



Midsummer Musical Retreat News

July 2022

WELCOME TO MMR 2022

It has been a long, challenging year for many of us. We know that you are looking forward to reconnecting with friends and making music together at camp this summer.

MMR COVID-19 Protocol

Please review the [COVID-19 Protocol we will be following at camp](#).

We wish to maintain as safe an environment for all participants as possible while at MMR. Our protocol has been developed to maximize the safety of MMR participants this summer.

1. **If you have been exposed to COVID-19**, at Check-In you will be asked to complete a rapid test. If you test positive, you will need to leave camp immediately.
 2. **Use of Masks**
 - Outdoors - Personal Choice (remembering masks protect oneself and others).
 - Indoor Events (Concerts, etc.) - Everyone should wear masks except when eating/drinking. We recommend N95 masks.
 - Rehearsals/Performances:
 - Singers and non-wind players will be required to wear masks.
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- Wind players should wear masks until playing their instrument. Best practice is for Brass and Woodwind players to use both split masks and bell covers.
3. **If you become ill at camp**, have your emergency contact person arrange for off-campus housing and transportation to your home.

INFORMATION TO HELP PREPARE YOU FOR A GREAT WEEK

Check-In

Check-In is Thursday, July 28, 2:00–7:00 p.m. in Reid Campus Center, 280 Boyer Avenue. Please do not arrive before 2:00 p.m. If you arrive after 7:00 p.m., your room keys will be at the front desk in Reid Campus Center.

- **FIRST - Check-In to your housing.** Stanton and Anderson residents should go to the dorm to unload and move in. A Whitman Conference Aide will be in each dorm with keys. College House residents should pick up keys in Reid Campus Center.
- **SECOND - Check-In to MMR.**

3 Step Check-In Process

1. Your first stop will be at a table outside Reid Ballroom where you will be asked to fill out a questionnaire to ensure that you are COVID-free.
2. Enter the Reid Ballroom to receive your Check-In Materials.
 - Registration packet (containing your camp T-shirt, if previously purchased).
 - Large Ensemble music folder.
 - At the Treasurer's Table:
 - Purchase scrip for Fermata Bar drinks (please note, due to increasing costs, prices for drinks will be higher this year).
 - Settle any remaining balances.



- Pick up your commemorative wine glass, which features the MMR logo etched in glass. A limited number of glasses can be purchased for \$20. Remember, wine tastes best in a glass.
 - Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.
 - New Campers will receive a 1-on-1 orientation.
 - WMEA forms for Washington State music educators to earn clock hours.
3. Pick up your key card at the Reid Information Desk. This allows you to enter buildings on campus. The key card must be returned at the end of camp to avoid a fine.

Thursday Evening

Dinner will be served in the Cleveland Commons at 6:30. New Campers are invited to eat together and meet members of the MMR Board at a New Camper Dinner located in the dining hall.

The Meet the Faculty Concert will be at 8:00 p.m. in Harper Joy Theater followed by a Meet & Greet Reception in the Harper Joy Foyer.

Friday Schedule

The Choral Faculty with the Faculty Orchestra (including invited campers) will run through the choral repertoire at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning in Harper Joy Theater. Chorus members are encouraged to attend. All campers are invited.

Camper Led activities and Ad-Hoc chamber groups may also be planned for this time. The MMR Library of Chamber Music will be open.

This is an early opportunity for instrumental A, B, or C ensembles to meet for a run through. Use the email addresses in your roster or post signs in Reid to get in touch.

The first rehearsals for the Large Ensembles are scheduled for 10:00

a.m. Instrumentalists will need their own music stand in all program venues except Cordiner Hall. Your Camper Handbook will provide the rehearsal location and other important information about camp.

Camper Led Activities

MMR has been enriched over the years with activities organized by our campers. We have enjoyed Masses of Brasses and spirited readings of string standards (Brandenburg Concerti, Water Music, Eine Kleine Nacht Musik, Brahms Sextets), Early Music sessions (Bring recorders!). Tai Chi and evening drumming have been suggested.

If you would like to organize something similar, send an email to midsummer@musicalretreat.org to arrange a rehearsal room. Bring your music and flyers to post, inviting others to participate. The Midsummer Musical Retreat Facebook Group is a good place to generate interest, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/musicalretreat/>.

Fermata Bar

The Fermata Bar is held before dinner on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday afternoons.

At-Home groups and ensembles that meet Friday morning are invited to perform at the Friday Fermata Bar. Sign-ups sheets are posted daily in Cleveland Commons.

Enjoy the fine wines of the Walla Walla region selected by Wendy Wilhelmi for MMR. Also available are house wines and artisan beer. Scrip to be redeemed at the Fermata Bar is sold at Check-In and at the Fermata Bar. Beer and wine from the Fermata Bar cannot be taken into the dining hall.

Safety and Security at MMR

The most secure place for your instrument is your locked room. Instrument storage is also available in the Stanton Hall Lobby. Consider bringing a bicycle cable to secure your instrument.

It is important to maintain clear walkways in meeting and rehearsal rooms. Be sure to keep your unattended instruments and cases out of high traffic areas. Be aware that Golf Carts may be traveling on the same paths. Move to the right if they approach you from behind.

Instrument Insurance

Please arrange with your insurance company for coverage on your instrument(s) while at camp.

NOTE: Midsummer Music Retreat and Whitman College are not responsible for the safety of your instrument.

On-Campus Transportation

Shuttle service driven by MMR volunteers will be available to help you get around. This service is provided for campers and faculty with mobility problems. If you would like to be a volunteer to be a shuttle service (golf cart) driver, please contact Rick Thompson at k.latifolia@outlook.com before or at camp. Flexible Hours.

Clock Hours for Teachers

Linda Pilcher is the point of contact for earning Clock Hours from the Washington Music Educators Association. Forms are available at Check-in and can be returned at the end of camp to the WMEA Clock Hours “mailbox” in the library in Reid Campus Center, Room 110.

Gender Neutral Restrooms & Bathrooms

HEADS UP! Restrooms in the Cleveland Commons and Stanton Hall are **GENDER NEUTRAL**. Each toilet and shower is fully private, but the area is used by both men and women. Bring robes.

Communication at MMR

Beginning on July 28, an MMR Board member will check emails once a day. If you need access to a computer, there are public computers in Reid Campus Center. All Whitman buildings have WiFi. This year we will be sending a Daily Camp Bulletin via email to all campers to provide up-to-date information. You can access the email on your smartphone or laptop.

Guests

All guests must comply with COVID Protocols established by Midsummer Musical Retreat and Whitman College.

Public Concerts

Free Concert: The Festival Concert on Tuesday is at 5:00 p.m. and in Cordiner Hall. The public is invited.

Festival Chorus

- Music, Spread Thy Voice Around and The Name of the Wicked shall Pass, by George Frideric Handel
- Agnus Dei from Mass in the Time of War by Joseph Haydn
- The Promise of Living from The Tender Land by Aaron Copland

String Orchestra

- Estampas Nocturnas by Manuel M. Ponce.
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Symphonic Band

- The Redwoods
- Variations on a Korean Folk Song
- Iditarod
- Americans We

Festival Orchestra

- Norwegian Dances Opus 35 by Edvard Grieg
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Food for Purchase

Guests may purchase food a la carte in the Cleveland Commons. Please make a donation for guests who attend the Fermata Bar.

Guests for the Tuesday evening **Festival Dinner on the Lawn** must purchase tickets from the Registrar, Jessica Dowell, or the Treasurer, Jane Hutcheson, by noon on Sunday. The ticket price of \$70.00 includes the Performance Day Tea.

List of Things to Bring to Camp

- **Your Sense of Humor**
 - Three COVID Test Kits
 - Masks
 - Music stand and instrument(s)
 - MMR nametag pouch to re-use
 - Re-usable water bottle!
 - For camper-led activities...Recorders, Folk instruments (guitar, banjo, ukulele, mandolin, folk harp, bodhran, spoons, washboard, etc.)
 - Extra music for pick-up/ad hoc ensembles
 - Informal comfortable clothes and shoes
 - Nice casual outfit for final concert
 - Props and costumes for Skit Night
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- Prescription medications (There is a Safeway store with a pharmacy at 215 E. Rose Street.)
- Toiletries, including soap
- Warm sweater or jacket (for air-conditioned rooms)
- Sunhat
- Phone

You may find it convenient to bring a wheeled cart for transporting your gear or instrument across campus.

If Staying on Campus

- Bathrobe (bathrooms are down the hall)
- Fans (campers arriving by air will be provided a fan at check-in – no personal air conditioners are allowed, per Whitman policy)
- Alarm clock
- Desk or reading light
- Large towel (Whitman's are small)

Percussionists

The list of recommended mallets and instruments to bring to MMR can be found on the Resources Menu on our website. If you have questions, email us at midsummer@musicalretreat.org.

Let the Music Play On

MMR has decided to eliminate ads from the Camper Handbook. Please bring flyers for at-home ensembles you want to promote. A space will be available to display them.

We maintain a searchable list of Community Ensembles in the Pacific Northwest on our website. There is a link in the Take Note sidebar at www.musicalretreat.org.

Alaska Airlines Discount

If you have not yet made your travel plans, Alaska Airlines offers a 5% discount to MMR campers traveling within the continental U.S.

To access the discount, go to www.alaskair.com. Select the dates for your flights and enter discount code ECMD881. The discount will be deducted when payment for the flights is computed.

Transportation to Whitman College from the Walla Walla Airport

Campers are responsible for their own transportation to Whitman College. There are a limited number of taxi/Uber/Lyft drivers available in Walla Walla. We strongly urge you to make your transportation arrangements to/from the airport in advance, especially if you have an early flight on Wednesday morning. Carpooling rides can be arranged at <http://musicalretreat.org/carpool>.

Carpools

Looking for someone to share a ride to camp? Our Facebook site is a great place to connect! Over 600 musicians have joined our Facebook Midsummer Musical Retreat Facebook Group. We have also set up links for ride sharing between Seattle and Walla Walla as well as Portland and Walla Walla.

Directions to Whitman College

Use your preferred online map service for directions to Whitman College. The address of the Memorial Building/Clock Tower is 345 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362. There is an excellent campus map at <https://whitman.edu/map>.

Quick Facts for MMR 2022

July 28 - August 3, 2022, at Whitman College, Walla Walla WA 99362

Call for information: 1-800-471-2419

Email: midsummer@musicalretreat.org

Website: www.musicalretreat.org

Corporate Address

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Registration Address

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Whitman College Information

Conferences and Events: 509-527-5251

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