



Skidmore Jazz Institute Program Information 2026

Registration and Arrival

Again, welcome to the Summer Jazz Institute at Skidmore College. Registration is Saturday, June 27th, 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 before proceeding to register with the Resident Staff and move into Wiecking 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 [Saratoga Jazz Festival](#) at the [Saratoga Performing Arts Center](#) on Sunday, June 28th. 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.

Following are local transportation companies for travel from Albany Airport and the Saratoga Springs Train Station that serve the Capital District Region and the College:

[Today's Transportation Group LLC](#)

518-452-4242

Rates range depending on number of passengers and size of vehicle.

[Saratoga Taxi](#)

518-584-2700

Travel should be arranged in advance by website form or by phone, group rates are available, approximate cost from Albany Airport to Saratoga Springs is \$65.00 without gratuity.

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 (except pianists) should plan to bring their own instruments.

- Vibraphone players: Please bring your vibraphone. If you are traveling by air, you may request to borrow an instrument or arrange for a rental.
- Drummers: Please bring your full drum set, along with any Latin percussion instruments you may own. If you are traveling by air, you may request to borrow an instrument or arrange for a rental. Your drums will be secured in your rehearsal space and available for setup upon arrival. If you would like to ship your drums prior to arrival, please address them to:
Skidmore Jazz Institute
Office of Special Programs
Skidmore College
815 North Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
- Bass players: Please bring your acoustic bass, bow, pickup, and amplifier, including all necessary cables and extension cords. If you are traveling by air, you may request to borrow an instrument or arrange for a rental.
- Guitar players: Please bring your amplifier, cables, and extension cords. If you are traveling by air, you may request to borrow an amp or arrange for a rental.

Students are encouraged to bring a Real Book (if they own one), along with staff paper and a notebook. Music stands will be provided.

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, June 30th, 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, guest artists to be announced, 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 following the final student performance on Friday, July 10, if possible. The closing concert is expected to conclude at approximately 3:30 PM.

Participants who need to travel on Saturday, July 11 may stay overnight. Check-out time is 11:00 AM, and breakfast will be the final meal served that morning. Please arrange for airport transportation to depart campus prior to 11:00am.