

## UGA Summer Music Camps

*Hugh Hodgson School of Music*  
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Dear Summer Music Institute Students and Parents,

Summer Music Institute will be here before you know it, and everyone at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music is more excited than ever about this year's camp. We hope you are too!

Now that you are registered for Institute, your next step is to review the basic instructions for this year's campers. The document entitled "Institute Information" should answer any remaining questions you may have regarding what to expect and how to prepare for camp. This includes arrival times, location, and what to bring to camp. Of particular importance is the final section under the heading "Camp Policies." Parents and students should read and discuss this section to ensure that they understand the rules, regulations, and expectations of the UGA Summer Music Institute.

Parents should also immediately fill out the Required Minors Authorizations Forms if you have not already done so. It includes several different forms (Participation Agreement and Waiver Form, Health Form, Medication Authorization, Pick Up Authorization, Programs and Activities Serving Minors Participant Code of Conduct, and an Electronic Disclosure). Please fill out and electronically sign the forms as soon as possible. All forms can be completed electronically using the link on our website.

Upon our receipt your application and payment, you should have received a confirmation email which includes our record of your payment status, t-shirt size, whether you requested a private lesson, and your requested roommate (if you requested one). Please check this information for accuracy and let us know of any necessary adjustments right away.

We want to and remind you of the valuable option of taking an optional private lesson. This tremendous opportunity gives you private one-on-one instruction with our internationally acclaimed UGA Hugh Hodgson School of Music Faculty and Summer Music Camp/Institute Faculty! Don't miss out!! If you wish to add a private lesson, please email or call to let us know. Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin, and Voice no longer have availability.

We are pleased that you will be joining us for this year's camp! Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us by way of the information below. We're looking forward to seeing you at Summer Music Institute this June in Athens.

My very best wishes,

Dr. Stephen Fischer  
Camp Director

# Camp Information

## What do I do now?

- 1. Complete forms** – Complete the Required Forms located [online](#). These forms are required to attend the UGA Summer Music Camp Online.
- 2. Add a Private Lesson** – If you would like to have a private lesson and have not requested one, please email the camp office at [smcamp@uga.edu](mailto:smcamp@uga.edu). **Private lessons may not be added after May 13<sup>th</sup>. Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin, and Voice no longer have availability.**
- 3. Pay Remaining Balance** – You may use a credit card for the remaining balance on [UGA Marketplace](#), or you may pay by check by mailing it to the address below. **The remaining balance is due by May 13, 2024.**

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250 River Rd.  
Athens, GA 30602

**\*\*No refunds will be given after May 13, 2024\*\***

## What do I bring to Camp?

### Dorm Campers

- \$45.00 check for dorm key deposit. The deposit will be returned when the room key is turned in at the end of camp.
- All personal items, toiletries, and personal medications.
- Bath towels.
- Bed sheets, blanket, and pillow for a single bed or sleeping bag (Sheet size for dorm beds is Twin Extra-Long).
- Alarm clock or similar device.
- Clothes for the week. Dress for the camp is casual. When choosing clothes for the camp, remember that Georgia summers can be very hot. Because some walking will be involved, athletic shoes are a better choice than flip-flops or sandals.

**Final Concert Dress:** The dress for the concert this year will be relatively casual. All campers will wear their camp T-shirt for the final concert. All campers will receive their shirt at registration and will need to save the shirt for the final concert on Thursday. **Campers may wear pants, shorts, or skirts with their camp shirt for the final performance.**

### All Campers

- All campers should bring their instrument and any solo music and or method books you would like to study in your lessons. **Percussionists should also bring all mallets and sticks. This includes any mallets for timpani, marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, and sticks for snare.**
- Paper and pencil for elective classes and rehearsals.
- A folding music stand (only band/orchestra) with your name clearly marked on both parts.
- Small amount of spending money/card for snacks and vending machines.
- Cell phones are allowed, but are expected to be off during all classes and rehearsals.

# ***Sunday Afternoon: Instrument Drop Off and Registration***

## **Instrument Drop Off**

Sunday afternoon All Campers will be required to drop off their instruments/music stands at the School of Music as part of the registration process. This is meant to create a smoother experience on Sunday evening as the students move from the Dining Hall to the School of Music. Detailed driving instructions to the School of Music (end of document) and instrument drop off locations will be listed below.

Institute Wind Students – Room 304 and 308  
Institute String Students – Orchestra Room 140

## **Registration**

Registration will be held in the lobby of Russell Hall where students attending the Institute will be housed. Parking for registration can be found in the lots labeled W08 and W09 (West Campus Deck) adjacent to Russell Hall. Detailed driving instructions to lot W08 are located the end of this document. **Please be aware that the directions and parking lot are different than in 2023 due to ongoing construction in the area.**

To avoid congestion, registration times are staggered into two sessions by age and instrument. Please plan to arrive within the time frame below:

### **Session I – High school Dorm students (including rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**12:00 – 3:00 PM EDT**

High School Pianists  
High School Vocalists  
High School Band  
High School Strings  
High School Percussionists

### **Session II – Middle School Dorm students and All Day Campers**

**3:00 – 5:00 PM EDT**

**Middle School Pianists**

Middle School Band

Middle School Strings

Middle School Percussionists

All Day Campers (Please plan to register between 4 pm and 5 pm)

At registration, the following will take place:

You will receive your schedule for the week, meal band, room assignment, & T-shirt.

Dorm Students will pay their \$45 key deposit and receive their room key. Students who are registered as Day Campers will meet the Day Camper Counselor to discuss protocol for daily drop-off and pick-up.

**Reminder: The required Minors Authorization Forms must be submitted prior to registration.**

## ***What Happens After Registration?***

**Session I** students will place their belongings in their dorm rooms and settle in prior to dinner at 5:45. **All students** will be dismissed by floor and meet in the lobby of the dorm beginning at 5:15 PM to move to the dining hall for dinner at 5:45 PM. Afterwards all campers will proceed to the School of Music for orientation at 6:45 PM and an 7:45 PM rehearsal.

**Session II** students will place their belongings in their dorm rooms and settle in prior to dinner at 5:45. **Day Campers registering during Session II** are asked to register between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. **All students** will be dismissed by floor and meet in the lobby of the dorm beginning at 5:15 PM to move to the dining hall for dinner at 5:45 PM. Afterwards all campers will proceed to the School of Music for orientation at 6:45 PM and an 7:45 PM rehearsal.

## **Audition Requirements**

**Beginning this summer all Music Institute students will not be required to submit an additional audition for chair placement. The prior audition video used for acceptance into the Summer Music Institute will be used in place of a second audition. If you would like to submit a new audition video you may email it to the Camp Office at [smcamp@uga.edu](mailto:smcamp@uga.edu) by May 20, 2024.**

## ***What is the dorm like?***

Summer Music Camp students will be housed in [Russell Hall](#) on the west side of campus. All dorm rooms are air-conditioned, with two beds per room and community restrooms with shower and toilet stalls. Vending machines are located in the common areas of the dorm as well as the UGA guest wifi. To access the guest wifi it will be necessary to receive a text code to complete the process. For specific information about your child's dorm, please contact the camp office.

As mentioned above, sheets are not provided by the residence hall. It is recommended that campers bring plenty of sheets (Size: Twin Extra-Long), blankets, and a pillow. Keep in mind that dorm rooms may be rather cool at night.

## ***What about food?***

All students will eat meals at our award-winning dining halls. This isn't your typical "cafeteria food." UGA has one of the most honored and awarded Food Services programs of any institution in the country. All meals at the dining halls include unlimited seconds.

Should your camper have special dietary concerns, we will ask you to contact the dining hall manager in advance of your child's arrival on campus. Please call the camp office for contact information for the dining hall managers. Should you wish to learn more about the dining halls you may visit the food service website at <https://dining.uga.edu/>.

## ***What will the daily schedule be like?***

All students will be in classes, rehearsals, or other activities from 8:15 AM – 8:15 PM each day. Lunch is served at 12:15 with dinner at 5:45 PM. Each afternoon students will participate in a special activity including a Faculty Recital, Staff Recital, and Honors Recital. You will receive a more detailed schedule when you arrive for registration.

**Day Campers should plan to arrive each morning at the Performing Arts Center between 7:45 AM - 8:00 AM and may depart campus daily at approximately 8:15 PM from the same place.**

## ***How do we get around?***

It will be necessary to walk between the School of Music and meals each day. The walk is pleasant and safe and takes about 5 minutes. Though the walk is brief, campers are advised to wear athletic shoes to daily activities and bring an umbrella in case of rain. All other transportation will be provided by UGA charter buses each morning and evening between the dorm and School of Music.

## ***What if I get sick or hurt?***

Your signed health form allows us to transport you to the University Health Center in case of illness or injury. Emergencies will be handled by St. Mary's Hospital in Athens. Should medical care become necessary it will be at your parents' expense.

Please complete the health form thoroughly, paying special attention to any specific allergies or conditions that may apply to you. If there is a condition of which the camp staff should be aware, please let us know about this prior to the start of camp. Of course, if you get sick or hurt, we expect you to let us know so we can fix it!

## ***What about the last day?***

Concerts will be held on Thursday afternoon at the School of Music Building and Performing Arts Center. Though you won't know your exact Thursday schedule the week of camp, the schedule below will give you a rough idea of what to expect on Thursday.

Parents and their students should remain in contact throughout the week regarding what time to meet for dorm checkout. Student's performing earlier concerts / recitals will check out sooner, while student's who perform later will check out in the afternoon.

8:15 AM – 11:15 AM Classes and Rehearsals

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch (staggered for concert performances)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Final Concerts Parents and students check out of dorms

1:45 PM - 5:00 PM Dorm Check out following final performance

**Concerts will take place simultaneously in three separate recital / concert halls.**

**Projected Concert Times** - These concert / recital times are approximate and are subject to change based on enrollment numbers. Students and parents should stay in contact throughout the week regarding ensemble assignment and concert time.

**-Piano Camp Recital** will be held in **Edge Recital Hall**, School of Music, 3rd Floor beginning at **1:00 PM**.

**-Voice/Choral Camp Recital** will be held in **Ramsey Concert Hall**, Performing Arts Center (next to the School of Music) beginning at **1:00 PM**.

**- Jazz Band Concert** will be held in **Ramsey Concert Hall**, Performing Arts Center (next to the School of Music) beginning at **1:45 PM**.

**- Band Camp Concerts** will be held in **Hodgson Concert Hall**, Performing Arts Center (next to the School of Music). **Middle School Band** Concert will begin at **1:00 PM** followed by the **High School Band** at **1:30** and the **Institute Wind Ensemble** at **2:00**.

**- Orchestra Camp Concerts** will be held in **Hodgson Concert Hall**, Performing Arts Center (next to the School of Music). The **Middle School Orchestra** Concert will begin at **2:30 PM** followed by the **High School Orchestra** at **3:00** and the **Institute String Ensemble** at **3:30**.

## ***Rules***

All of the rules for camp can be found on the "General Policies" form. We expect our campers to behave like young men and women, with respect for other campers and for the facilities of the University of Georgia. Naturally, we do not allow harmful or unhealthy behavior (smoking, drinking) under any circumstances. We expect all campers to participate in all camp activities and to follow the directions of camp staff and faculty.

We rarely encounter any discipline problems at our camp. We believe our campers are among the best and brightest students in middle and high schools. In those cases when a camper commits gross misconduct or consistently demonstrates an inability to follow the rules, we usually send the individual home. This is rarely necessary, but not out of the question. We want you to have a wonderful experience at the UGA Summer Music Camp. You can do so by following the rules and policies on the "General Policies" form.

## ***What if I have questions?***

Call us at (706) 542-2061. If we don't answer right away, leave a message and we'll call back with the answer as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to call, as we want your experience to be as enjoyable and trouble-free as possible. We're looking forward to a great summer camp, and hope you are too!

## ***Directions to Parking for Russell Hall (Registration)***

**Traveling South to Athens:** Follow U.S. 29, GA 106, U.S.441, or U.S. 129 South to Athens. Each Joins GA 10 Loop (Athens Perimeter). Exit at College Station Road (Exit #7) and turn right. Turn right at the second light onto East Campus Rd and then take another left at the first light (Carlton St). Turn right at the third light onto Lumpkin St and then turn left at the third light onto Baxter St. Turn left at the third light onto Church St. Parking Lot W08 and the entrance the West Campus Parking Deck will be on your left. Russell Hall will be slightly down the hill from the parking lot.

**Traveling North to Athens:** Follow Highway 441 / 129 North to Athens. Each joins GA 10 Loop (Athens Perimeter). Take Loop 10 eastbound. Exit at College Station Road (Exit #7) and turn left. Turn right at the third light onto East Campus Rd and then take another left at the first light (Carlton St). Turn right at the third light onto Lumpkin St and then turn left at the third light onto Baxter St. Turn left at the third light onto Church St. Parking Lot W08 and the entrance the West Campus Parking Deck will be on your left. Russell Hall will be slightly down the hill from the parking lot.

**Traveling East to Athens:** Travel east on U.S. 78 or GA 316 to Athens. If traveling on U.S. 78, exit onto GA 316 East. Turn right onto the Athens Perimeter (GA Loop 10) traveling East (There is a sign for the University of Georgia/Athens By-Pass at the junction of GA 316 and the 10 Loop). After approximately five miles on the Perimeter, exit onto College Station Road (Exit #7). Turn right at the third light onto Lumpkin St and then turn left at the third light onto Baxter St. Turn left at the third light onto Church St. Parking Lot W08 and the entrance the West Campus Parking Deck will be on your left. Russell Hall will be slightly down the hill from the parking lot.

**Traveling West to Athens:** Take U.S. 78 West to Athens. In Athens, travel under the Athens Perimeter (GA Loop 10) then take a left at the next traffic light onto the Perimeter going westbound. Exit the Perimeter at the next exit, which is College Station Road (Exit #7). Turn right onto College Station Road. Turn right at the third light onto Lumpkin St and then turn left at the third light onto Baxter St. Turn left at the third light onto Church St. Parking Lot W08 and the entrance the West Campus Parking Deck will be on your left. Russell Hall will be slightly down the hill from the parking lot.

**For a detailed map to Russell Hall you can use the following [link](#).**



## ***Directions to School of Music (Instrument Drop Off)***

School of Music Address: 250 River Rd. Athens, GA 30602

### **From Russell Hall following registration**

From Russell Hall, exit lot W08 and turn right onto Church St. and proceed to the traffic light at Baxter Street. Turn right onto Baxter St. and follow it down the hill until you reach Lumpkin Ave. Turn left onto Lumpkin Ave and then right on Baldwin St. at the next traffic light. Continue to the 3<sup>rd</sup> light and turn right onto East Campus Rd. As you begin to pass the stadium turn left under the railroad bridge onto River Rd. The School of Music will be on the right in about a mile. Directions can also be accessed [here](#).

# ***General Policies***

1. **General Discipline** - Students' social and moral behavior is of paramount importance to the success of the total program of the camp. You are young adults and will be treated as such.
2. **Personal Appearance** - While the camp does not define personal dress, it does insist that all participants be neat and dressed in good taste at all times. Wear shoes at all appropriate times.
3. **Alcoholic Beverages** - Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages by anyone will result in expulsion.
4. **Drugs**- All personnel are advised that federal and state laws prohibit the possession or use of certain drugs. The camp will immediately expel any person involved with drugs and will turn such cases over to proper civil authorities. Prescribed drugs / medications must be noted on your medical form at check-in.
5. **Smoking** - There is to be NO SMOKING by any student at any time.
6. **Vehicles** - We cannot accept responsibility for automobile accidents. Students are not to ride in or have access to cars during the time enrolled in the camp. Day campers are to drive only to reach campus and return home. All campers who drive themselves to campus will surrender their keys to a designated staff member upon arrival. In case of illness or emergency, campers may be transported to the University Health Center by staff members. Under no other circumstances will any student ride in any vehicle other than university buses or vans.
7. **Class and Program Attendance** - Students are to attend and be punctual to all classes and evening programs except when excused by your counselor, the University Health Center, or the camp office. Contact your head dorm counselor or call the camp office should you become ill.
8. **Use and/or Abuse of Property** - Any student defacing property will be liable for damages and considered for expulsion. The residence hall is an air- conditioned building, and thus windows there are not to be opened. Students found throwing anything from a window will be dismissed from the dormitory and the camp.
9. **Campus Curfew** - If you stay on campus, you are to be in the dormitory each night by the scheduled time, be on your floor at 10:00 p.m., and be in your room and quiet by 10:30 p.m.
10. **Room Visitation and Dating** - Campers must stay on their assigned floor. Check the indicator over the elevator door before stepping out to be sure you are on the right floor. We do not allow boys in girl's rooms or halls, and vice-versa. For your own protection, keep your door locked at all times even when just walking down the hall for a moment. Camp participants are not to associate with non-camp personnel. University security will monitor the area and remove non- participants.
11. **Practicing in the Residence Hall** - Refrain from practicing in your rooms at any time.
12. **Messages** - Messages will be placed on lobby bulletin boards. Mail is distributed each evening.
13. **The Camp Staff reserves the right to enter any dorm room for the purposes of ensuring the safety or compliance of camp students or protecting university or private property.**