

## **Young Dancers Workshop 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](mailto:dancefest@bates.edu) or by calling 207-786-6381.

**Arrival, Orientation, and Departure-** All students must arrive on campus Friday, June 25 between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. This will give you time to visit the orientation tables (located on the main floor of Chase Hall, 56 Campus Avenue), get settled in your room, and have dinner before your orientation meeting at 7:00 PM in Chase Lounge. Please plan to depart by 11 AM on Friday, July 16.

**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 Jet Blue fly into Portland. **Please check with your airline to see if there are special requirements for young teens traveling alone.** 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>

**Preparing for the Program** - It is extremely important that students arrive at Bates ready to dance. The Young Dancers Workshop is a physically rigorous program. In order to prevent injury we **strongly recommend** that young dancers attend regular dance classes and keep their bodies active between the end of their school year and their arrival at Bates. During the first two days following your arrival we will offer "sample classes" to help prepare you physically for the rigorous daily schedule, to allow you to study with other teachers and to help you select your afternoon classes.

**What to Bring** – a list of suggested item to pack is available at: <http://abacus.bates.edu/dancefest/studforms.php> Students are housed in a dorm on campus. Bed linens are provided.

**Mail** – Please address all mail for students to our summer only address: student's name, c/o Bates Dance Festival, 56 Campus Ave., Lewiston, ME 04240.

**Class Placement** - On Tuesday, June 29 there will be mandatory placement classes. Care will be taken to ensure proper placement level in each technique class so as to maximize each student's learning experience.

**Afternoon Classes** – Following the two days of sample classes students may register for afternoon electives, based on their Festival ID number. While we do our best to place students in their first choice classes, enrollment in afternoon classes is limited and we are not able to grant all requests.

**Daily Schedule** - There will be two classes offered in each dance style - Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Afro-Fusion, Repertory and Improvisation. Students are required to take Modern and Ballet in the morning and two electives in the afternoon. The Monday - Friday schedule consists of four class periods per day. Classes begin at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm with an optional warm up class offered at 8:15 AM. Students eat lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Optional workshops will be offered on the weekend.

**Supervision/Counselors** - We have assembled a group of ten counselors, all of whom are trained dancers and have experience working with teens. They will live in the dorm alongside students and will provide careful, ongoing supervision and support throughout the program. Counselors will accompany students to classes, meals, evening events and off-campus trips. They are available day and night to respond to the needs of the students.

**Roommates** - Students may request a particular roommate of similar age by notifying the festival office before June 11. We will make every effort to grant roommate requests provided that the two students are of similar age. If you do not request a roommate, but wish to live in a double room, we will place you with a student of similar age.

**Performances** - On Thursday, July 15 at 4:00 PM students will present an informal showing of class work that parents and friends are welcome to attend. That evening at 8:00 PM students will attend a performance by Doug Varone and Dancers. Family and friends who wish to attend the concert are strongly advised to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will be available online beginning June 14 at: [http://batestickets.universitickets.com/user\\_pages/event\\_listings.asp](http://batestickets.universitickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp) or call the box office after July 5 at 207-786-6161.