



## 2017 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.

**Campus and Local 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, Orientation, and Departure-** All students must arrive on campus Friday, June 23 between 2 and 5 pm. This will give you time to visit the **orientation tables located on campus in Pettigrew Hall, 305 College St.** get settled in your room, and have dinner before your mandatory orientation meeting at 7:00 PM in Pettigrew Room, 301. Please plan to depart by 11 am on Friday, July 14.

**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. **Please check with your airline to see if there are special requirements for young teens traveling alone.** Mermaid Transportation operates a shuttle service directly to the College from the Portland Jetport and Concord Coach Bus/Amtrak Train Station. Click for [Mermaid Shuttle](#). **Do not wait until the last minute to book your shuttle** as they will fill quickly! The shuttle schedule is available on [Student Forms web 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](#).

**Preparing for the Program** - **It is extremely important that students arrive 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 each teacher and to help you select your afternoon classes.

**Housing** - Students will be housed in Rand Hall. The dorm has shared baths, a common room for socializing, modest kitchen facilities (microwave and refrigerator), and laundry facilities. Rooms are equipped with one pillow, sheets, one blanket, and four bath towels. If you tend to be cold at night, we recommend bringing another blanket. Maine weather is



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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 **before Monday, May 29**. 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.

**Supervision/Counselors** - We have assembled a group of seven 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, mentorship and support throughout the program. Students of similar age will form small groups each led by a counselor with whom they meet nightly. Counselors will accompany their group to classes, meals, evening events and off-campus trips. They are available day and night to respond to the needs of the students.

**Dress and What to Bring** – a list of suggested items to pack is available on the [Student Forms web page](#). The campus store is open weekdays for the purchase of sundries and supplies.

**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. We recommend bringing \$50 to \$75 in cash for incidentals.

**Mail/Phone** – Please address all mail for students to: student's name, **c/o Bates Dance Festival, 305 College St., Lewiston, ME 04240**. Cell phone use is limited to non-class time.

**Email/Internet Access** - Computers are available for use in the library and Dining Commons.

**Health Services** - 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. All students are required to bring their 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.

**Class Placement** - On Monday, June 26, there will be a mandatory placement class. Care will be taken to ensure proper placement level in each technique class in order to maximize each student's learning experience.

**Afternoon Classes** – Following the first two days of sample classes students may select afternoon electives, and will be registered 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



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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, 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 9:00am and end at 5:00pm with an optional warm up class offered at 8:15am. Students eat lunch from 12:30 to 1:30pm. Optional workshops will be offered on weekends.

**Weekend Activities/Trips** – Weekends are for rest, laundry, rehearsals, workshops, films, etc. On Saturday, July 8 from 11:30 – 4:30pm, the Festival will offer a trip to Range State Park -- a beautiful lake with trails and a beach for swimming.

**Performances** – Students will enjoy several informal and main stage performances during their program including the **DanceNow** Concert featuring faculty and visiting artists on Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8 at 7:30pm. On Thursday, July 13 at 4pm students will present a free, informal showing of class work that parents and friends are welcome to attend. That evening at 7:30pm students will attend their culminating event, a performance by **David Dorfman Dance** at 7:30pm. **Family and friends who wish to attend this concert are strongly advised to purchase tickets in advance.** Tickets will be available at registration and online beginning June 1 at: <http://batestickets.com/>

Ticket will also be available during orientation June 23 or by calling the box office after July 1 at 207-786-6161.