



SUMMER VIOLIN BOOTCAMP August 2017

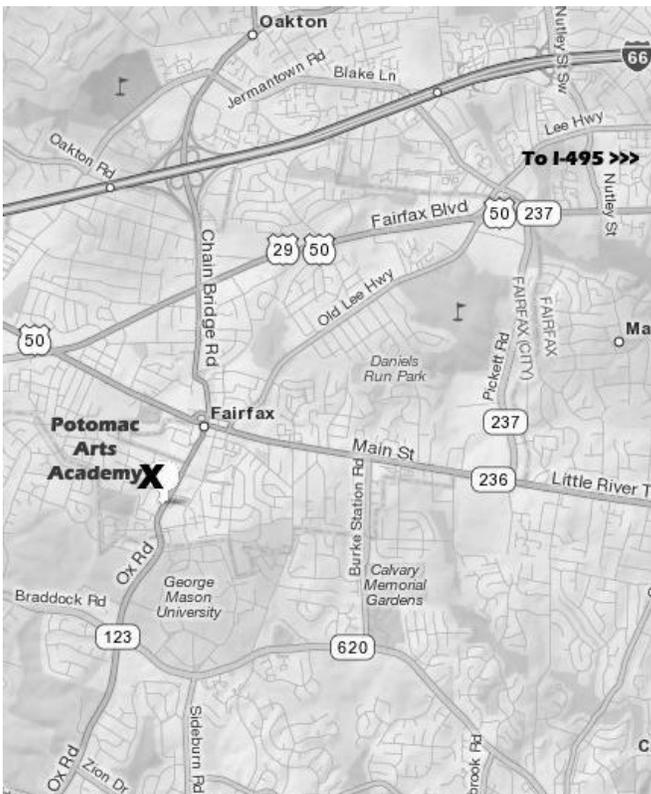
Welcome Summer 2017 Violin Bootcamp Participants:

On behalf of the Potomac Arts Academy and the Violin Bootcamp faculty, welcome to Mason! Congratulations on becoming part of the vibrant Mason arts community. We understand that your time is valuable, and we thank you for choosing to participate in our program. We are committed to offering you the highest quality of arts instruction and enrichment and to ensure that your experience at the program is meaningful and inspiring. The following important information will let you know what to expect during your time with us and allow you to plan and prepare. **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRINT OUT THESE PAGES AND KEEP THEM HANDY FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

SUPPLIES

WHAT TO BRING:

- Your violin, shoulder rest, sponge/elastics, rosin, etc.
- Music, including solos/audition excerpts, scales, and etudes to be worked on during private lessons
- Practice aids, such as metronomes or pencils
- The Bootcamp Folder (*handed out on the first day*)
- Non-refrigerated sack lunch, snack and water bottle



DIRECTIONS

GETTING HERE – DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

This program takes place at GMU's Potomac Arts Academy Building, less than a mile from the GMU campus in Fairfax. The building is located at **4260 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030**, halfway between the GMU campus and the Fairfax Courthouse and "kitty-corner" from the iNova Emergency Clinic.

Google Maps Coordinates: 38.839388, -77.3115569

Rt. 123 Southbound (from I-66, US 50, Rte 236, etc.): When you pass by the Fairfax Courthouse on your right, you will be a few blocks away. Almost immediately after you pass the traffic light at West Drive, take your first right in to the Potomac Parking Lot (there is a large George Mason University sign by the street – the Potomac Arts Academy sign is on the front of the building).

Rt. 123 Northbound (from Braddock Rd, Fairfax County Parkway, etc): When you pass by the GMU campus on your right, you will be a few blocks away. After you pass by the iNova Emergency Clinic on your right, get in to the left turn lane at West Drive. Carefully do a (legal) U-turn at the intersection (traffic light permitting) and take your first right in to the Potomac Parking Lot (there is a large George Mason University sign by the street – the Potomac Arts

Academy sign is on the front of the building).

SEE DIRECTIONS VIDEO TUTORIAL HERE: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OzJ8mZjOgw

PARKING

IF YOU ARE PARKING A VEHICLE FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM DAY:

Parking is FREE for program participants/ parents, but you MUST stop in to the Main Office to get a **dashboard Parking Pass** and place it in your vehicle to avoid getting a ticket. Parents/guardians of minors are welcome to sit in the Main Office lobby during the program, if desired.

DROP-OFF

DAILY MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES:

The program start time is **9:00AM** each day. The Drop-Off time window is from **8:30AM to 9:00AM**. The entrance to the program classroom is accessible from the Parking Lot. Please stop in to the Main Office (the “front door” closest to the street entrance) for help. Otherwise, participants can go directly to the classroom for check-in. Parents should feel free to accompany their child for check-in; however, if you expect to stay longer than a few minutes, please be sure to get a Parking Pass for your vehicle from the Main Office.

***Late arrivals/ absences:** If you anticipate a late arrival or will not be able to attend that day, please call the Potomac office at 703-993-9889 to let us know. Late arrivals should be sure to get checked in..*

LOCATION

SPECIFIC LOCATION OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

The program will begin each day in **Room #11** at the Potomac Arts Academy Building. Bootcamp will be utilizing the entire Potomac Arts Academy building at various times with classes in many different rooms. Signs around the building, as well as faculty and staff supervision from class to class will help students find the right room. In addition to this, room schedules will be posted on doors throughout the building.

PICK-UP

DAILY AFTERNOON PICK-UP PROCEDURES:

The program ends each day at **4:00PM** in Room #11/B100 (please allow a 5-10 minute leeway). The instructor(s) will open the classroom door to indicate that they are done for the day. However, participants MUST stay in the classroom until the parent/guardian signs them out. Again, parents are welcome to wait in the Main Office Lobby – just be sure to put a Potomac Parking Pass in your vehicle to avoid ticketing. Participants – be sure to take all personal belongings and program materials with you, including any assignments given.

***Late pick-up:** Any pick-up that occurs after 30 minutes from the program end time is considered a “late pick-up”. A \$10 fee will be charged to cover the cost of supervision – there is no formal aftercare for this program.*

FIRST DAY

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FIRST DAY:

Parents **MUST** check in their child **each day** upon arrival to the program location – as we will call parents of minors after the program begins if a name is not checked on the list. On the first day after a welcome and orientation from the faculty, participants will be given their individual schedules and instructed on where to go and what to do.

Students must come with a solo piece and/or orchestra excerpts **already learned**. Violin Bootcamp is a technique-building experience, and learning new notes is not conducive to this environment. If you need help choosing an appropriate solo, please contact Potomac Arts Academy as soon as you can.

FOOD

FOOD CHOICES:

All students must bring a non-refrigerated lunch bag and water bottle to the camp. A quick snack for mid-morning or afternoon is also encouraged. *Please no peanut products!* If participants and/or parents would like to eat after the program, we recommend *Pho Banh Mi* and *Bernie's Deli* – located 1-2 blocks south on Chain Bridge Road.

ATTIRE

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:

Participants should dress casually, comfortably, and appropriately. Attire should allow students to move freely, as some classes involve stretching or other movement-based activities.

SCHEDULE

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Regular program hours are from 9:00PM to 4:00PM each day. Each student will receive their personalized schedule at the orientation on Monday morning. A typical day at Bootcamp will be as follows:

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| 9:00-9:55 | Violin Fundamentals (<i>everyone</i>) |
| 10:00-10:55 | Scales Class (<i>divided by age/playing ability</i>) |
| 11:00-11:55 | Private Lesson/Practice Session |
| 11:55-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-1:55 | Chamber Music |
| 2:00-2:55 | Private Lesson/Practice Session |
| 3:00-4:00 | Masterclass with a faculty member |

BEHAVIOR

BEHAVIOR/ DISCIPLINE:

In the rare case that a participant displays disruptive behavior and is a hindrance to the progress of the program, that participant (and parents of a minor) will receive a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, students will be asked to leave the program permanently with no refund granted. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior that will not be tolerated and will cause disciplinary action to be taken:

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| Hitting/fighting/causing physical harm | Verbal Assault | Sexual misconduct |
| Profanity/disrespect to staff or participants | Refusal to cooperate | Violation of rules and policies |
| Possessing weapons/drugs/tobacco | Stealing | Biting/spitting |
| Temper tantrums | Leaving facility grounds | Bullying |

ELECTRONICS

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS POLICY:

While we realize that many participants have cell phones, they should not use them during program hours except in case of emergency. Students found to be using cell phones will be asked to give them to a faculty member. Any cell phones taken will be returned to their rightful owners at the end of the day. Other personal electronic devices should not be brought, as we cannot be responsible for lost/damaged electronics.

MEDICAL

MEDICAL ISSUES/ ILLNESS:

If a participant (who is a minor) does not feel well and may need to leave early, they should tell a staff member. We will contact the parent to assess the situation, and, if necessary to arrange a pick-up. For everyone's safety and well-being, we cannot allow children with contagious or communicable disease to attend the program. In the rare case of serious illness/accident, a staff member will call 911 and then immediately contact the parent.

CONCERTS

CONCERTS/PERFORMANCES:

Participants will have the opportunity to be a part of a final presentation on Friday afternoon from **3:15-4:15PM**. Parents are encouraged to come. More details to follow!

CAM/VID

CAMERA/VIDEO POLICY:

As a reminder, when you registered for this program, you accepted the following waiver:

"I do hereby grant and give these groups the right to use my or my child(s) photograph/video or image with or without my or my child's name, both singly and in conjunction with other persons or objects and presentations, advertising, publicity, and promotion relating thereto."

Of course, any images/video from the program will be used strictly for organization promotional purposes only and with the utmost discretion, and student names will never be posted without special permission.

CONTACT US

HOW TO REACH US ON-SITE:

For on-site assistance, please contact the following Potomac Arts Academy staff -
Candy Neukam, 703-993-9889 - OR -
Matt Geske, 703-993-9889

If you have any further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Potomac Arts Academy office at 703-993-9889 or potomac@gmu.edu . ***We look forward to seeing you soon!***

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Summer Violin Bootcamp is a program of Mason's Potomac Arts Academy

