

2017 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.

Campus and Community - Bates College has a beautifully landscaped campus with an elm-shaded green, ivy covered brick buildings, good studio spaces and well-equipped study and sports facilities. Click for [campus map](#). 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.

Arrival and Departure – You must arrive on Saturday, July 15 between 2pm and 5pm in order to register and confirm your class schedule. That will give you enough time to pick up your packet and keys at the orientation tables **located on campus in Pettigrew Hall, 305 College St.**, get settled in your room, and have dinner before our opening concert with **David Dorfman Dance** at 7:30pm in Schaeffer Theatre. **(Please see Performance tickets info below regarding concert tickets.)** Please plan to depart Sunday, August 6 by 12pm.

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. Air Canada, Southwest, United, Delta, US Air, Continental and JetBlue fly into Portland. Mermaid Transportation operates a shuttle service directly to the College from the Portland Jetport and Concord Coach Bus/Amtrak Train Station. Click for [Mermaid Transport](#). **Do not wait until the last minute to book your shuttle** as they will fill quickly! The shuttle schedule is available on Student Forms page. 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. Click for [Driving directions](#).

Registration Packets & Keys - Registration will be take place in Pettigrew Hall, 305 College St. on Saturday, July 15 from 2pm to 5pm and Sunday, July 16, from 3pm to 6pm. **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, please contact us by Wednesday, July 5** so that we can help you work out a solution.

Orientation Meeting - A **mandatory** meeting for all students and faculty will be held on Sunday, July 16 at 7pm in Schaeffer Theater.

Performances – Students will enjoy several main stage and informal performances during the program including David Dorfman Dance, zoe | juniper, our 35th Anniversary Gala, Musicians' Concert, Mill Town, and the Festival Finale. Full time students receive complimentary tickets. **In order to reserve a ticket for the Dorfman concert you must arrive by 5pm on Sat, July 15 and you must confirm your arrival with us no later than Wednesday, July 5**. We cannot hold a ticket for you unless we hear from you. If you are a part-time student (less than 4 courses) you must pre-purchase your tickets to performances to insure a seat. Tickets may be purchased on-line after June 1 at: <http://batestickets.com> or call the box office after June 28 at 207-786-

6161.

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, one blanket and 4 bath 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. Dorms and classrooms are not air- conditioned.

Roommates - Students may request a particular roommate of similar age by notifying the festival office **by Monday, June 26**. 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.

Food - Meals are served in the College Memorial Commons. The first meal will be dinner on Saturday, July 15, and the last will be breakfast on Sunday, August 5. 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. Meal prices are: breakfast \$7.50, lunch \$8.50, dinner and weekend brunch \$9.50.

Dress and What to Bring – Dress is informal but modest as we are a part of a larger, community on campus and we want to be respectful. Dance clothing should allow your faculty to see your alignment easily. You may download a “what to bring list” from the [accepted student forms web page](#). The campus store is open weekdays for the purchase of sundries and supplies. A drug store is less than half a mile away.

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.

Mail - should be sent to you: **c/o Bates Dance Festival, 305 College St., Lewiston, ME 04240-6016**.

Email/Internet Access - Computers are available for use in the library and Dining Commons. Students bringing laptops may access the 'Bates Open; network to use the WIFI in their rooms and around campus.

Health Services/ Bodywork - The Festival does not maintain any on-campus health services. However, Concentra Urgent Care Clinic, Saint Mary's Hospital, Central Maine Medical Center and Lewiston Orthopedics are all located within blocks of campus. If you have health coverage be sure to bring your insurance card. Concentra *requires* that co-payments are paid before services are received so make sure you know what your insurance co-pay is and have a way to cover those costs. The Festival is not responsible for medical expenses you may incur while on campus. Several licensed body workers will offer individual sessions on a sign up basis at a rate of \$65 an hour.

Weekend Trips - On Saturday, July 22 from 11:30 - 4:30pm the Festival will offer a trip to the Portland (\$15), and on July 29 from 11:30 – 4:30pm, a trip to Range State Park (\$17) -- a beautiful park with trails for hiking and a beach for swimming. You may sign-up at the orientation

table upon arrival, or in the office by Wednesday before the trip. Reservations are non-refundable.

Performance Opportunities - The Festival will culminate with an afternoon informal showing of student work and the Festival Finale repertory concert on Saturday, August 5. 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 16.