Summer Piano Academy - No Surprises!

We want your academy experience to be great – and eliminating some surprises before your arrival will help you get off to a good start. So, read on, save this information, and then don’t forget to read it again before you leave for the academy!

Arrival

If you are driving to camp, you may check in between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. in assigned residence hall. At check-in you will receive a packet of materials that will include your schedule for the week. Camp counselors will be wearing easily identifiable camp T-shirts and will be stationed in key places in Christiansen Hall of Music (CHM), Hall of Music (HOM) and in the dorm – don’t hesitate to ask for directions or help!

There will be an all-Summer Piano Academy (SPA) meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Room CHM 224 where you’ll meet other student pianists and the piano faculty. That meeting will be followed at 4:30 p.m. by an-all camp meeting in Urness Recital Hall (CHM) you’ll meet the counselors for SPA before heading off to dinner. Following dinner you will have the first piano master class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Urness Recital Hall. Three students will be playing at this class - if you would like to volunteer to play at that evening, please email Dr. McWilliams (mcw@stolaf.edu) to let him know.

Master Classes

All academy students will have the opportunity to perform in a master class setting with one of the piano faculty. The schedule for these master class performances will be included in the final schedule you will receive when you arrive on campus.

Chamber Music

Those participating in Chamber Music will be mailed their music by May 15. It is very important that you learn your part as well as you can before you arrive at St. Olaf! You will have several rehearsals and coachings with the piano faculty on this repertoire, but please be sure to have it under your fingers by the time you get to camp in order to maximize the chamber music experience for everyone.

Other Music

Please bring music to work on during camp, including both pieces that are “under construction” and pieces that can be performance-ready by the end of the week.

Campus Policies

Please read through the campus policies information sheet. These rules are to help ensure the safety and comfort of all guests on campus. Breaking rules could mean an early trip home.

Cars

If you drive to campus, you will need a temporary permit to park your car on campus while you are here. Please be sure to get this permit at camp registration. Campers are not allowed to leave the campus during camp for any reason without advance written notification from a parent.

Clothes

This is camp – so casual wear is IN. Weather can range from cool to hot, dry to wet. Check the forecast (www.weather.com) and pack accordingly. Boe Chapel, CHM, HOM are all air-conditioned; the dorm (Hoyme) is not. Some rooms can be chilly, so bring a sweater. The only “good” clothes you will need are for performances. All black or black and white are fine, though not required. “Business casual” is a good guideline. No short shorts, short skirts or exposed midriffs please. The final recital is in Urness Recital Hall, which is air-conditioned.

Fees

Your camp fee must be paid by May 1. Once you are here, there will be NO additional fees for anything. If you didn’t sign up for the optional private lessons, extra housing, or the shuttle when you registered, you can always make arrangements to add those by calling the conference office at 800-726-6523 or 507-786-3031 or by emailing us at summer@stolaf.edu before June 1.
Internet
Public computers are in all academic buildings so you can keep in touch with friends and family. No need to bring your own computer (see section on valuables below). Public wifi is accessible across campus.

Lockers
Lockers with combination locks are available for your music.

Medications
Please let us know if you are taking prescription medications. If you like, medications can be kept with the senior counselor. Refrigeration is available.

Money
You will not need to buy anything at camp. However, most campers like to bring spending money to buy snacks, pizzas, a college T-shirt, etc. The college bookstore will be open Monday through Friday.

Phone Calls and Letters
All the information you need to know is in the Camp Policy and Contact Information sheet.

Roommates
You will be housed with your preferred roommate only if you both have requested each other. If you have not requested a specific roommate, you will be assigned a roommate of the same gender and as close to your age as possible. Piano Academy students are usually housed with a Music Camp participant to help you make some additional friends.

Stuff to bring
We will provide a pillow, blanket, sheets, pillowcase, towel and washcloth. You may wish to bring: your own pillow - a reading lamp - an alarm clock and fan. Many find it useful to have a backpack to carry music and other necessities during the day. Please write your name on all personal items, including music.

Transportation
Campers needing shuttle service to and from campus please email summer@stolaf.edu for local transportation options.

Valuables
Please do not bring valuables to camp! If you really care about it leave it at home. The head counselor can keep important items in a locked room for you.

Visitors
There are recitals each evening to which parents, friends and other family are invited. Visitors will not be admitted to the residence hall. Parents, please notify your son or daughter in advance if you plan a visit.

Performances:
The Academy has its two final performances on Friday evening & Saturday morning, every Academy student will perform on one of these recitals. We won’t know until later in the week which one you’ll be playing on, so students and parents should be sure to stay in touch. In addition, there are camper recitals on Wednesday and Thursday evenings during which Piano Academy students may choose to perform. Family and friends are welcome at any of the performances.

Friday Schedule: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Piano Recital #1

Saturday Schedule: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Recital #2
The Summer Music Camp final concert will begin at 3 p.m. and you are welcome to attend that as well.

Final Thoughts:
We want you to have a great experience so be sure to call or email if have questions about anything.
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