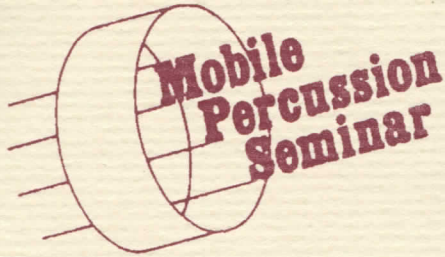


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Dear Percussionist and Family:

Thank you for registering for the 2015 MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It should prove to be quite an exciting and productive week! This packet contains all the necessary information you will need before arriving in Amherst on July 31st, as well as a University Services Health Form, a Waiver & Release Form and a UMass-Amherst campus map. *READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY*, have your parents read it, and be sure to bring this packet to the seminar. You will be responsible for everything that is included here.

I hope that the Seminar will be lots of fun for those who will be attending. You will have the opportunity to meet and work with other percussionists from all across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and even as far away as Arizona! I would like to emphasize that our primary purpose throughout the week will be to develop you into the best percussionist and student leader you can be. Please be certain you are both physically and mentally prepared to devote 100% of your energies toward the accomplishment of this goal.

We will use two books throughout the camp: "**A Percussionist's Guide to Check Patterns**" textbook and "**Championship Concepts For Marching Percussion**" student workbook. Each student will be required to have his or her own copies of these books for camp. Please be sure to bring these books if you already own them. Otherwise, copies will be sold during registration.

The Staff and I are very excited about the Twenty-Fifth Annual MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR at the University of Massachusetts and we look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions, please contact our Business Office at **(413) 549-8066** or send an email to office@percussion.org.

Best wishes,

Thom Hannum, Mobile Percussion Seminar Director

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Friday, July 31, in the lobby of in a “yet to be determined” dormitory in the “Southwest Residential Area” of campus (Please refer to the “HOUSING” section regarding dormitory information). Please be sure to bring your completed **Medical Form** and **Waiver & Release Form**, as well as your balance due for the Seminar (if applicable). If you need to purchase books, they will be available upon check-in. The cost of the two books is \$25 total.

*Students who enrolled in the Leadership Development track will need to purchase an additional textbook, “Championship Concepts For Marching Percussion” (\$20).

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, we are unable to accept credit cards as a form of payment. Tuition balances and books may be paid for with cash, check or money order. We apologize for the inconvenience.

AFTER REGISTRATION

After bringing their belongings up to their assigned rooms, students should then go to Berkshire Dining Commons for dinner. This meal will NOT be done as a group, so students must plan their time accordingly. Parents and other guests are allowed to accompany students to the Dining Commons, **however all parents and other guests will have to pay for their own meals.**

The first session will be held Friday evening at 6:00 PM at the GNP Minuteman Marching Band Building/Grinnell Arena. All students will meet outside of our dormitory at 5:40 PM and we will walk over to the GNP Building as a group. You will need to bring your books, instrument, and a pencil or pen with you to the First Session.

TRANSPORTATION

Driving Directions:

From Springfield/Hartford/Bradley Field:

1. Take INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to EXIT 19. (Northampton/Amherst).
2. As you exit, take ROUTE 9 EAST to Amherst. (Bear RIGHT and cross the bridge.)
3. Follow Route 9 to ROUTE 116 NORTH. (4.5 miles; on the left)
4. Take Route 116 NORTH to the FIRST EXIT (UMass).
5. BEAR RIGHT at the end of the ramp.
6. Drive to the BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and turn RIGHT on to University Drive.
7. Look for the "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.

From Boston and Points East:

1. Take Massachusetts Turnpike WEST to EXIT 4.
2. Follow Interstate 91 NORTH to EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
3. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From New York State: (Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo)

1. Take the New York State Thruway EAST to the Massachusetts Turnpike.
2. Drive EAST on the Mass Pike to EXIT 4.
3. Follow INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
4. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From New Jersey:

1. Take the Garden State Parkway NORTH to New York State Thruway.
2. New York State Thruway SOUTH to EXIT 8.
3. Follow ROUTE 287 WEST (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Interstate 95 NORTH.
4. INTERSTATE 95 NORTH to New Haven.
5. Take INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to MASSACHUSETTS EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
6. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From New Hampshire:

1. Take INTERSTATE 93 SOUTH to Massachusetts 495 SOUTH.
2. Follow 495 South to ROUTE 2 WEST to ROUTE 202 SOUTH.
3. Take Route 202 South to EXIT 16 (Amherst/Belchertown).
4. Follow ROUTE 202 SOUTH for 15 miles towards Amherst/Belchertown.
5. Turn RIGHT to: Rte. 9-116/AMHERST/NORTHAMPTON at blinking yellow light.
6. Drive 7 miles to Amherst Center (your 3rd set of lights on this road.)
8. Turn RIGHT at the lights on to UNIVERSITY DRIVE. Look for "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.

HOUSING

Once we receive confirmation of our dormitory in the Southwest Residential Area, you will be sent both an email and a letter via snail mail regarding the name of the dormitory and helpful tips for Registration.

PARKING

Any students who will be driving themselves to and from the Seminar must use the University assigned parking lot for the Seminar. Students will get information on where to park their cars during Registration and will need to turn in their keys to a staff member once the vehicle is parked.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

Roommate assignments are done at random and you will be most likely be roomed with a student from another school. We do this to enhance your experience of meeting new friends and working with new people. However, if a specific roommate is desired, the request must be sent to Sally Johnson at office@percussion.org no later than JULY 26.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED DURING REGISTRATION.

MEALS

All meals will be eaten in the Berkshire Dining Commons. The first meal will be Dinner on Friday, July 31, served from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The final meal will be Lunch on Tuesday, August 4.

Please visit www.umassdining.com/nutrition to view menus and special dietary needs options.

EQUIPMENT

Marching percussion students should make every effort possible to bring their own drums and harnesses. If this is logistically impossible, equipment can be loaned out from the Mobile Percussion Seminar. All requests for equipment must be sent to our Business Office by either phone or email.

Please Note: IF YOU WILL BE BORROWING MARCHING EQUIPMENT FROM THE SEMINAR, THE DRUMS WILL BE OF "COLLEGE/DRUM CORPS" WEIGHT!

All Seminar students will receive a pair of sticks or mallets during Registration. Mallet players will be provided instruments at the Seminar. Students in the drum set program should bring their hi-hat stand, hi-hat and ride cymbal and stand, and a drum seat.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Any medical emergencies that arise will be handled through the University Health Services (UHS). In extreme circumstances, students will be transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, which is approximately 20 minutes away. Please note that any ambulance transportation will be billed to the parent/guardian's medical insurance policy.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Family and friends are invited to join us for our Closing Ceremony, in conjunction with the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy, on Tuesday, August 4th. The Ceremony will be held in the parking lot adjacent to McGuirk Stadium and will begin around 1pm. More information about the Closing Ceremony will be available on Registration Day.

CHECKOUT

Checkout will be Tuesday, August 4th following the Closing Ceremony. All Resident students must return keys and meal cards as directed. There is a \$60.00 charge for any lost keys and a \$20.00 charge for any lost meal cards!! Please be sure to check all desk and closet drawers for belongings before you leave.

***The Mobile Percussion Seminar and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst are not responsible for any personal belongings left in dorm rooms.**