

**American String Teacher's Association of New Jersey
Chamber Music Institute 2008
Kean University, Union, New Jersey
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TELL ME ABOUT STUDENT ENSEMBLE ASSIGNMENTS

Students are assigned to an ensemble and coach for the duration of the festival by a faculty committee headed by Mary Ann Mumm. Ensemble assignments are made prior to the start of the CMI based upon information culled from the Teacher Recommendation and Musical Experience forms. *Please address any questions you have regarding student ensembles to Ms. Mumm (mamumm@msn.com; (201) 612-8513).*

HOW DO WE SET UP PRIVATE LESSONS WITH A FACULTY MEMBER DURING THE CMI? HOW ARE TEACHER'S PAID?

If you are interested in private lessons with a particular teacher, we ask that you pay the teacher directly at registration (2 pm Sunday, Wilkins Theatre room PA 120 at Kean University). Scheduling of the lessons will be done by the private teacher following registration.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT STUDENT DORMITORY ASSIGNMENTS

Many of your questions regarding dormitory assignments will be answered by visiting the following website:

http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/pros_faq.html

Students will be assigned by age and gender to a dormitory room by a faculty committee headed by Peg Roberts. We will do our best to honor requests for specific roommate assignments. *Please contact Ms Roberts (pegzr@optonline.net; (973) 625-9552) directly for more information or if you have a particular housing concern.*

WHAT ARE THE DORM ROOMS LIKE?

A virtual tour will soon be available at the following website:
http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/pros_tour.html

Students will be housed in one of the university residence halls. Each apartment has two bedrooms with two beds and two desks in each room. There is a bathroom and a living room with a large refrigerator, microwave, couches, tables and chairs. Apartments do not have stoves. There is plenty of room for chamber music rehearsals; dorm rooms are also suitable for private practice at reasonable hours. An entire floor has been reserved specifically for ASTA CMI so all ASTA CMI students will be housed in the same area.

ARE THE DORM ROOMS AIR CONDITIONED?

All dorms used by ASTA have air cooling systems. This link describes the type of cooling system used in the dorms: http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/pros_services.html.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME TO THE DORMS?

A checklist of items for dorms will be sent to you via email.

- Bring your own sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, soap, shampoo and other personal items
- Small lamps for reading
- Folding music stand
- Bring your own utensils for the kitchen area.
- Kean University provides shower curtains, toilet paper and light bulbs
- Snacking is fine, but please CLEAN UP! We would suggest that you clearly label any food items or utensils you bring to avoid confusion and accidental use by a roommate. Any major mishaps will be paid for by all the students in the apartment, unless one student comes forward to claim responsibility.
- Rain gear (rain coats, umbrellas)
- No alcohol or smoking on campus.
- **Do NOT bring** hot plates, toasters, coffee makers, or candles.

HOW DO I GET TO THE DORMS? WHERE DO I PARK TO ACCESS WILKINS THEATRE BUILDING FOR REGISTRATION?

On your map, locate the parking lot adjacent to the Wilkins Theatre Building (PA) and park there for registration at Wilkins Theatre room PA 120. The North Parking lot is closest to Wilkins Hall (PA on your map). The dorm can be reached by taking the Green

Lane entrance and driving south along the perimeter of the campus. For a complete map go to <http://www.kean.edu/campusmap.html> and/or see enclosed campus map. Further instruction on accessing the dormitory by car will be provided at registration.

ARE THE DORMS SECURE?

There is a full-time security guard at the entrance to all residence halls. The guard allows no one in without proper identification. Students will be well-supervised during all ASTA CMI activities. The Campus Security Building (Campus police station) is nearby the dorm. The students will be provided with photo IDs so that they will be able to gain access into the building. The students must show this photo ID to the security guard every time they enter the building.

ARE THERE RA's ON THE DORM FLOOR WITH THE ASTA CMI PARTICIPANTS?

The University provides one Resident Assistant per floor and ASTA CMI has hired three counselors (both adult: one male, one female) to stay in the dorms with the students in their own apartment. ASTA CMI will also have a number of faculty members who will stay overnight in the dorms on the same floor as the students.

ARE THERE PHONES IN THE DORM ROOMS?

There are no phones in the dorm rooms, but students may bring their own phones to plug in. The dorm phone systems are already working and once a phone is plugged in the residents will be able to access any extension on campus and also receive calls from off campus. Residents would have to utilize Kean University's long distance carrier in order to call off campus. Important campus extensions will be provided to all students at registration.

For more information: http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/pros_services.html

ARE THERE TVs IN DORM ROOMS? WHAT ABOUT COMPUTERS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES?

No. Residents are responsible for bringing televisions or any other source of entertainment (video games, DVD players, stereos). There is a television in the dormitory community center along with vending machines. We discourage bringing computers and other entertainment devices. ASTA CMI is a relatively short event with a lot going on. Outdoor recreational facilities are adjacent to the dorm, and are reserved for ASTA students on Tuesday and Wednesday. The University Center contains rooms with billiard tables, table tennis and a video arcade.

For more information: http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/pros_services.html

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DORMITORIES AT KEAN UNIVERSITY?

Please visit the following website for more information:

<http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/>.

The following link contains information specifically applicable to ASTA CMI residents:

<http://www.kean.edu/~reslife/prospective.html>

ARE STUDENTS SUPERVISED DURING THEIR FREE TIME PERIODS?

Students will be asked to tell faculty where they will be spending their free time to help us keep track of their whereabouts. All students are required to stay on campus for the duration of the ASTA CMI. Faculty members are available at all times; students will be informed during registration of how they may contact faculty when they need to do so.

ARE CELL PHONES ALLOWED TO BE USED DURING ASTA CMI?

We recommend that students bring a cell phone to the ASTA CMI. We will keep a register of student cell phone numbers that we will use in the event of an emergency. Cell phones must be kept off during rehearsals and concerts.

DO STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE CAMPUS GYMNASIUM AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES DURING THEIR STAY ON CAMPUS DURING ASTA CMI?

ASTA CMI participants will be able to use the brand new campus gymnasium & recreational facilities. University supplied photo ID is required for access.

Tennis courts and basketball courts are available on a first-come, first served basis.

HOW CAN WE REACH ASTA CMI FACULTY DURING THE CMI SESSIONS?

The easiest way to reach us during the week will be to call us on our cell phones, or leave an email that we can read in the evening.

- Christopher Kenniff director 908-656-1548 cmkgtr@yahoo.com
- Mary Ann Mumm assistant director (201) 390-5325
- Peg Roberts assistant director 973-476-1391

WHAT MUSIC SHOULD I BRING? DO I NEED A MUSIC STAND? DO I NEED TO PURCHASE CHAMBER MUSIC FOR ASTA CMI?

- We ask that you bring any music that you wish to study in private lessons, practice during personal practice time or that you may wish to read with other CMI participants.
- **Please bring a collapsible music stand to all rehearsals and for private practice. Bring pencils to rehearsals as well!**
- We will provide you with the music you will study /perform at ASTA CMI. Music will be handed out at the first ensemble coaching session.

WHAT IS APPROPRIATE CONCERT ATTIRE?

- Concert Attire should be modest, conservative, and casual, combining black and white with skirts well below the knee for girls.
- Attire for special events and performances (Sunday evening concert, student performances that you will attend but not perform in & faculty mini-recitals) is casual. You should plan on more formal attire for the Daedalus Quartet and Kean Concert Artist Ensemble concerts.

WHAT ARE CAFETERIA HOURS OF OPERATION? IS THERE A CONVENIENCE STORE ON CAMPUS? HOW ABOUT AN ATM?

- There is an ATM machine in the University Center (open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.).
- Cafeteria hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The cafeteria does not accept checks or credit cards.
- There is a convenience store located in the University Center; vending machines are located in the dorms, University Center and Vaughn Eames.

HOW DOES THE MEAL PLAN WORK?

- Visit Gourmet Dining Services' website if you wish:
<http://www.gourmetdiningllc.com/campus/kean/index.php>
- NEW this year: .
 - The University's primary cafeteria is under construction so students will eat at another on campus cafeteria located in Downs Hall.
 - Students will enter cafeteria using their photo ID supplied at registration and will not have to use a food voucher at meals.
 - All student meals in the cafeteria are already paid for as part of your tuition
- The evening meal on Sunday and on Friday, the Pizza Party on Monday night and the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday night are free to the students. Breakfast on Saturday morning is also free to the students. These meals are not held in the cafeteria. Please see Daily Schedule for location.