

October 29, 2009

Greetings from the School of the Arts at Samford University! I hope that things are going well as you prepare for Art Day or the audition and interview weekend on November 13 and 14. The faculty, staff, and students are looking forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Please take a look through the enclosed general schedule of events for the weekend and campus map. Check-in will be held in the lobby of Brock Recital Hall. Parking should be available in the lots designated for commuter students across from the Brock Recital Hall (building 7 on the campus map). Upon your arrival on campus, you will receive a fully detailed schedule which will include lunch tickets for you and your family for Saturday and your audition/interview times and locations or Art Day session times and locations.

All non-keyboard music and musical theatre students should check-in between 2:00 and 4:00 on Friday afternoon, November 13. At 4:00, these students will meet in Brock Recital Hall for a few words from School of the Arts Dean Joseph Hopkins followed by the piano placement with Coordinator of Class Piano Dr. Kathryn Fouse. During this placement, you will discuss your background in piano and play through some scales, harmonization exercises, and sight reading so that you will be placed in the appropriate level of Class Piano to begin your studies at Samford. The piano placement will take between ten and fifteen minutes per student and is not a factor in your acceptance into the School of the Arts. A guide to assist in preparing for the piano placement and the music theory placement, which will be administered Saturday morning, can be downloaded at <http://www.samford.edu/arts/documents/StudyGuideforPianoandTheoryPlacements.pdf>.

All students should check-in by 5:00 on Friday afternoon or return to the Brock Recital Hall lobby at that time to travel as a group to the dinner for prospective students with current students and faculty in the Flag Colonnade.

While check-in for Art Day officially begins at 8:30 in the Brock Recital Hall lobby on Saturday morning, November 14, high school seniors or transfer students attending Art Day are welcome to join us for the Friday evening events. Please e-mail me at [arts@samford.edu](mailto:arts@samford.edu) to confirm your attendance for the Friday evening dinner. Please also remember to bring “art-friendly” clothes for the sessions on Saturday.

If you will be working with a School of the Arts professional accompanist for your audition, please remember to bring a complete copy of the score for your audition selections in the correct range and key. The accompanist should not be asked to transpose or improvise. You will have at least thirty minutes to warm up prior to your audition on Saturday morning, which includes ten minutes to rehearse with your accompanist.

Musical theatre students should bring a change of clothes for the dance component of the audition process. Please remember to bring dance attire that allows for ease of movement and either character shoes or jazz shoes/jazz sneakers.

Brass, percussion, string, and woodwind students should bring three copies of their audition selections for the faculty.

If your family will be making hotel reservations, I encourage you to consult the list of area hotels from the Samford Office of Admission website:  
[http://www.samford.edu/admission/travel\\_lodging.html](http://www.samford.edu/admission/travel_lodging.html).

If your travel plans permit you to arrive on campus earlier on Friday, I encourage you to contact the Office of Admission to arrange a campus tour for 9:30, 11:00, or 1:30. You can schedule a campus tour by e-mailing [AdmissionsScheduling@samford.edu](mailto:AdmissionsScheduling@samford.edu) or by calling 1-800-888-7218. You also are welcome to contact me about observing classes and rehearsals earlier in the day by e-mailing [arts@samford.edu](mailto:arts@samford.edu).

Please let me know how I may further assist you in your college search! I look forward to welcoming you to campus soon!

Best wishes,

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