Dear CYM Families:

We are just 12 days from the start of CYM and I’m sure you are all busy finishing up the school year and preparing for the trip to Potsdam and the first days of camp. I have several items below that have arisen from your questions and wanted to share with all parents. Many of these are also included in the attached Participant information document which can also be found on our website. If you have ANY questions – please email at cym@potsdam.edu – you will get a much faster response than if you call as we are working around campus getting details for camp ready. Please make your final payments or send in you forms if you have not already done so. We need everything in hand prior to the start of camp.

Resident Camper Check-In
When you arrive on campus, there will be signs guiding you to CYM Check-In. Please park in the lot behind Knowles or the lot off Barrington next to the Crane School of Music. Check in will be in the Knowles Dormitory Lounges. This is a change in location from previous years so do follow the signs.

Bring your prescription medications in the original bottles with prescription label in a Ziploc bag. We cannot accept pill boxes or bottles. Bring any paperwork or payment info you need but don’t bring your bags to check in. Once you have your key and know where your room is, then you can go move in.

Lockers in Crane:
You will each be assigned a locker in Crane at Check-In to store your instrument. We have made note of those of you who indicated multiple instruments so hopefully all lockers are the appropriate size, if not, please let us know! Please leave your instrument in Crane, do not carry it back and forth to and from the dormitory, dining hall, etc. Once you finish your dorm check-in, you can come to Crane and get your locker information as well as anyone who has requested to borrow an instrument from us.

Auditions:
You will find attached our CYM Handbook which you will also receive a hard copy of at Check in but if you want to print ahead of time, it will help you get to know the schedule. In the book are audition room locations. Please find the room you will audition in, and on the door will be the audition schedule. Commuters will be given the first times of the day. Plan to play a familiar solo from NYSSMA or similar, and you might be asked to sight read or play some scales. For those interested in Jazz groups – you can tell the faculty member you are auditioning for that you are interested in jazz (saxophone, trumpet, trombone) and for rhythm section, there is a separate audition for piano, bass, drums, etc.

Lessons:
Lessons must be arranged with the faculty member and you can do this at your audition or in your first master class. If you are taking a lesson with a faculty member you don’t see in Master Class, you need to contact that faculty member to arrange the lesson. To prepare for lessons, bring any materials you are working on with your teachers at home, and have questions about your instrument, and how to improve items you wish to work on. When I give lessons at CYM, I often open the lesson by asking the student what they would like to most improve about their skills. Then we use that to craft the lesson. Utilize this opportunity to work with an expert on your instrument/voice to gain valuable knowledge to help you improve.

Laundry:
Laundry is free in the dorms and located in the basement of Knowles. Bring laundry detergent and anything else you might want: Laundry Bag/Basket, dryer sheets, fabric softener, etc.
**Concert Dress:**
**Please refer to the participant information sheet on the website and plan to dress appropriately.**

**Recordings:**
Many of our CYM concerts are archivally recorded and any camper concerts prior to the final concerts will be shared with families privately. For the Final July 12 evening concert and July 13 afternoon concert, McIver Recording will be making CDs and DVDs of those performances for purchase. I will be sending an order form soon. Feel free to fill out and send in early. There will also be forms at the final concerts and at the McIver booth in Hosmer Lobby.

**Photographs:**
Our camp photographer from Deuel Photography will be taking photos of campers in rehearsals on Wednesday July 3, we will do our best to get every camper in a photo. There will be an option to purchase photos on the final concert weekend at the end of CYM in the Lobby before and after concerts.

**Sunday Meals:**
Dinner on July 30 is the first official camp meal offered during CYM. All families are on their own for lunch. There are some good options in Potsdam though plan ahead as service can be a little slower. If you want to grab and go – hit the Bagelry, Hot Tamale, Little Italy, Potsdam Co-Op, Lee’s Hawaiian Grill, 3 Bears Gluten Free Bakery or pack a lunch. If you feel you will have time for a sit down, Sergi’s Pizza, Village Diner, Cantina, Thai Restaurant. Some options that are more of a wait if you are here on Saturday the 29th: 1844 House (reservations recommended) or Jake’s On The Water (reservations recommended).

**Food in Potsdam:**
Attached find a listing of Potsdam eateries. There are also a number of fast food places in town: Subway, Jreck, McDonald’s, Burger King, Arby’s, & Dunkin Donuts. If families are traveling to Potsdam on Saturday and you have some time for a nice meal – recommendations include: Maxfields, 1844, First Crush Bistro or Jake’s on the Water.

We look forward to welcoming you to SUNY Potsdam and the Crane School of Music! We will see you all at the camp informational meeting at 1pm in Hosmer Hall. If registration runs a little late, we will delay the meeting a few minutes to be sure everyone receives all the proper information. After the meeting is concluded, resident camper families are encouraged to say goodbye as the campers will have floor meetings and auditions. We understand many have to work on Monday and have a long drive to get home.

Safe travels to all and let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Dr. Doyle, CYM Director