

Dear Participant,

We are very happy to have you join us for the New York String Orchestra Seminar (NYSOS) December 19-28, 2007. We hope the following information will help you in your preparations.

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Scholarships

All those who are accepted into the New York String Orchestra Seminar are provided with full scholarships valued at \$3,500. These scholarships cover all educational costs, local accommodations and transportation, and meals. Students must pay for their transportation to and from New York City.

Daily Schedule

You are called from the start of the Seminar at 9:00a.m. on December 19 until after the final Carnegie Hall concert on December 28; in order to accept your place in the Seminar, you must clear your schedule of any conflicts including arranging to take finals early if necessary. The daily schedule will be as follows:

10am-1pm orchestra rehearsal

1-2 lunch

2-5 orchestra rehearsal

5-6:30 dinner

6:30-9:30 chamber music sessions and/or sectionals (even if your instrument is not assigned chamber music, you may have a required sectional to attend)

Christmas Day is itself is a free day, but we will provide meals and activities for those without friends or family in the city with whom they can spend the day.

Carnegie Hall Performances

December 24 at 7pm

December 28 at 8pm

The performances are presented by Carnegie Hall and comp tickets are not provided for program participants. We suggest you have friends or family contact the Carnegie Hall Box Office to purchase advance tickets, as last year's concerts were sold-out.

Accommodations

All participants (including those who reside in NYC) are required to stay in housing provided by the NYSOS for the duration of the program. December 19-28 will be automatically provided, if your travel plans require you to arrive December 18 or depart December 29, you must contact the Seminar office in advance and request the additional night(s).

2007 Participants will be housed in 4-person suites at:

Wellington Hotel

871 Seventh Avenue (between 55th & 56th streets, 1 block from Carnegie Hall)
New York, NY 10019

Transportation

Arriving by Airplane

Major airports in the New York metropolitan area include:

LaGuardia Airport, Queens, New York

John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York

Newark International Airport located in Newark, New Jersey

Each airport is a significant distance from mid-town Manhattan, so as a result, you will need to plan additional travel once you have actually landed in "New York."

By Taxi - From All Airports

Find an official NYC/TLC Yellow cab at the taxi stand at "Ground Transportation. We do not recommend that you ride in a "Gypsy Cab," as non-yellow cab drivers often gouge unknowing tourists.

JFK:

taxi is a flat \$45 plus tip and tolls

SuperShuttle/Blue Van – go to ground transportation counter, cost is approximately \$25, can be reserved on site or in advance 1-800-Blue Van. This makes multiple stops so sharing a cab with a fellow NYSOS participant (or two) will be more time and cost effective.

By Bus - From John F. Kennedy International Airport to Port Authority/Penn Station (subway directions below) See "Ground Transportation" counters in airport terminal.
"NY Airport Service Express" Bus leaves from airport every 15-30 minutes (6:40am-3:30am)
Travel time is approximately 1 hour.

LaGuardia:

Taxi approximately \$25-\$35 plus tip

SuperShuttle/Blue Van – go to ground transportation counter, cost is approximately \$25, can be reserved on site or in advance 1-800-Blue Van. This makes multiple stops so sharing a cab with a fellow NYSOS participant (or two) will be more time and cost effective.

By Bus - From LaGuardia Airport to Port Authority/Penn Station
See "Ground Transportation" counters in airport terminal.
"Carey" Bus leaves from the airport every 20-30 minutes (6:40am-Midnight).
Cost is \$10.00 one way, \$17.00 round trip.
Travel time is approximately 45 minutes.

Newark:

Taxi approximately \$50 plus tip

SuperShuttle/Blue Van – go to ground transportation counter, cost is approximately \$25, can be reserved on site or in advance 1-800-Blue Van. This makes multiple stops so sharing a cab with a fellow NYSOS participant (or two) will be more time and cost effective.

By Bus - From Newark International Airport to Port Authority
See "Ground Transportation" counters in airport terminal.
"Olympia" Bus leaves from the airport every 5-10 minutes. (5:00am-3:30 am).

Cost is \$10.00 in each direction.
Travel time is approximately 30 minutes.

Arriving By Bus (Once at Port Authority Bus Terminal)

Taxi to Wellington Hotel 871 7th Avenue between 54th and 55th Streets on the East side of the Street, will cost approximately \$8 including tip.

Subway E train to 7th Avenue stop, lets you out on 7th Avenue and 53rd Street, one block from hotel.

Arriving by Train

Regional railroads such as MetroNorth, Long Island Railroad, and New Jersey Transit as well as National railroad, Amtrak all service Manhattan. You will arrive at one of two major terminals.

From Penn Station (Amtrak, LIRR, New Jersey Transit) Cab and taxi information is the same as from Port Authority Bus Terminal above.

From Grand Central Station (Metro-North Railroad) taxi information is same as above, however the subway is difficult from Grand Central and requires transfers, so it isn't recommended when traveling with lots of luggage and an instrument.

Note on Subway: The New York City subway system requires the use of a metro card that you may purchase from vending machines or at the attended booths in the subway. Single rides are \$2. Once you are with us at the Seminar we provide local transportation to and from rehearsals on a charter bus. However, if you think you will be taking the subway on your own with any frequency, you may want to purchase a multiple ride card. If you put \$10 or more on your card there is a 20% bonus.

Orchestra and Chamber Music

We will send you study copies of some, but not all, of the orchestral repertoire. We emphasize that you MUST prepare the parts ahead of time. If you have not learned them by December 19 we will have to schedule sectional rehearsals in place of chamber music sessions. Maestro Laredo hopes that you will take the time to find the other works we will be playing (noted on the web site) in your library to familiarize yourself before arrival. We will provide all orchestral music upon your arrival.

You will be assigned a chamber music work and given contact information for you chamber ensemble members. You must bring your own chamber music parts, they will not be provided.

Concert Dress

Women

long black skirt or black pants

solid color blouse (any sleeve length or festive fabric is fine)

Note: Please do not wear a formal gown, although you individually may look very nice, it takes away from the group's unity.

Men

dark suit (not formal tuxedo)

shirt may be white or a color

long tie of any color

Packing List

- Collapsible music stand with you name on it for use at chamber music sessions
- The orchestra parts we sent you AND your chamber music assignments.
- An extra bow, if you have one, or be sure to have yours rehaired.
- Extra strings.
- Dampits. (Rooms tend to be dry.)
- Rock stops for cellists
- An extra pair of glasses/contact lenses, if you wear them.
- Prescriptions for any medicine you might need.
- Boots, hats, scarves, umbrella, and gloves/mittens for bad weather.
- Alarm clock.
- Cell phone charger.