

2008 Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy Acceptance Packet

Welcome! We are so excited that you will be joining us this year for the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy. As a participant in the SFYCA you will be part of the world-renowned Oregon Bach Festival. You will live in a University of Oregon dormitory along with musicians from all over the world, and perform for audiences equally diverse. Throughout your stay, you will be instructed and inspired by some of the finest choral musicians that the world has to offer, and from your combined voices will issue music that will never be forgotten. This is going to be an experience that we think will change your life.

Please read through this document carefully, and refer back to it regularly. There are a great many details that need to be attended to in order to prepare for the SFYCA and to make your stay here a safe and comfortable one. If you are don't understand something in this document or have questions that are not answered here, please call or email immediately!

Section I Logistics

WHEN

Dates for the 2008 Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy are June 25 through July 6. Participants coming from out of state will need to arrive on June 24 and depart on July 7.

WHERE

As a part of the Oregon Bach Festival, the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy is based on the University of Oregon campus, in Eugene, Oregon. You will be staying at Barnhart Hall, 1000 Patterson St., and you will be performing at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts, at Hayward Field on the UO campus, and at the First Baptist Church of Eugene. Rehearsals will take place in several locations in Eugene, all within walking distance of your dorm.

HOW TO GET HERE

By car

Barnhart Hall is located at 1000 Patterson St., just off Franklin Blvd in Eugene. Following are the driving directions:

- **From Portland and the North:** From I-5 South, take Exit 194B onto I-105 West. Take Exit 2, keep left and follow the signs to the UO. Proceed in the left lane over the Ferry Street Bridge, exiting onto Broadway, which becomes Franklin Boulevard. Turn right onto Patterson St.
- **From Ashland and the South:** From I-5 North, take Exit 192. Merge onto Franklin Boulevard. Turn left onto Patterson St.
- **From the Oregon Coast:** Take Highway 126 East until it becomes West Eleventh Avenue. Follow West Eleventh Avenue to Garfield Street and turn left. Take Garfield to West Seventh Avenue and turn right. Get in the right lane and follow West Seventh Avenue until it becomes Franklin Boulevard. Turn right on Patterson St.
- **From Bend and the east:** Take Highway 126 West through Springfield which becomes I-105 in Eugene after you cross over I-5. Take Exit 2, the Coburg Road exit ramp; keep left at the fork in the ramp. Go straight onto southbound Coburg Road, which becomes the Ferry Street Bridge. Stay in the left lane on the bridge, exiting onto Broadway, which becomes Franklin Boulevard. Turn right on Patterson St.

By air

Students who are coming from out of state should make arrangements to fly into the Eugene airport on Tuesday, June 24, and depart Monday, July 7. Please forward to us *as soon as possible* your child's complete itinerary (airline, flight number, arrival and departure times). We will provide transportation to and from the Eugene airport.

Please note that all students flying into Eugene **MUST** be on a flight scheduled to arrive no later than 10:00 pm. This policy guarantees the students' safety in the event that a flight is delayed and/or a connection missed. In addition, we must ask that students not travel to Eugene by train, as the Amtrak schedule has proven to be too unreliable. For flights out of Eugene, please try to avoid the 6:00 am departure times. We are unable to provide transportation to or from the Portland airport.

You should also be aware that the 2008 Olympic Track and Field Trials will be held in Eugene at the same time as the SFYCA. **Because of this, it is imperative that you make airline reservations as soon as possible.** We anticipate that the Trials will attract a very large audience, most of which will be coming from out of state. If you wait until the last minute, it may be difficult to get reservations.

CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

Registration will take place from **8:00 – 9:30 am** on **Wednesday, June 25** at Barnhart Hall, 1000 Patterson St. in Eugene. During registration, each student will check in, receive a meal card, name tag, room key and roommate assignment. The name tag **MUST** be worn around your neck at all times. There will be an orientation session in the lobby of Barnhart Hall at 10:00 am.

Students who need to fly in to Eugene should arrive on Tuesday, June 24, and will check in to their room on that day.

CHECK-OUT

Check out is immediately following the Patron Celebration on **Sunday, July 6**, at approximately **9:30 pm**. Parents will pick up their child at Barnhart Hall. Please note that room keys **MUST** be turned in before the student leaves. If a key is not returned at check-out, it is assumed to be lost and the student will be billed for the replacement.

Students who are flying out of Eugene drop their room key at the front desk when they leave Monday morning.

TUITION AND OTHER COSTS

Tuition for the 2008 SFYCA	\$600
Music fee	<u>\$ 25</u>
Total	\$625

Non-refundable deposit	\$50 due by April 11
Balance	\$575 due May 23

Please make checks payable to: UO/Oregon Bach Festival, and note the name of the participant on the check. Mail checks to:

Oregon Bach Festival/SFYCA
1257 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403-1257

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for those students with financial need. Application forms for scholarship consideration should be requested as soon as possible. Completed forms must be in our office by April 30, 2008. Notification will be made by May 9, 2008.

PERFORMANCES

SFYCA participants will be performing in several concerts this year:

- June 27 Olympic Track & Field Trials Opening Ceremony, Hayward Field
- June 30 Garrison Keillor concert, Hult Center
- July 1 Bowerman: Man of Oregon, Hult Center
- July 3 SFYCA Headline concert, First Baptist Church
- July 6 Magnificat and Holy Mass, Hult Center

The July 3 concert can be considered the “main” SFYCA event, and will feature only the SFYCA participants.

TICKETS

Each participant will receive two “Buy one, get one free” vouchers, which can be used to purchase tickets for the concerts at the Hult Center or the First Baptist Church. All tickets are available through the Hult Center ticket office (541-682-5000). Vouchers will be sent to the participant’s parents in May.

CONCERT DRESS

Women: Floor-length black skirts, long-sleeve white blouses (not off-white) *tucked in*, and comfortable, black dress shoes (no high heels, prefer close-toed). Please, no fancy jewelry.

Men: Black slacks, white long-sleeve shirt, black tie (long, not bow tie), black dress shoes and black socks.

Section II Preparation for SFYCA

MUSIC

Music will be sent to you directly from Sheet Music Services *AFTER* we have received your Letter of Acceptance and deposit. It is yours to keep. **It is imperative that you come with your music prepared.** SFYCA staff will conduct tests on preparedness. Singers who are not prepared may be asked to withdraw from the Academy.

PHOTO

Please send a photo of yourself **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, so that we can include it in the annual SFYCA directory.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CREDIT

University credit for participation in the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy is available for \$60 per credit/hour from the University of Oregon. Participants will earn 2 credits. If you are interested, please let us know and we will send you the registration materials. Completed forms and payment should be returned to the Oregon Bach Festival office prior to the start of the Academy. After the end of

summer term, you will be sent an identification number from the University of Oregon. To obtain a transcript, contact the UO Office of the Registrar, provide your ID number and request an unofficial transcript. The OBF/SFYCA office is unable to request the transcripts for you.

WHAT TO PACK:

- You will need comfortable clothes for classes and rehearsals. Loose clothes are helpful for movement class, which is held each morning. A jacket or sweatshirt for our cool evenings is also a good idea.
- ***Bring good walking shoes!*** We can't emphasize this point enough. You will often walk a couple of miles during a normal day. Flip-flops and high heels are not appropriate.
- A rain jacket is also advisable, as we typically get one or two showery days during the course of your stay.
- Spending money: you will only need a small amount of spending money for laundry facilities and for small incidentals. There will not be a lot of free time for shopping.
- Towel and washcloth, personal care items.
- You will need one nice outfit (such as what you might wear to church) to wear to the concert hall for performances that you will be attending. Please, no bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, skin-tight pants or very short skirts.
- Water bottle, ***clearly labeled with your name!***
- Alarm clock
- Any necessary inhalers or allergy medicine. The Southern Willamette Valley requires adequate preparation by those susceptible to hay fever and similar allergies.
- Concert dress (see above)

WHAT NOT TO PACK:

- Sleeping bags (against University regulations)
- Bed linen (provided by the University)
- Candles, incense or cigarette lighters (Anything with an open flame is prohibited)
- Skateboards, scooters, bicycles, and roller skates
- Alcohol, drugs or tobacco
- Personal TV's, computers and video/computer games.

Section III Program Structure

DAILY SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Youth Choral Academy is a busy one. Movement and Vocal Technique classes begin at 8:30 am, and the students are kept busy with rehearsals (with breaks for lunch and dinner) until 10:00 pm. To ensure students' safety, and to be sure they get enough rest to protect their vocal health, there will be a curfew and room check each night. A final schedule will be sent to you prior to the start of the program.

SUPERVISION

In addition to the Barnhart Hall live-in duty personnel and SFYCA staff members, there will be eight adult Activity Directors (AD's) who will stay at Barnhart Hall for the duration of the Youth Choral Academy, and who will accompany the participants to and from rehearsals and concerts.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND ROOM KEYS

Two students will be assigned to a room. You may request a roommate if you both agree to the assignment. Requests should be made on the Letter of Commitment which you will fill out and return with your deposit.

Rooms for girls will be on one floor of Barnhart Hall; boys on another. Each student will receive his or her own room key and lanyard. For safety and security reasons, only chaperones and staff will be given keys to the outside doors. If the room key is lost, the student must pay \$30 for a replacement key. This fee is set by University Housing. If a key is not returned at check-out, it is assumed to be lost and the student will be billed for the replacement.

FOOD SERVICE

Students will get a computerized meal card when they check-in. Cafeteria service at Barnhart Hall is all-you-can-eat. Selections include daily vegetarian entrees, salad bar, a variety of main entrees, desserts, and beverages. If a special diet is required, please notify Elin England at the Festival office, 541-346-1320 or 1(800)457-1486. No one is allowed special access to the front of the dining hall line, nor may food be removed from the dining hall. Meal service for all SFYCA participants will begin with lunch on Wednesday, June 25, and conclude with dinner on Sunday, July 6. For those students who need to fly in to and out of Eugene, meal service will begin at lunch on June 24 and the final meal will be breakfast on July 7.

LINENS, TOWELS AND LAUNDRY

Barnhart Hall will provide bed linens, including pillows and blankets. Each room has a private bath. Students must bring their own towels and washcloths, in addition to personal toiletries. There are washers and dryers available on each floor; the washers cost 75 cents per load (paid by a laundry card) and the dryers are free. Students should bring their own laundry detergent and money to purchase a laundry card.

MAIL AND PHONES

Letters and packages sent via US mail should be addressed to the student, care of:

Oregon Bach Festival/SFYCA
1257 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403-1257

If you need to send something via Federal Express or UPS, please use the following address:

Oregon Bach Festival/SFYCA
1787 Agate St.
Eugene OR 97403

We are unable to accept delivery on the weekend or on the 4th of July holiday.

Participants are permitted to bring a cell phone; however, **cell phones *must* be left in the dorm rooms.** Cell phones that are taken out of Barnhart Hall will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Activity Directors will have phones in their rooms that can be made available to students who do not have a cell phone, and will have cell phones with them during the day in case of emergency. Barnhart Hall is unable to provide room phones for all participants.

Section IV Rules, Regulations and Expectations

PARTICIPATION

Students will be expected to participate fully in all elements of the Academy. SFYCA students must have parental permission as well as SFYCA staff permission to deviate from the SFYCA schedule of activities at any time for any reason.

REFUNDS

As indicated by the title, the initial non-refundable deposit is not refundable, for any reason. If a participant withdraws from SFYCA for personal or medical reasons on or before May 25, tuition will be repaid, minus the initial deposit. If a participant withdraws from SFYCA after May 25, 50% of the tuition will be refunded.

MEDICATION, ILLNESS, OR INJURY

Please provide information on the Health Form about any prescription medicines that your student is bringing, with details about dosage and schedule of medication. Minor emergencies will be handled by a doctor on call to the Oregon Bach Festival. Major emergencies will be handled by the Emergency Room at Eugene's Sacred Heart Medical Center. Parents are expected to carry their own medical and dental insurance for their children. All costs for medical treatment are the responsibility of the parent.

AUTOMOBILES

Vehicle use by students is not allowed during the Academy, both for safety reasons, and because of limited parking space. All rehearsals are within walking distance from Barnhart Hall. Vans will transport students to and from performances.

RULES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

When you arrive at the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy, you are joining a community. In any community, some amount of organization and structure is required to protect the individual and to promote community spirit and cooperation. We expect you to conform to certain standards of social and residential life, abide by existing University of Oregon laws, and to use good common sense at all times. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student involved in misconduct as described below.

As a University of Oregon sponsored program, we (as the staff) and you (as parents and participants) are bound by the University Code of Student Conduct. Under this code, disciplinary action may be initiated by the University of Oregon and sanctions imposed against any student found guilty of committing, attempting to commit, or intentionally assisting in the commission of any of the following prohibited forms of conduct:

1. Damage, destruction, theft, or unauthorized use of personal property located on the University campus or property owned or controlled by the University.
2. Illegal use, possession, or furnishing of dangerous or narcotic drugs on University owned or controlled property or at University sponsored or supervised activities.
3. Possession of or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years, on University owned or controlled property or at University sponsored or supervised activities.
4. Tampering with fire-fighting equipment, turning in a false alarm, or engaging in behavior that constitutes a significant fire hazard.
5. Hanging or climbing through windows, or on roofs or ledges.

In addition to the above listed University regulations, the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy has established the following rules to insure the health and safety of all participants.

1. There will be no tolerance for the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or intoxicants of any kind. Violation of this policy will result in immediate dismissal from the SFYCA with no refund of fees paid.
2. There will be no tolerance for possession of weapons; violence or intimidation; theft; damage or vandalism. Violation of this policy will result in immediate dismissal from the SFYCA with no refund of fees paid.
3. Disorderly conduct, unreasonable noise, or behavior that results in unreasonable annoyance will not be tolerated.
4. No SFYCA participant shall leave Barnhart Hall, the University campus, the Hult Center or any other performance or rehearsal venue except when approved by a SFYCA administrator.
5. Students will attend all classes, rehearsals and concerts on time and in an appropriate manner.
6. Verbal abuse, threats or harassment of *any* kind directed toward SFYCA participants, staff or Activity Directors is not acceptable. Participants shall not take part in, or facilitate, discrimination based on race, gender, national origin, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability or handicap. Lewd or rude behavior or use of obscene language will not be tolerated.
7. Inviting guests not participating in the SFYCA into Barnhart Hall, or entering or visiting the areas of Barnhart Hall restricted to students of the opposite sex is prohibited.
8. You are expected to maintain your room in Barnhart Hall in a clean, safe, sanitary condition. When you check out of your room at the end of the Academy, we expect you to leave it as you found it, with no damage and with all trash and personal items removed.
9. A curfew and lights out policy will be enforced by means of a room check performed each night by the Activity Directors. Participants are expected to be out of the shower, in bed, with the lights out by 11:00 pm. Cell phone use after that time is strictly prohibited. Parents, please help your student stay out of trouble by not calling after 10:30 pm.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

SFYCA participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to living on campus. Disciplinary action in response to infractions of the University of Oregon rules and the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy rules is left to the discretion of the SFYCA staff, the Director of the SFYCA, and the Executive Director of the Oregon Bach Festival, who reserve the right to take all actions considered to be in the best interest of the student and the program. Should any student's behavior violate any of the above rules, formal disciplinary action may occur as follows with the SFYCA Director and the OBF Executive Director maintaining complete discretionary power to eliminate steps 1 and 2 if it is determined that the infraction warrants that action.

1. In the event of an initial infraction, the following actions may be taken by a SFYCA staff member or Activity Director: early curfew, parental notification, referral to SFYCA Director and OBF Executive Director for further action, or, in extreme cases, sheriff notification and eviction from the dorm.
2. In the event of continued infractions, the student's actions will be documented in writing and OBF/SFYCA administrators informed of the infraction. The participant will be scheduled for a meeting with the Director. After ascertaining the facts of the situation, the Director will determine whether parental notification, probation and/or expulsion are warranted. If determined

warranted, the Executive Director of the Oregon Bach Festival will then be consulted for a final decision.

3. In the event of expulsion, the student's parents or guardian will be contacted to make arrangements for the student's safe return home. If SFYCA arranges transportation, the parent or guardian is expected to reimburse SFYCA in full for all travel costs. Expulsion is at the absolute discretion of the SFYCA Director and the OBF Executive Director. No refund of fees or award of college credit will be made to a participant who has been expelled.
4. Any SFYCA participant found to have violated the rules pertaining to possession or use of alcohol or drugs, possession of weapons, violence or intimidation, theft, damage or vandalism shall be immediately expelled upon the first infraction.

QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Elin England at the Oregon Bach Festival if you have any questions about the program:

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Fax:	541-346-5669
Email:	eengland@uoregon.edu
Mailing address:	Oregon Bach Festival/SFYCA 1257 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1257