

**Maine Summer Youth Music Junior & Senior Camp**  
School of Performing Arts – 5788 Class of 1944 Hall – University of Maine  
Orono, ME 04469-5788 ~ (207) 581-1232  
**Registration Day Information ~ Camp Dates: July 13-July 18, 2025**

Thank you for choosing MSYM for the summer of 2025! This packet contains important information and forms you will need for MSYM. Please read all of this, and if you have any questions, please contact us at [msym@maine.edu](mailto:msym@maine.edu)

**REGISTRATION:** Sunday, July 13, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am, in the lobby of the Collins Center for the Arts. If you are going to be registering after 11:00 am please make special arrangements with the MSYM office, (207) 581-1232, before July 7, 2025. Students will be staying at Oxford Hall and eating at Hilltop Dining Hall.

There will be a detailed **STEP BY STEP** guide available when you arrive. The one included in this packet is subject to some changes.

**All medical and emergency forms (with a copy of insurance card) must be signed and brought to registration.**

**Rooming**

Rooms are assigned as you arrive at the dorm. (Oxford Hall) If you wish to have a specific roommate you must arrive at the dorm together. We do not preassign roommates or take roommate requests before registration. If you wish to room in the gender neutral wing, contact Christopher White, Camp Director, at [cgwwhite@maine.edu](mailto:cgwwhite@maine.edu)

**Planned Absence Forms:** Occasionally circumstances arise when a student needs to leave camp for a short period of time. If this is necessary, please fill out a planned absence form on Registration Day. **Only parents or guardians may fill out this form.** If a parent or guardian cannot be at registration please contact the MSYM office and one will be mailed to you to be brought to Registration. Please see the enclosed letter from the Camp Director for more information on our attendance policy.

**General Meeting:** A general meeting for ALL parents, campers, and staff members will take place at **2:00pm**, on **Sunday, July 13 in the Collins Center**. Once students are dismissed for rehearsals, parents are asked to stay for a brief but important meeting.

**Placement Auditions:**

**Students will audition immediately after checking in at the Class of 1944 hall, before proceeding to dorms.**

1. All instrumentalists **MUST** audition at this time. Room locations will be marked when you arrive in the Class of 1944 Hall and students will go to assigned room(s). You should bring a **prepared solo** to use in the auditions. Sight-reading and a few scales will also be included in the audition process.
2. Auditions are not required for Chorus.

Senior camp students wishing to participate in the SSAA Treble Choir will need to audition (see below). Musical Theater Solo part audition requirements will be in the director's letter included in this packet.

**Honors Recital auditions will also happen during this time for anyone who did not submit a video.**  
Our goal is to have ensembles in place so we can start rehearsing Sunday Afternoon.

**Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Combo:** Placement is by audition. For wind players wishing to play in a jazz ensemble, your concert band audition will also count as your jazz ensemble audition. Rhythm section players (Piano, Drums, Guitar, Bass) must audition specifically for the jazz ensemble, and should be prepared to demonstrate the ability to play in different styles (Swing, Latin, Rock/Funk). Auditions for jazz combo, including woodwind/brass players and rhythm section players, will occur in the same room where jazz rhythm section auditions are taking place.

**Musical Theater:** Auditions are required for those who want to be considered for a solo or lead role. Please see the enclosed letters for audition requirements. Those who only wish to be members of the ensemble cast need not audition.

**SSAA Choir Auditions SR CAMP ONLY:** Under the direction of UMaine choral music education professor Dr. Rebecca DeWan, the auditioned SSAA choir will provide sopranos and altos with a challenging and rewarding choral experience. We will collectively select repertoire ranging from traditional choral pieces, folk tunes, and contemporary a cappella. There will be two components to the short audition: 1) be prepared to sing 1 minute of a song that you feel shows off your voice. This could be a pop tune, something you've sung in chorus, etc. The song will be a cappella (no piano, no track). 2) you will sing a scale or a simple round while someone harmonizes with you to demonstrate your ability to hold your own part.

**Please Note:** Percussion equipment (**NOT STICKS**) and bass amplifiers will be provided for the students to use during auditions and rehearsals. Guitar amplifiers will only be provided for students to use during auditions. Guitar and Bass players should bring their own amp for rehearsals. Please make sure your equipment is clearly marked with your name.

**IMPORTANT :**

1. If your student has a portable music stand, please bring it with you clearly marked with the students name.
2. Please make sure your camper's instrument is in good working order and stocked with all necessary supplies (reeds, oils, etc.) prior to camp. While minor emergency repairs can be accommodated, MSYM is not responsible and does not have the means to make any other types of repairs necessary to keep your camper's instrument in good working order. MSYM also does not have any loaner instruments. Please ensure that your child's camp experience is the best possible by having a working instrument. Thank you!

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## General Information ~ Camp Dates: July 13 – July 18, 2025

### What to Bring:

Instrument, portable music stand, drumsticks (for percussion), *pencils*, reeds, mutes, valve oil, music staff paper, **music for Honors solo night if you wish to audition**, and a notebook. If you are a guitar or bass player, please provide your own amplifier for rehearsals. Please do not pack a large amount of money.

### Dormitory Needs:

\*\*\*YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN BEDDING, \*\*\* sheets (twin long suggested), pillows, pillowcases, blankets, alarm clock, **fan** and toiletries such as shampoo, towels, etc. Air conditioners are not allowed.

There is a gender inclusive wing available. Please contact Chris White at [cwhite@maine.edu](mailto:cwhite@maine.edu)

***PLEASE label all personal items and keep track of your instrument and music stand.***

***MSYM is not responsible for loss of personal or public school property.***

### Clothing:

Campers are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. Dress comfortably and informally. The weather is unpredictable, but is generally very warm during the day and cooler in the evenings.

### Concert Dress:

Black bottoms (no blue jeans), dark shoes, dark socks, and black top.

### Concert Times:

Friday July 18, 2025, Collins Center for the Arts

1:00pm Junior Music Theater and Jazz Ensembles

3:00pm Senior Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Combo, and Musical Theater

5:00pm Junior Choir, Combined Strings, and Junior Concert Band

7:00pm Senior Concert Band, SSAA Treble Choir, and Choir

### HONORS RECITAL NIGHT

**Honors Recital Night- Thursday July 17 at @7:00 pm at the Collins Center for the Arts.**

Honors Recital Night gives campers the opportunity to perform alone or in a small group. It is not required that campers participate. Those who wish to perform at Honors Recital Night must prepare a musical selection and either send in an early audition video or audition with one of our staff members during auditions on the first day of camp. Staff members will only select campers who prepare a quality performance. Due to time constraints, we may not be able to accept all campers that audition. Please see separate Honors Recital information sheet for additional information.

### ABOUT THE MUSICAL SELECTIONS FOR HONORS NIGHT:

Honors Recital Night – Traditional/Classical Literature, Musical Theater selections. **No pop or rock.**

### Meals:

Meal/access cards are required for dining in the commons. **Resident** campers will receive a meal/access card at dorm check in. **Commuters** have the opportunity to purchase a meal plan.

**Cell Phone Internet Policy:** At MSYM we are certainly concerned about the safety of your child. We recommend that cell phones stay in the dorm rooms; however a student can have their phone with them with the understanding that it is to be used appropriately. This means that phones should NOT be out during rehearsals, classes or performances. By giving this permission, we expect students to be responsible for their actions. Phones are to be **silent** when on the student during all activities during the camp. If a phone becomes a problem with interruptions or focus issues, the phone will be confiscated and brought to Mr. Mania, Dean of Students. The student will then meet with Mr. Mania and discuss the proper expected usage of their device. If this becomes a problem, a conversation with the camp director and parent/guardian will be put into motion. Be advised that internet ready devices may be able to connect to the University system and that there are no parental controls on the system.

Tablets and personal computers are not allowed for campers at MSYM.

## **Registration Step-By-Step July 13, 2025 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Parking:** Prior to registering, you will need to park in one of the large parking lots (either the Belgrade Lot or the CCA Lot). You should not park in the fire lane immediately outside of the Class of 1944 Hall and the CCA - this is a tow away zone.

**Step 1** IN Lobby of the Collins Center for the Arts ( CCA)

1. Pay your balance if needed

**FYI: Any balance due the day of registration must be paid by cash, certified bank check or debit/credit card. You may purchase a commuter meal plan at this time if you have not already done so.**

2. Turn in the release and assumption of risk form and photo release form.

\*In addition to those, if you have a commuter meal plan form you should turn it in here.

\*If you have filled out an absence request form, turn it in here, and you will need to have it approved by the camp director.

3. Students will also receive their name tags at this time and **sign up for chorus** if interested.

4. Proceed down the hall to the **Medical Paperwork Table Outside the Bulletin Boards** in the Class of 1944 Hall. If your child has no specific medical needs and takes no medication, you may simply turn in your medical paperwork and proof of insurance to the staff member at the table. If your student does have specific medical needs and/or takes medications, you will need to see the nurse *after* auditioning (see step 7).

5. Commuter students will need to check in with the commuter coordinator staff member at the commuter information table **outside of Room 104**. Resident students will skip this step.

6. Students will then proceed to auditions, the locations of which are listed here. Please ensure that you have your instrument set up and ready to go before entering your audition room and that you keep your cases/belongings away from the middle of hallways and waiting areas.

### **AUDITION ROOMS**

Junior Flute: Room 226

Senior Flute: Room 239

Junior Clarinet: Room 100

Senior Clarinet: Room 102

Junior/Senior Alto Saxophone: Room 15

Junior/Senior Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Oboe, and Bassoon: Room 107

Junior Trumpet and French Horn: Room 224

Senior Trumpet and French Horn: Dressing Room 1

Junior/Senior Trombone/Euphonium/Baritone: Green Room

Junior/Senior Tuba: Room 337

Junior/Senior Percussion: Room 104

Junior/Senior Strings: Room 210

Junior/Senior Jazz Ensemble Rhythm Section: Minsky

Senior Jazz Combo: Minsky

Junior/Senior Music Theater: Hauck Stage

Senior SSAA Choir: Room 304

Junior/Senior Honors Recital: Third Floor Practice Room Area

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- **Senior Camp Only:** If you are auditioning for the SSAA Choir, do that audition first, then any other group auditions.
- If you wish to play your primary instrument in a jazz ensemble, please let your auditioner know.
- If you are auditioning on a different instrument for a jazz ensemble, please complete your primary audition first, and then proceed to your second audition (this includes jazz rhythm section auditions as well (guitar, piano, bass, drums)).
- You do not need to audition for musical theater unless you are interested in performing a lead role.
- After all other auditions are done, if you are interested in performing in the Honors Recital, please proceed to the third floor practice room area to audition.
- Jazz Band and Musical Theater meet at the same time. If you audition for both of these and are selected for both, you will need to make a choice.
- In a similar vein, the senior camp jazz combo meets at the same time as the senior camp chorus.
- Again, students auditioning for jazz bands or Honors recital should do so *after* their primary instrument audition. Parents, please wait for your student in the Class of 1944 Hall.

7. Once auditions are completed, if your student has specific medical needs or takes medications, those parents and students must see the Nurse in Room 316 on the third floor of 1944 Hall. Go to the elevator and Press 3E and follow the signs. The room will be clearly marked.

1. If you are a resident camper, once you have registered in the Class of 1944 Hall and have auditioned, please proceed to **OXFORD** and check into the dormitory and move into your room. Roommate requests are done when you arrive at your dorm. When you come to camp you *must* show up at the dorm **with** your roommate in order to room together. You may temporarily park near the dorm door if moving in belongings for a resident camper, and should then move your vehicle to the nearest parking lot to clear the way for other vehicles.

**\*Special Note:** Vehicles should be moved to an appropriate parking lot immediately after unloading to avoid leaving them in fire lanes.

2. Commuter students do not need to report to the dorm.

**Step 3** After you have completed step 2, you are on your own for lunch. **The Memorial Union will NOT be open.** However, there are restaurants located on Stillwater Avenue, as well as in the downtown areas of Orono and Old Town.

**Step 4 2:00 PM Collins Center,**

Meeting for **ALL** parents, campers and staff in **CCA**. Staff will be introduced to students and parents, after which the students will be directed to the Minsky Lobby to see what ensemble(s) they have been placed in and receive their schedule, then proceed to step 5.

**Step 5 AFTERNOON & EVENING REHEARSALS/CLASS SIGN UP**

<b>2:20-2:25 PM</b>	<b><i>Students dismissed from meeting/view rosters/go to first rehearsals</i></b>	
<b>2:45-3:30 PM</b>	All students not rehearsing (i.e., Senior Vocal-Only students, Junior Band students (in sectionals), and Junior/Senior Strings) complete their schedules at this time.	Designated Spaces
	Senior Band Rehearsal	CCA
	Junior Chamber Choir	Room 102
<b>3:40-4:25 PM</b>	All students not rehearsing (i.e., Junior Vocal-Only students and Senior Band students(in sectionals)) complete their schedules at this time.	Designated Spaces
	Junior Band	CCA
	Junior/Senior String Ensemble	Minsky
	Senior SSAA Choir	Room 102
<b>4:35-5:20</b>	Any student who has not made their schedule yet and is not in rehearsal should do so now.	1944 Hall Hallway
	Senior Jazz Combo	Room 100
	Senior Chorus	Minsky
	Junior Chorus	Room 102
<b>5:20-6:10</b>	<b>First Camp Meal</b> <i>Students must walk with MSYM staff to be shown the walking path</i>	<b>Hilltop Dining</b>
<b>6:30-7:15</b>	Any student who has not made their schedule yet and is not in rehearsal should do so now.	1944 Hall Hallway
	Senior Jazz Ensemble 1	Minsky
	Senior Jazz Ensemble 2	Room 224
	Junior Jazz Ensemble 1	Room 100
	Junior Jazz Ensemble 2	Room 102

	Senior Music Theater	Hauck
	Junior Musical Theater	CCA
<b>7:20-7:40</b>	<b>First Evening Check-In</b>	<b>Minsky Lobby</b>
	If a student has not had time to make their schedule by this point, they should find a faculty member to do so before the evening meeting.	1944 Hall Hallway
<b>7:45 PM</b>	Meeting for all campers and staff. Mr. Mania will go over the evening schedule and make other announcements	Minsky
<b>8:45 PM</b>	Students dismissed. Commuters sign out to go home. Resident campers proceed to the dorm. Report to floor meeting.	
<b>9:00 PM</b>	Junior Camp Floor Meetings	Oxford Hall
<b>9:30 PM</b>	Senior Camp Floor Meetings	Oxford Hall
<b>10:00 PM</b>	<b>Junior Camp Lights Out</b>	
<b>10:30 PM</b>	<b>Senior Camp Lights Out</b>	

## Maine Summer Youth Music Rules and Regulations

The primary reason for attending MSYM is to learn more about music and to enjoy making music together. There are certain rules and regulations that campers should obey if these primary goals are to be accomplished. Please read the following carefully;

To ensure that the University of Maine fulfills its responsibility to students who are guests on its campus and that those students fulfill their responsibility to the University as its guests, the following rules and regulations shall apply to all MSYM participants. Staff members are instructed to report any violations to the Dean of Students, Mr. Mania. Appropriate action will be taken immediately. The Dean of Students will keep a detailed written report of all infractions and will meet with the camper(s) to discuss discipline. Discipline can range from remedial action to dismissal from camp. Repeat or serious infractions can lead to meeting with the Camp Director and can result in dismissal from camp. Students dismissed from MSYM will not be able to participate in MSYM again.

**MSYM and the University of Maine do not tolerate breaking the law. In addition to dismissal from camp the proper authorities will be notified.**

### **RULES**

#### **Students are responsible for:**

- Providing their own bedding (sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blankets).
- They will need their own towels and toiletries
- Keeping rooms locked and keeping track of their meal/access cards.

Loss of personal and school property, damage to personal property, induced accident, careless injury.  
Cost of damage to facilities.  
Knowing the daily schedule and adhering to it.

- ***Alcohol and Drugs:*** Use or possession of either will result in immediate dismissal.  
Smoking. In addition to the above, smoking at MSYM is not allowed and will result in dismissal.
- ***Weapons:*** Use or possession of weapons will result in immediate dismissal.
- ***Harassment:*** NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE -- In complying with the letter and spirit of applicable laws and in pursuing its own goals of diversity, the University of Maine System shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, or veterans status in employment, education, and all other areas of the University. The University provides reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Questions and complaints about discrimination in any area of the University should be directed to the Camp Director. They will then notify the Office of Equal Opportunity at The University of Maine.
- ***Camp Dress Code:*** Campers are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming.
- ***Camp Boundaries:*** Campers are to remain in and around Maine Summer Youth Music designated facilities. This means the dorm, cafeteria, music building, evening activity areas etc. These areas will be defined each year at camp in the pening meeting.
- ***Vandalism and Theft:*** Immediate dismissal from MSYM.
- ***Noise:*** Because of the variety of schedules for staff and other members of the University community, students should be considerate of the needs of others at all times. Running, playing “ball” or “toss” games, etc. in the dorms is not allowed.
- ***Recreational Transportation:*** For the safety of the camper and others at camp, there will be no skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, scooters or bicycles allowed at MSYM.
- ***Motorized Transportation:*** Students may not bring a motorized vehicle of any kind for use during MSYM or ride with anyone other than parents and/or authorized staff for medical emergencies during their stay. If a student drives themselves to registration, their car keys MUST be turned into the Dean of Students Mr. Mania at the beginning of camp and will be returned when they check out of camp. Commuter students may drive their own car to and from camp daily, but cannot drive on campus otherwise while camp is in session.
- ***Insurance:*** To comply with federal law, **All campers must have health insurance. Campers will not be allowed to remain at camp if there is no proof of coverage.**
- **The University does not provide health or accident coverage for MSYM activities.** MSYM does have qualified medical personnel in the dorm to assist if there is an emergency. Please let the camp medical technician know if you are not feeling well. They will be able to advise you on what to do.

## **DORM RULES**

- ***Visitation:*** Visitation in the Dorm Rooms between male and female will not be permitted at any time. Males will not be on the Female’s floor and Females will not be on the Male’s floor at any time. This does not include the day of registration and the check out day.
- ***Lights Out:*** Students will be present on their floors at the prescribed time and lights will be turned off at the prescribed time.

Junior Camp	On the Floor- 9:30 p.m.	Lights Out- 10:00 p.m.
Senior Camp	On the Floor- 10:00 p.m.	Lights Out- 10:30 p.m.

\*\* There may be variations of the above time schedule due to activities, health concerns, and other factors as camp progresses.
- ***Leaving Campus:*** Students will not be permitted to leave campus unless a planned absence form has been filled out and filed on the day of registration. Unplanned absences need to be handled through the camp office. Please do not pick you child up at the music building, all students must be signed out through the camp office. **Person(s) picking up the camper must sign the student in and out on the day of the absence at the camp office with the student present.** Students are not to miss any scheduled rehearsals and/or classes. Please see the ‘Attendance Policy’ document for further information.

Commuting Students will sign in at their first period rehearsal, and out after the evening activity.  
Commuting students need to have a list of who they can be released to ride with ready for registration
- ***Outside Doors and Fire Doors:*** Outside Doors and Fire Doors in the dorms must not be propped open at any time.

- **Practicing:** Practicing is encouraged and allowed in dorm rooms from 12 noon to 7:30 p.m.
- **Cell Phones/Computer/Internet Policy:** At MSYM we are certainly concerned about the safety of your child. Cell phones are recommended to stay in the dorm rooms, however a student can have their phone with them with the understanding that it is not to be used inappropriately. This means that phones should NOT be out during rehearsals, classes or performances. By giving this permission we expect students to be responsible for their actions. Phones are to be *silent* when on the student during all activities during the camp. If a phone becomes a problem with interruptions or focus issues the phone will be confiscated and brought to Mr. Mania. The student will then meet with Mr. Mania and discuss the proper expected usage of their device. If this becomes a problem a conversation with the camp director and parents will be put into motion. Parents, be advised that internet ready devices may be able to connect to the university system and that there are no parental controls on the system.
- **Non-Camper Visitors and Guests:** Visitors and guests of campers are limited to immediate family. They are subject to all rules and regulations of MSYM. Guests **must** check in with the Camp Office (located in the dorm)
- **Fire Code:** Students are not allowed to bring microwaves, toasters, toaster ovens or any such appliance as it is against UNIVERSITY fire code. Candles and incense are also NOT allowed.
- **Facilities:** Dorm lounge furniture must not be taken into dorm rooms. Screens in the windows are not to be removed at any time for any reason.
- **Elevators:** Elevators in the dorm are not for camper use. The only access will be when campers are moving into and out of the dorms. Campers needing the elevator for medical reasons should have written authorization to use the elevator.

### **CLASS OF 1944 HALL RULES**

- **Practicing:** Practice rooms are available in the Class of 1944 Hall on a first-come first-serve basis from 8:00am on, If you have free time , we encourage you to use them for practicing. Campers are reminded to be aware of the time and avoid being late for classes, rehearsals and curfew.
- **Outside Doors and Fire Doors:** Outside Doors and Fire Doors in the dorms must not be propped open at any time.
- **Fire Alarms:** The fire alarm system is for the protection of everyone. Tampering with these systems not only causes disruptions in MSYM, but also costs considerable amounts of money for repair and/or reset of the system. Those responsible for tampering or damage will pay the repair and/or reset cost and may be immediately dismissed from MSYM.
- **Elevators:** Elevators in the Class of 1944 Hall are off limits to campers.
- **Daily Meeting:** The Daily Camp Meeting will be held before the evening performance. All campers need to be present.

### **OTHER NOTES**

**Complaints and Concerns:** If you have a complaint or concern, please speak to your dorm counselor who will deal with it either at that time, or will see that the appropriate staff person is notified of the problem.

**Parent contact:** The camp will contact you if your student goes to the nurse, or has a discipline issue that needs remedial action and/or dismissal. We encourage campers to call home when they have time in the rooms to do so. If your student contacts you about something, homesickness or something out of the ordinary, please contact the camp as we may not know about the situation and cannot address it without information. We want your camper's experience to be a great one!

**Dismissal:** MSYM reserves the right to dismiss any camper.

## **Commuter Information**

Commuters are required to participate in all of the MSYM rehearsals, classes and evening activities. The daily schedule begins at 7:45 am and ends by 8:30 pm Sunday, at approximately 8-8:10 pm on Monday and Tuesday, at 8:15 pm for junior campers and at 9:45 pm for senior campers on Wednesday, and by 9 pm on Thursday. Students are asked to arrive at camp by 7:45 am to check in at their **first period rehearsal each day of camp**. When students leave they must check out **after the evening activity, usually in the lobby of Minsky Hall**. Additional information about the schedule will be available at registration.



## TRANSPORTATION AND RESPONSIBILITY:

Commuters are responsible for arriving on time at 7:45 a.m. Prompt arrival is expected and the camper should remain on campus until the end of the day's activities. Commuters will have a room in **the Class of 1944 Hall** where they may store their belongings. During rest and free time the class of 1944 Hall 2nd floor lounge is available for their use. **During Camp, commuters must sign in when they arrive at their first period rehearsal and sign out when they depart with the designated Commuter Staff Person.** Planned absence forms are available if the student must be absent during regular camp hours. Absences are not to interfere with rehearsals, classes, or performances without the consent of the Camp Director. Commuters who need to make arrangements for pick up times should consult the daily schedule for changes.

**\*Senior Camp Only\*** Commuters are not to drive on campus during camp hours or to offer rides to other campers at any time. Parking permits for commuters must be secured from the MSYM Office on a weekly basis.

## COMMUTER MEAL PLANS & INFORMATION:

Commuting campers have the opportunity to purchase a meal plan. In order to eat in the dining hall commuters must purchase a meal plan. ***Campers bringing their own meals will not be allowed in the dining hall due to University Policy.*** Those campers not participating in the meal plan will eat in an assigned area that is supervised by a staff member. If you do choose to purchase a meal plan for your camper please fill out the enclosed form with payment prior to the start of camp.

### Commuter Meal Plan

**2 meals a day** (lunch and dinner)

**11 meals** (5 lunches and 6 dinners) = \$130.00

**ALL MSYM RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY TO COMMUTERS.**

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

I would like to clarify our policy concerning attendance at camp rehearsals and concerts now so you will understand it before camp starts. I realize that this letter is rather lengthy but I believe it will help everyone involved have a better understanding of what is expected.

Students attending MSYM are expected to attend all classes, rehearsals and concerts. If a student must be absent from camp at any time, his/her legal guardian must fill out and sign an Absent Request Form, which is also signed by the Camp Administration. If a student leaves camp without filling out the Absent Request Form, the University of Maine Security Department will be notified that the student is missing.

There are always reasons why a student may have to leave MSYM for a period of time. There are family emergencies that cannot be helped or predicted and there are also activities that the students and their legal guardians have decided are more important than the events at camp. As MSYM Director, I will do everything I can to offer help and support when a student attending MSYM has a family emergency. When it comes to choosing between MSYM and other activities I cannot, nor would I want to be part of that decision making process.

When students and their legal guardians make the decision prior to camp to leave camp for another activity that is not an emergency, guardians and students will be expected to fill out an Absent Request Form on, or before the day of registration. It would be unfair to the other campers for a legal guardian to wait until the day the student is going to be absent and suddenly come in and go through the process. Solos have already been assigned, students have already been given their seating in the groups and MSYM has already given scholarships to students because their particular instrument is needed in rehearsal. If a situation arises during camp such as a family emergency and you would like to excuse your child, please call the camp office to discuss the situation and get approval from camp administration. Absences are not to interfere with rehearsals, classes, or performances without the consent of the Camp Director.

As you know, students are auditioned for placement at both Junior and Senior MSYM. After their auditions the wind and percussion instrument players are assigned to a band and in some cases a jazz band based on the results of that audition. The situation would be highly unfair if a person was just below the cut off point for the top band (Symphonic Band) or the top Jazz Band and after being assigned to the Concert Band or the second jazz band found out that while they were attending each and every rehearsal, a person above them in a top group was leaving camp for another activity.

Members of music ensembles have many things in common with members of theater plays and team sports. Everyone in all three groups has a position or a part to play and when someone is absent, the practice or rehearsal is not as effective. Therefore in fairness to everyone, students leaving camp for another activity will not be eligible for the Symphonic Band or top Jazz Band at Junior or Senior MSYM.

Over the years MSYM has tried to offer a scholarship program. We try to give scholarships to students who, for financial reasons, would not be able to come to camp, and to students who play instruments that are needed by the camp's ensembles. There is not a lot of money for scholarships, and it must be given to students who will make the most of the camp experience. Therefore, in order for scholarship money to be used effectively, students who leave camp for other activities will not be eligible for scholarships given by MSYM.

I hope this letter helps to clarify any questions you may have concerning attendance at Maine Summer Youth Music. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me at (207) 581-1232

Sincerely yours,  
Christopher G. White, MSYM Director

## MSYM Honors Recital

The Honors Recital highlights exceptional students at MSYM, providing them a platform to perform for the camp community. This year's Honors Recital will be Thursday, July 17, 2025. The start time will be given at registration. It should start @ 7:00pm in the Collins Center for the Arts.

All campers are eligible to audition on voice or instrument.

**Repertoire:** Music should be no more than 5 minutes long and be "Classical" in nature. Selections from musicals are acceptable, but pop music is not. Music should be intended as a solo piece--band and chorus parts will not be accepted. Memorization is appreciated, but not required. If the selection requires accompaniment, a live accompanist will be provided for your audition. No recorded accompaniment tracks will be allowed.

**Auditions:** Will be on the first day of camp during the audition time for all the ensembles. Please come with your music performance ready and with the necessary sheet music for the accompanist. You will be sent to a room to play your entire piece where it will be video recorded to be reviewed by a panel of judges.

**Early Auditions:** To help ease the number of auditionees, we encourage students to submit a video audition in advance of registration. Video recordings are a great option for students who have a specifically unaccompanied piece, access to a live accompanist for the recording, or *instrumentalists* who feel secure auditioning without accompaniment. You may record a video and email to: [msym@maine.edu](mailto:msym@maine.edu) Please include in the email your name, Jr./Sr. Camp, the title and composer of your piece. On the day of auditions, you'll just need to check in at the Honors Recital Audition Room to confirm your information and video was received and, if applicable, to confirm you have appropriate music for the accompanist.

**Results:** The recital time is quite limited so not all who audition will be selected. Results will be posted by the end of the first day so students can inform family and friends should they wish to attend the recital. All

results are final. You will have the opportunity for a brief rehearsal with your accompanist before the recital. All campers performing will receive an Honors Recital Certificate congratulating them on their achievement.

## MSYM 2025: Final Day Procedures

*Updated May 28, 2025*

In order to facilitate a smooth final day of music camp, it is very important for students to know their schedule and to be on time for all of their rehearsals and performances. Please review this schedule carefully. The dress rehearsals only last for thirty-five minutes, so every second counts.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to give the string ensemble and SSAA Treble Choir a dress rehearsal in the Collins Center, the bands will be rehearsing in Room 100 on Friday morning.

**Checking out of the Dorm (Resident Campers):** Resident campers should, as much as possible, begin packing their belongings on Thursday night. This will save time on Friday.

Friday Morning's schedule is listed below.

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>6:45-7:45</b>	<b>Hilltop Commons</b>
Junior/Senior String Ensemble Dress Rehearsal	7:50-8:25	Collins Center
Senior Band Dress Rehearsal	7:50-8:25	Hauck Stage
Senior SSAA Treble Choir Dress Rehearsal	8:40-9:15	Collins Center
Junior Band Dress Rehearsal	8:40-9:15	Hauck Stage
Junior Chorus Dress Rehearsal	9:25-10:00	Collins Center

Senior Chorus Dress Rehearsal	10:10-10:45	Collins Center
Senior Jazz Combo Rehearsal	10:10-10:45	Room 100
Senior Music Theater Dress Rehearsal	11:00-11:50	Collins Center
Senior Jazz Ensemble Rehearsals	11:00-11:50	Regular Rooms
Junior Music Theater Dress Rehearsal	12:00-12:50	Collins Center
Junior Jazz Band Rehearsals	12:00-12:50	Regular Locations
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Whenever you are free between 11:00 and 12:45</b>	<b>Hilltop Commons</b>

When students are not rehearsing, they will need to finish any remaining packing and check out of the dorm (Oxford Hall). This will vary from student to student, depending on which ensemble a student is in.

#### **To Check Out of the Dorm:**

1. Students must completely clear their belongings out of their room.
2. Belongings must be loaded into parents' vehicles.
3. Students/Parents must check-out with Mr. Mania.
4. Students/Parents with medications must check out with the nurse, who will return student medications to parents/students at this time.
  - If medications are not picked up at this time, the nurse will be in the Collins Center lobby during the afternoon concerts to return any remaining medications to parents/students.
5. All student belongings should be removed from the dormitory by **11:30 AM**.
  - If a student's parent cannot pick up their belongings by this time, special arrangements will need to be made.

#### **Student Room/M meal Cards:**

- Students will need to retain their room/meal cards in order to swipe into the dining hall (Hilltop Commons) on the last day.
- After their last meal, the students will need to have their room/meal cards with them before their last concert.
- There will be a box in the backstage area of the Collins Center where the students will drop their keycards.

#### **Concert Time:**

- This is a *very* busy time, and students must be responsible for being where they need to be when they need to be there. Lateness on concert day must be avoided.
- Specific instructions will be given by directors and managers in terms of where students need to be, when they need to be there, and for storing instruments and belongings.
  - **Note:** It is very important for students to *keep track of their belongings*. MSYM is not responsible for any lost possessions.

**The concert schedule is listed below.**

<b>Junior Music Theater and Jazz Concert</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Collins Center</b>
<b>Senior Jazz and Music Theater Concert</b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>Collins Center</b>
<b>Junior Chorus, Combined String Ensemble, and Junior Band Concert</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Collins Center</b>
<b>Senior Band, SSAA Treble Choir, and Chorus Concert</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Collins Center</b>

**Junior Musical Theater and Jazz Concert (1:00):**

- All junior campers will have a window from 9:55-11:00 to ensure that you finish packing your belongings and get checked out of the dormitory.
- All junior camp musical theater students will be provided with a bag/box lunch in the Class of 1944 Hall prior to their 12:00 dress rehearsal.
  - These students will need to eat quickly and report to their designated area by c. 11:30. Specific instructions will be provided by the director and manager.
- Junior jazz students should plan to eat lunch at Hilltop Commons at 11:00 AM *sharp*, and then proceed to their 12:00 dress rehearsal.
- All other junior camp students and all senior camp students should eat their lunch in Hilltop Commons when they are free and plan to be in the audience area of the Collins Center by 12:50.

**Senior Jazz and Musical Theater Concert (3:00):**

- Senior campers who are participating in the 3:00 jazz or music theater performance should report to their rehearsal space by 2:30. Specific instructions will be provided by your directors and managers.
- Junior campers and senior campers who are not participating in the 3:00 concert should be in the audience area by 2:50.

**Junior Chorus, Combined String Ensemble, and Junior Band Concert (5:00):**

- Junior campers should report to their designated rehearsal areas by 4:30. Specific instructions will be provided by directors and managers.
- Junior campers should also bring their keycards. Students will drop these cards into a dropbox backstage in the Collins Center immediately before they go onstage for their performance.
- Senior campers should go and eat at the dining commons as soon as it opens at 4:30 PM. This will be during the 5:00 Junior Camp concert.
- Senior Campers must be back in 1944 Hall by 6:30.

**Note for Junior Campers:**

- Once the 5:00 PM junior camp concert is over, which should be at approximately 6:00, junior campers may leave with their families.
- All junior campers should check to ensure that they have all of their belongings before departing campus.

**Senior Band, SSAA Treble Choir, and Chorus Concert (7:00):**

- Senior campers should be in their designated areas by 6:30. Specific instructions will be provided by directors and managers.

- Senior Campers should also bring their keycards. Students will drop these cards into a dropbox backstage in the Collins Center immediately before they go onstage for their performance.
- Once the concert is over, senior campers should gather their things and check to ensure that they have everything.
- Once the staff has finished cleaning up the building, 1944 Hall will be locked. After the end of camp, parents will need to call the 1944 Hall office during normal business hours to inquire about lost items.