

The Walden School Creative Musicians Retreat INFORMATION FOR COMPOSERS

A week-long festival in New Hampshire, The Walden School Creative Musicians Retreat (CMR) is offered for composers, improvisers, performers, electronic musicians, choral musicians, and music teachers who want to spend a week immersed in music. In 2020, the festival will be held June 13-21.

CORE OFFERINGS:

- Composition and/or instrumental lessons
- Improvisation workshops
- Contemporary topics classes
- Daily choral rehearsals
- Pedagogy workshops
- Electronic music classes
- Master classes with the composer-in-residence
- Chamber music

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I take composition lessons?

Yes! You may sign up for lessons with the composer-in-residence and with members of our composition faculty.

Can I write a piece for the performers at the retreat?

Yes! All composers are invited to submit a new piece to be performed on a Composers Forum.

Are the Composers Forums recorded?

Yes! Every composer will get a professionally-engineered audio recording of their piece.

Can I write for the chamber choir?

Each year, 3-5 participants write a new piece for choir that is rehearsed during the week and performed on a Composers Forum. If you want to do this, we encourage you to apply early and request this option, as choral composition slots do fill up each session.

Typical day for a composer participant

Breakfast

9:00-10:10 Musicianship/Pedagogy

10:25-11:35 Contemporary Topics

11:45-12:45 Chorus

12:45 Lunch

2:00-3:15 Electronic Music (optional)

3:30-4:45 Chamber Chorus (optional)

4:45-6:00 Lessons, Master Classes, Rehearsals

6:00 Dinner

Concerts, Forums, Improvisation Workshops