

SENIOR SYMS

Sunday, July 18 – Saturday, July 31

Sr. SYMS is a 14-day program for students who have finished 9th - 12th grade. Our brochure/application form will be ready by early February, and you may mail the registration form as soon as you receive it. Online registration will start around March 15th if you wish to apply to SYMS that way. The web address is www.unh.edu/music/syms.

No audition is required to be accepted into the program. The deadline for applying to SYMS is June 1. Tuition is expected to be \$1,250 for residential students; \$1,000 for commuters. There will be a deposit of \$50 due at the time of application, and the balance may be paid anytime until Friday, July 16th. Everything is included in the tuition cost except the optional private lessons.

If you wish to be added to the mailing list for a brochure/application form, please send a mailing address to lseiler@cisunix.unh.edu. Questions about the program can also be answered by emailing or calling Linda Seiler at 603/659-2010 (home phone).

Percussion and wind players participate in one of the concert bands and may try out for one of the jazz bands. Students may play different instruments in concert band and jazz band. **String players** play in string orchestra and full orchestra; **voice students** sing in one or more of the choral groups including mixed chorus, select choir, men's chorus, women's chorus, jazz choir or musical theater. Participation in select choir, jazz choir and/or musical theater require an audition. There are programs for pianists and guitarists as well. **All auditions will be held on Monday** for placement in large groups. Small ensembles such as string quartets and woodwind and brass quintets will be assigned as well as a result of the audition. Information and materials for auditions will be sent in one of the mailings after we receive your application.

The **daily schedule** for Sr. SYMS will include a convocation first thing in the morning after breakfast, a large group rehearsal, a sectional rehearsal (for some groups), a master class on your instrument of choice, and elective classes. Everyone will have five daily periods of classes and rehearsals; jazz band and musical theater students will have an extra period at the end of the day. Students finalize their class schedules on Monday evening, July 19, at which time they find out their group placement(s) and choose their elective classes. Elective classes include music theory, history, conducting, computer notation class, composition and arranging, beginning classes in piano, guitar, brass, and violin (we provide the instruments), hand bell choir, jazz piano, jazz singing class, jazz improvisation, drum set class, and African drumming. Classes/rehearsals run from 8:00 – 3:30 each day, except for those who have an extra period which ends at 5:00. There will be a full hour for lunch and some free time between classes and dinner and again for a short time after the evening activity.

Evening activities (parents welcome) are at 7:00 and include recitals by faculty and students, swim night, guest performances, a variety show and dances. Final concerts are given on Saturday during the day starting at 9:00 AM with the concert bands and ending with Mixed Chorus which finishes around 3:30 PM. Students return home after their final performance.

Two optional **private lessons** may be taken at an extra cost of \$25 each. Teachers and students arrange lesson times on the first day of classes.

On the first day of SYMS, July 18, **registration** will be in the afternoon. Students will sign up for audition times and receive their room keys at this time. **Auditions** will be held on Monday.

Housing for residential students will be in the UNH dormitories with one dorm for girls and another for boys. The rooms are doubles, and students may choose a roommate if they wish. The choice will only be guaranteed if the other student sends us a reciprocal request. An adequate number of counselors will be hired for Sr. SYMS, and they will live on the floors with the students. Counselors do a bed check each night, and lights are out at 11:00 PM.

Dining will be at the Holloway Commons in the Memorial Union Building. It is a fantastic facility with a wide variety of choices at each meal. Those with food allergies will have no problem finding plenty to eat. For information regarding our food service and sample menus, you may log on to: <http://www.unh.edu/dining/nutrition/concerns.html>. Anyone with special nutrition concerns should speak with dietitian Rochelle L'Italien at 603/862-2583.

Students who commute daily to SYMS will be provided with lunch. A counselor will be assigned to check commuters in before the morning convocation each day, and out again after classes are finished for the day. Commuters are welcome at all the evening events as well.

A small amount of **financial aid** is available for Sr. SYMS students who send in a recording of their playing and/or singing. Many students also find aid through their schools, churches, or civic organizations. We have discounts for siblings and NHMEA members as well.

On the **weekend between the two weeks** of SYMS, there will be classes and rehearsals as usual on Saturday. Sunday is a free day to go to church, rehearse for the variety show, and catch up on practicing and sleep! Students may leave for that day if they are properly checked out by a parent and brought back on Sunday evening. For students interested in attending college as a music major, we do have an informal evening meeting on Sunday evening to discuss college application and auditions - parents are welcome as well.