

Professional Training Program Orientation Information for Registered Students

Below you will find information pertinent to your time at Bates. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions at dancefest@bates.edu or by calling 207-786-6381.

Arrival and Departure - Please plan to arrive on Saturday, July 17 between 2:00 and 7: PM. That will give you enough time to pick up packets at the orientation tables (located on the main floor of Chase Hall, 56 Campus Avenue), get settled in your room and have dinner before our opening concert with Doug Varone and Dancers at 8:00 PM in Schaeffer Theatre (**Please see Performance tickets info below regarding Varone concert tickets.**) Please plan to depart Sunday, August 8 by 12:00 Noon.

Travel Information - We encourage you to make your travel plans **at least two months in advance as summer flights to Maine fill very quickly.** By air, Bates College is best served by the Portland Jetport. Airtran, United, Delta, Northwest, US Air, Continental and JetBlue fly into Portland. An airport shuttle service is available directly to the College from the Portland Jetport, Manchester, NH, Airport, and Boston's Logan Airport. For shuttle information go to Mermaid Transportation: <http://www.gomermaid.com>. Greyhound and Vermont Transit provide bus service to Lewiston. Taxis generally meet the buses and will take you to the campus for a nominal fee. Driving directions are at: <http://abacus.bates.edu/dancefest/directions.php>

Registration Packets & Keys - Tables will be set up on the main floor of Chase Hall, 56 Campus Drive, on Saturday, July 17 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM and Sunday, July 18, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. **You MUST check in, get your schedule, and pick up your dorm keys during these times.** If an on-time arrival is impossible due to transcontinental travel, contact us on Friday July 9 so that we can help you work out a solution.

Performance Tickets - Full time students receive complimentary tickets. **In order to reserve a ticket for the Varone concert you must contact us no later than Friday, July 9** to confirm your arrival by 7pm on Sat, July 17. We cannot reserve a Varone ticket for you unless we hear from you. If you are a part-time student (less than 4 classes) you must pre-purchase your tickets to performances to insure a seat. Tickets may be purchased on-line after June 15 at: http://batestickets.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp or call the box office after July 5 at 207-786-6161.

Orientation Meeting - A **mandatory** meeting for all students and faculty will be held on Sunday, July 18 at 7:00 PM in Chase Hall.

Mail and Telephone - Mail may be sent to you c/o Bates Dance Festival, Bates College, Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240-6016. Students may receive incoming calls on telephones located in their rooms. We will issue phone numbers upon arrival to campus.

make long distance calls students must have a calling card. Voicemail is not available.
Sprint cell phone service may not work in our area.

Email/Internet Access - Computers are available for use in the library and Chase Hall. Students bringing laptops must update their virus software to Bates standards in order to the WIFI access in their rooms and around campus.

Health Services - The Festival does not maintain any on-campus health services. However Saint Mary's Hospital, Central Maine Medical Center and Lewiston Orthopedics are all located within two blocks of campus. If you have health coverage be sure to bring your insurance card. The Festival is not responsible for medical expenses you may incur while on campus. Three licensed body workers will offer individual sessions on a sign up basis at a rate of \$60 an hour.

Money - An ATM is located in the basement of Chase Hall. Checks of up to \$30.00 may be cashed in the campus bookstore with photo ID. No other check cashing is available in the vicinity.

Housing - Students will be housed in six facilities on campus. Each building has shared baths, a common room for socializing, some kitchen facilities (microwave and refrigerator) and laundry facilities. Rooms are equipped with one pillow, sheets, and one blanket.

Students are responsible for bringing their own towels. If you tend to be cold at night we recommend bringing another blanket. Maine weather is unpredictable - we may have a heat wave, but nights can still be chilly.

Dress and What to Bring - You may download a "what to bring list" at: <http://abacus.bates.edu/dancefest/studforms2.php> The campus store is open weekdays for the purchase of sundries and supplies. A drug store is less than a mile away.

Food - Meals are served in the College Memorial Commons. The first meal will be dinner on Saturday, July 17, and the last will be brunch on Sunday, August 8. A wide range of choices is available including vegetarian and vegan options. Please contact us if you have any other special dietary needs. Day students may purchase meals individually. Prices are: breakfast \$6.00, lunch \$7.50, dinner and Sunday brunch \$8.50.

Campus and Community - Bates College has a beautifully landscaped campus with an extensive shaded green, ivy covered brick buildings, good studio spaces and well-equipped study and sports facilities. You may view the campus map at:

<http://abacus.bates.edu/dancefest/tourcampus.php>. The campus is located in a residential section of Lewiston/Auburn that lies one hour from Portland and the famous Maine coast. With a population of 60,000, this small city shares the ethnic and cultural heritage of many industrial areas that grew up on New England rivers during the 19th century. The campus has a quiet, peaceful atmosphere that we enliven with many Festival events.

Weekend Trips - On Saturday, July 31 from 11 - 5, the Festival offers an off-campus trip on a glorious ride along the estuaries of coastal Maine to an extraordinary beach -- Reid State

Park. The bus and entrance fee for Reid State Park is \$15.00. You may sign up at the orientation table upon arrival, or in the office by Wednesday, July 28.

Performance Opportunities -The Festival will culminate with an informal showing of student work and a repertory concert on Saturday, August 7. Students interested in presenting work in the informal showing may enter their names into the hat from which 20 will be drawn. Work must be created at the Festival and be no longer than six minutes. Faculty members will adjudicate. Emerging and International Choreographers may also be looking for dancers to work with during their time at the festival. Auditions will be announced at the Orientation meeting on July 18.