

Dear Percussionist and Family:

Thank you for registering for the 2008 MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It should prove to be quite an exciting week! This letter covers all the necessary information you will need before arriving in Amherst on August 2nd. A campus map is also enclosed to help you locate your dormitory. *READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY*, have your parents read it, and be sure to bring this letter to the seminar along with your balance due of _____. You will be responsible for everything included here.

I hope that the Seminar is lots of fun for those that attend. I would also like to emphasize that our primary purpose throughout the week will be to develop you into the best percussionist and student leader you can be. Please be certain you are both physically and mentally prepared to devote 100% of your energies toward the accomplishment of this goal.

We will use two books throughout camp, the main textbook "**Championship Concepts For Marching Percussion**", and its accompanying student workbook. All students will be required to have their own copies for camp. Please be sure to bring both of these books if you already own them; otherwise, copies will be sold during registration on Tuesday. The main textbook is \$20.00, and the student workbook is \$5.00.

I am very excited about the Eighteenth Annual MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR at the University of Massachusetts and I look forward to meeting you. Again, thank you for choosing the Mobile Percussion Seminar. If you have any questions, please call the Mobile Percussion Seminar at **413-549-4414**. I am sure you will have an experience you won't forget.

Best wishes,

Thom Hannum, Mobile Percussion Seminar

A few reminders:

- Please bring BOTH medical forms with you to registration on August 2, 2008.*
- If applicable, please bring "Balance Due" on August 2, 2008.*
- Remember equipment!! Drum set students should bring a hi-hat stand and hi-hat cymbals, ride cymbal and stand, sticks, and a throne.*
- MPS t-shirts, hats, drum sticks, books, and instructional video tapes will be on sale during the camp.*

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 2, in the lobby of Cance Dormitory in the "Southwest Residential Area" of campus. (See enclosed campus map). The first session will be held Saturday evening at 6:00 PM. Be sure to bring your pens or pencils along with a three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper for this session.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are arriving by car:

Follow the directions found on pages 4 and 5.

If you are traveling by bus:

Make sure your final destination is AMHERST CENTER. The phone number for PETER PAN BUS LINES is: 413-781-3320. The MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR will provide transportation from Amherst Center to UMass. Please call Michele Gaulin at (508) 776-1342 by Friday, August 1, with your arrival time. Do not wait until you arrive in Amherst Center on Tuesday to call for transportation.

If you are traveling by airplane:

The final destination is HARTFORD/ SPRINGFIELD BRADLEY AIRPORT. The MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR will arrange for shuttle service from the airport to UMass, as well as the return trip to the airport. There will be a service charge for this shuttle transportation. Please call Michele Gaulin at (508) 776-1342 NO LATER than Friday, August 1, to arrange for shuttle transportation.

HOUSING

Housing for the 2008 Seminar students will be in Cance Dormitory in the "Southwest Residential Area" of campus. Checkout will be Wednesday afternoon, August 6, following the final session. All students must checkout and return keys as directed. There is a \$60.00 charge for any lost keys!! Linens are not provided. Be sure to bring a pillow, twin size sheets, blanket, and towels. An *alarm clock* is a good idea, too! There is absolutely NO SMOKING in the dormitories.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

Rooming assignments will be made in advance. When logistically possible, you will be housed with students from other schools. This will enhance your experience of meeting new friends and working with new people. If you would like to room with someone that you know, please call and let us know so we can arrange it.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

MEALS

All meals will be eaten in the school cafeteria. The resident fee includes tuition, housing, meals and camp tee shirts. Meals begin with dinner on Saturday, August 2. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Berkshire Dining Commons. The final meal will be lunch on Wednesday, August 6. Commuters have the option to purchase meals separately on a cash basis.

EQUIPMENT

Snares, quads, triples, bass drummers, and cymbals should make every effort to bring your own instruments and harnesses. If this is logistically impossible, equipment can be provided by contacting the Mobile Percussion Seminar at **413-549-4414**. Keyboard players should bring portable instruments if available; otherwise, instruments will be provided at the Seminar. Students enrolled in the drum set program should bring their own sticks, hi-hat stand and hi-hat cymbals, ride cymbal and stand, and a drum seat.

***Everyone should bring sticks and mallets. ***

There will be some snare sticks, books, and other Mobile Percussion Seminar products on sale at the Seminar.

MAIL and TELEPHONES

Any mail you wish to receive should be addressed as follows:

Your Name
c/o THOM HANNUM--MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR
126 Mt. Warner Rd.
Hadley, MA 01035

In case of emergency, the main telephone number for the University of Massachusetts is: **413-545-0111**. You can also contact Michele Gaulin at **(508) 776-1342** or Brad O'Connor at **(301) 991-6880**. A limited number of pay phones are available for student use during free time. Be sure to bring change or a phone card for the pay phones.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Any medical emergencies that arise will be handled through the University Health Services (UHS). This service is part of the conference registration fee. The University of Massachusetts Security Staff is also trained to handle emergencies and dispatch accordingly. However, emergency ambulance transportation charges are not covered under the UHS plan and will be billed directly to the individual by the carrier.

Enclosed you will find two medical forms which you need to bring to the Seminar: the "Parental Acknowledgment and Consent Form" (this needs to be notarized) and a "Medical and Immunization History." These health forms are required of all students who

attend a University sanctioned camp. Please complete fully and bring both with you to camp. Health Services must have these forms on file in order to perform any necessary medical service during your stay on campus.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Your parents and family members are invited to join us for our final session. This session is scheduled to take place at Gladchuck Field--immediately adjacent to McGuirk Stadium with parking available in E Lot--in conjunction with the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy. All sections of the Academy, plus the Mobile Percussion Seminar students, will perform a small demonstration for each other. The Closing Ceremony will start between 1:00-1:15 PM on Wednesday, August 6. It will last approximately an hour and a half. Please make arrangements to be picked up at Gladchuck Field at the conclusion of the Closing Ceremony. Bring a chair and refreshments!

MAJOR ROUTES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

From Springfield/Hartford/Bradley Field:

1. Take INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to EXIT 19. (Northampton/Amherst).
2. As you exit, take ROUTE 9 EAST to Amherst. (Bear RIGHT and cross the bridge.)
3. Follow Route 9 to ROUTE 116 NORTH. (4.5 miles; on the left)
4. Take Route 116 NORTH to the FIRST EXIT (UMass).
5. BEAR RIGHT at the end of the ramp.
6. Drive to the BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and turn RIGHT on to University Drive.
7. Look for the "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.
8. Drive to the next BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and turn LEFT on to Fearing Street.

*Please park in the spaces along Fearing St. The Cance Dormitory is halfway up the hill on your LEFT.

From Boston and Points East:

1. Take Massachusetts Turnpike WEST to EXIT 4.
2. Follow Interstate 91 NORTH to EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
3. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From New York City:

1. Take INTERSTATE 95 NORTH to New Haven then to INTERSTATE 91 NORTH.
2. Follow I-91 North to MASSACHUSETTS EXIT 19.
3. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From New York State: (Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo)

1. Take the New York State Thruway EAST to the Massachusetts Turnpike.
2. Drive EAST on the Mass Pike to EXIT 4.
3. Follow INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
4. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From New Jersey:

1. Take the Garden State Parkway NORTH to New York State Thruway.
2. New York State Thruway SOUTH to EXIT 8.
3. Follow ROUTE 287 WEST (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Interstate 95 NORTH.
4. INTERSTATE 95 NORTH to New Haven.
5. Take INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to MASSACHUSETTS EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
6. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

From Vermont:

1. Take INTERSTATE 91 SOUTH to EXIT 25. (So. Deerfield/Sunderland/ Rte.5-10).
2. Turn LEFT at the end of the ramp.
3. Drive to the "T" and turn RIGHT on to RTE. 5-10.
4. Pass Yankee Candle then turn LEFT on to ROUTE 116 SOUTH to Sunderland/Amherst.
5. Follow Rte.116 South to the UMASS/AMHERST EXIT. (8.5 miles)
6. Bear LEFT at the end of the ramp and cross the bridge towards UMass.
7. Drive to the BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and turn RIGHT onto University Drive.
8. Look for the "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.
9. Drive to the next BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and bear LEFT on to Fearing Street.
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From New Hampshire:

1. Take VERMONT INTERSTATE 91 SOUTH.
2. Follow INTERSTATE 91 SOUTH to EXIT 25 (So. Deerfield/Sunderland/Amherst).
3. Follow *From Vermont* directions.

<<OR>>

1. Take INTERSTATE 93 SOUTH to Massachusetts 495 SOUTH.
2. Follow 495 South to ROUTE 2 WEST to ROUTE 202 SOUTH.
3. Take Route 202 South to EXIT 16 (Amherst/Belchertown).
4. Follow ROUTE 202 SOUTH for 15 miles towards Amherst/Belchertown.
5. Turn RIGHT to: Rte. 9-116/AMHERST/NORTHAMPTON at blinking yellow light.
6. Drive 7 miles to Amherst Center (your 3rd set of lights on this road.)
7. Continue straight, down AMITY STREET (between the two Banks) to stop lights.
8. Turn RIGHT at the lights on to UNIVERSITY DRIVE. Look for "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs and proceed to the first blinking yellow traffic light.
9. Turn RIGHT on Fearing Street.
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From Maine:

1. Take INTERSTATE 95 SOUTH to Massachusetts 495 SOUTH.
2. Follow *From New Hampshire* directions.