



Skidmore Jazz Institute Program Information 2024

Registration and Arrival

Again, welcome to the Summer Jazz Institute at Skidmore College. Registration is Saturday, June 29th, from 2:30 – 4 pm at the [Arthur Zankel Music Center](#) on the Skidmore College campus. At that time, you will receive a Skidmore I.D. card, room assignment and a complete class schedule. Commuting students, who are attending the Institute but living off campus, are also required to register at the Zankel Music Center to receive a Skidmore I.D. card.

During registration, drummers, bass, and guitar players (in particular) will be given locker assignments and asked to unload and secure their instruments in the before proceeding to register with the Resident Staff and move into Jonsson Tower dormitory.

Saturday evening there will be a required Orientation where you will meet our staff and fellow musicians and tour the Zankel Music Center where all of your rehearsals and performances will be held.

Participants will attend the [Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival](#) at the [Saratoga Performing Arts Center](#) on Sunday, June 30th. The Jazz Institute's Faculty Septet will perform, and you are sure to find the other artists very inspiring. Tickets for Jazz Institute students are free and additional information on the Festival can be found on the SPAC website. Lunch and dinner will also be provided, but you may wish to bring some money for snacks, etc.

Travel and Preparation

In making your travel arrangements there are a few things you may wish to consider. If you are traveling by air, the closest airport is Albany International in Albany, New York, approximately a 40-minute ride from campus. There is a bus and train station in [Saratoga Springs](#), about a 10-minute drive from campus, that provides service to [Amtrak Trains](#) and [Greyhound Bus](#) lines. Please be prepared with money for a taxi or shuttle to travel to and from campus.

Drivers should follow directions to Skidmore College at [815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866](#) or the Arthur Zankel Music Building.

All participants are required to have a completed Health Form submitted to the Office of Special Programs before their arrival on campus. This form requires a visit to your family physician so please plan accordingly in advance.

Students should plan to bring their own instruments, except pianos and vibes. Drummers, please bring your drums and any Latin percussion instruments you may own. Bass players are expected to bring their acoustic bass, bow, pickup and amp (including cords and extension cords). Guitar players should bring their guitar amp,

cords and extension cords. You will want to bring your *Real Book*, if you own one, staff paper and a notebook; music stands are provided. **Drummers:** If you would like to ship your drums BEFORE arriving on campus, please address them to: Skidmore Jazz Institute, Office of Special Programs, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. They will be secured in your rehearsal space for you to unpack and setup upon arrival.

Please refer to our [Packing List](#) for other suggested items including linens and concert attire.

While you are here, we invite you to enjoy all our campus and community have to offer. Our [Summer Student and Guest Information](#) site has helpful details about campus life and resources.

The Institute

Classes begin Monday, July 1st, at 8:30 am. Your personalized class, lesson and rehearsal schedule will be available at Registration.

Our [Summer Concert Series](#) will feature our Faculty All-Star Septet each week, the Danilo Pérez Trio, the Alexa Tarantino Quartet, and Students in performance. Family and friends are welcome to attend or tune into the Livestream link to watch concerts live (if offered). The Concert Series website will be updated with livestream links as they become available throughout the spring.

Faculty and guest artists will offer specialized master classes afternoons Monday – Thursday.

A reminder your enrollment in the program affirms your agreement to abide by the [Skidmore Honor Code](#), our [No Smoking Policy](#) and all Academic and Residential Policies for [Students over](#) and [under 18 years](#) of age.

Departure

Participants are encouraged to depart campus after the final student performance on Friday, July 12th if possible. It is expected the concert will run until approximately 3:30 pm. Participants needing to travel on Saturday, July 13th may stay overnight; check out time is 11 am. The last meal served will be breakfast that morning.