

E-mail from Deb Kosits to 2018 NHMF Musicians
June 22, 2018

Hi all,

Apologies that my update to you has been delayed ~ and I appreciate your patience. We have been adapting to changes in our contract with the University as well as finalizing 2019 plans.

The community is looking forward to the season! Subscription ticket sales for classics, chamber and Wolfeboro are *up significantly* and in addition to the core season, we have 4 development events from Waterville to Wolfeboro starting July 1. All set and ready to go –

Happy to offer a warm welcome to the Festival roster and official congratulations to Violetta Todorova as our Principal 2nd! Congratulations Violetta!

We are looking forward to all of you arriving in Plymouth beginning the **weekend of July 6-8**. All musicians are expected to be moved in by 5:00 pm Monday evening July 9. *We'll be providing a welcome dinner for all of you outside at the North Twin Courtyard in the back beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday July 9. (BYOBeverage)*

IMPORTANT Heads Up:

There are University policy changes and significant building repairs and other activities on campus that affects us this year, shifting the "map" of apartment assignments. In addition, apart from being a staging space for your boxes, **Center Lodge will essentially be closed.**

Merrill Place, the "new" building just next to Center Lodge will be your **check in destination** and point of service with University Residential Life staff throughout the season.

Please understand that we are doing our best to ensure your arrival is smooth and process is clear. **The University will be your direct service contact** for any housing questions upon checking in and through the season. Pet agreement, key access, laundry cards etc. will all be handled directly with the staff at Merrill Place.

****WATCH this MONDAY for a comprehensive email from Brad with details and a website link for housing registration forms, pet agreement, outreach performance schedule, library links for parts and a new website link where all details will be posted for the summer – string seatings, detail calendars, this email, etc.****

DRESS CODE: As with last season, please plan on wearing white tops, black trousers/skirts for all performances. Use a Kleenex tissue as the "white" test if you're in doubt. Please use your judgement: the goal is to present a consistent look, not so formal, giving you some flexibility depending on your tolerance for heat! Appreciate going easy on spaghetti straps and no shorts.

ORCHESTRA IN ACTION: Thursday Dress Rehearsal (all but Choral week)

We've formalized opening Dress Rehearsal primarily in response to folks who can no longer make evening concerts, for families, and as well based on the interest of patrons to mingle with you. **We will provide coffee and danish for patrons and musicians** during the break on Thursdays in the Black Box Theater accessed directly from back stage and the lobby.

CHAMBER CONCERTS:

There is a growing audience for chamber music. Your interactions with patrons from the stage, providing context and background for pieces, providing listening hints and playing a line or two of music prior to the concert beginning truly increases the level of intimacy and understanding on the part of the audience. You all are so good at this -- just asking you to be even more conscious of working interaction into your chamber programs in both Plymouth and Wolfeboro.

THURSDAY AFTER PARTIES:

The contract with PSU requires ALL food service on campus (other than what you provide in the apartments) to be provided by Sodexo. As such all catering is running through our contract. The cost

for Sodexo to cater our Thursday night parties including alcohol/beverage service required based on their license with the University would cost us at least \$7-8k - unfortunately prohibitive. We have explored all options with the powers that be and there is no flexibility if we want to gather in an inside, on campus space. This has been an issue for the last couple of years and we've gone to bat many times and in many ways. So, for now, our suggestion is that we put tables and a couple of tents up in the back at North Twin Courtyard and assemble there every Thursday evening after concerts. We'll meet there for the welcome dinner on Monday July 9 and will use the Office Apartment as a staging area. It'll be great!

JULY 4 2019 -- WATERVILLE VALLEY NH MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT!

The funds have been raised and escrowed by a team of folks in Waterville Valley to bring the Festival orchestra to the Valley for a full holiday concert NEXT SUMMER. This project has been underway since August of last year, stage company has been brought in, Paul and Brad have had a site visit with all involved and we are finalizing the contract now. We will be reaching out to you for your availability and provide a contract requesting you to arrive July 2 next season for rehearsal July 3, on site rehearsal in Waterville Valley from early afternoon July 4 and performance at 8 pm, followed by fireworks. The concert would be repeated Saturday July 6 as the Family Concert for the season.

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

ALL ORCHESTRA/STAFF/BOARD MEETING: Week 2- Wed July 18 after rehearsal - LUNCH and Meet at FESTIVAL OFFICE, 42 Main - 12:30 pm

You may want to attend! July 23 at 8:30 pm: Chanticleer performance at Plymouth Congregational Church, tickets are \$40 -- presented in partnership with Great Waters Music Festival (2nd performance in Wolfeboro area July 24). Biedermans are offering a pre-concert summer supper, eat in or boxed for take out on the green -- \$25, includes one beverage - wine, beer or soft drink.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wed Aug 8 after rehearsal

The Festival Annual Meeting will take place after rehearsal on Aug 8 - lunch in the lobby followed by the business meeting in the Black Box Theater from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

That's it for now...lots to absorb. Anticipating your gorgeous music-making. We look forward to seeing everyone at the welcome dinner and on stage Tuesday morning July 10 at 10.

Safe travels,
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