on your left

Traveling I-95 North to VCU

1. Take Exit #74A onto Downtown Expressway, I-195 (The exit ramp is actually on the James River Bridge).
2. Drive 1/2 mile, take exit for Belvidere Street (U.S. #1 & #301). The exit will put you on Canal St.
3. Canal Street will turn into Cumberland St after you cross Belvidere.
4. Go 5 blocks on Cumberland St.
5. Turn right on Harrison Street.
6. Go about 5 blocks to Park Ave. (turn right). The Singleton Center for the Performing Arts will be on your left

