



**Summer Dance Workshop  
Martha Graham Dance Company  
June 1 – 21, 2014  
General Information**

Registration and Arrival

Again, welcome to the Summer Dance Workshop at Skidmore College. Registration for residential students is Sunday, June 1, from 2-4 p.m. at Case Center on the Skidmore College campus. At that time you will receive a Skidmore I.D. card and room assignment. A \$10 refundable key deposit is required when you check in. Commuting students, who are attending the workshop but living off campus, are also required to register at the Case Center Registration Desk to receive a Skidmore I.D. card. This may be done any time after 2 p.m. on Sunday June 1 but you may wish to register at a time close to the evening Orientation (and therefore make only one trip to campus that day).

Following dinner on Sunday, at 7 p.m. in the Dance Theater, there will be an Orientation where you will tour the Dance Center and meet members of the Company, staff, and fellow workshop participants.

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 are bus and train stations in Saratoga Springs and each is about a 10-minute drive. The Saratoga Springs Amtrak station is 2.5 miles from campus, but fewer trains stop there. Please take a taxi or shuttle to campus. Drivers should follow directions to campus found on the travel sheet and, once on campus, signs to Case Center.

The following information is essential in planning your stay at Skidmore. This information can be found on the Skidmore College Dance Workshop website at: [www.skidmore.edu/summerdance/](http://www.skidmore.edu/summerdance/). Please also refer to the program website for information on the [refund policy](#) for the workshop.

Follow the links for: [Summer Programs](#), [Dance Workshop](#) and [Accepted Candidates](#). Unless requested, you will NOT receive this information by mail.

- Tentative Workshop Schedule (*final schedule will be available at Registration*)
- Skidmore in the Summer (*links to the Skidmore Summer Information Guide, map and travel directions*)
- Packing List
- Health Form (*please complete and return to our office if you are under 18 years of age*)
- Residential Life Agreement

### While you are here

During the workshop participants will explore how to make the most powerful and effective choices for the stage -- whether learning a classic character or creating a new character-driven composition. Classes in Graham Technique, Repertory, Composition and Performance will be coordinated so that all will address ways to imbue the physical moves of a dance with decisions that reveal character, motivation and intention. Graham classes will be supplemented by special workshops provided by [SITI Company](#) – the professional theater company in residence at Skidmore – and by daily access to the rehearsals and creative processes of the professional dancers of the Graham Company. Though grounded in the Graham theater, the principles offered in this residency will empower participants in any style of dance or theater they choose to pursue. The workshop's class schedule will be supplemented by lecture demonstrations and social events. The Martha Graham Dance Company will perform at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center the evening of June 12; tickets and transportation will be provided.

The Company performance is part of a larger, local, arts festival taking place the weekend of June 12 – 15. The SaratogaArtsFest is a city-wide celebration of the arts and will feature music, dance, visual arts, film, theatre, and literary arts. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to see nationally and internationally recognized artists in unique venues throughout Saratoga. Specially-priced student tickets will be available for purchase and transportation will be available. More information can be found at [www.saratogaartsfest.org](http://www.saratogaartsfest.org).

While on campus we invite you to enjoy all our campus and community have to offer. The campus is situated on a 750-acre lot with paths for walking and hiking. The dining hall offers a balanced menu with ample vegetarian options. Dormitory rooms are equipped with free internet access and cable television. The College's extensive library offers quiet spaces for reading and reflection and public computer access. The Sports and Recreation Center's pool, weight and training rooms, tennis courts and outdoor jogging track are also available for your personal use and the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery specializes in cross-disciplinary approaches to a diverse range of subjects and houses the College's Permanent Art Collection.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the final student showing at a time to be announced the afternoon of June 20; a reception will follow. Participants may depart after the performance Friday afternoon or stay on campus until Saturday morning. The last meal will be breakfast Saturday, June 21; check out time is 11 am.