

The Walden School Creative Musicians Retreat INFORMATION FOR PERFORMERS

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.

PERFORMANCE FACULTY:

Mivos Quartet

Olivia De Prato, violin
Maya Bennardo, violin
Victor Lowrie Tafoya, viola
Tyler J. Borden, cello

Matthew Gold, percussion
David Friend, piano
D. J. Sparr, guitar (acoustic & electric)

CORE OFFERINGS:

- 4 evenings of performances
- Perform chamber music coached by faculty
- Perform in ensembles with faculty
- Perform new works written by composers at the retreat
- Have private lessons with faculty
- Participate in improvisation workshops

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS:

- Take contemporary topics classes and musicianship classes
- Attend pedagogy seminars
- Study electronic music
- Sing new music in chamber choir
- Attend master classes with the composer-in-residence
- Have composition lessons

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to audition?

An audition is not required. Please submit 2-3 recent recordings with your application.

What performance level is expected?

We place students in ensembles and select repertoire based on the level of the participants.

While a range of repertoire may be explored, the focus tends to be on contemporary music.

Can I attend with my chamber group?

Yes. Reduced tuition is available for chamber groups. Inquire for details.

Can I attend the Retreat if my instrument isn't represented among the faculty/artists-in-residence?

Absolutely. Even if we cannot offer private lessons in a particular instrument, you can participate as a chamber musician.

Can I write a piece and have it performed?

Yes. We welcome composer-performers who want to write and perform at the retreat.

Typical day for a performer participant

Breakfast

9:00 – 10:10 Musicianship/Pedagogy

10:25 – 11:35 Contemporary Topics

11:45 – 12:45 Chorus

Lunch

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

3:30 – 4:45 Chamber Chorus (optional)

Afternoons will include one or more of the following each day:

Private Lesson, Chamber music coaching/Rehearsals for Concerts and Composers Forums

Dinner

Evening: Concerts, Composers Forums, Improvisation Workshops

For more information, please visit www.waldenschool.org/creative-musicians-retreat.