

## **Welcome to the First NOWsummer Festival and Retreat**

### **INTRODUCTION**

NOWsummer Festival and Retreat (NOWSummer) is a new kind of music festival for non-professional adult musicians, located in the pastoral farm country of Poolesville, Maryland. Brought to you by the New Orchestra of Washington (NOW), NOWSummer celebrates the vibrant avocational music scene that so enriches the Greater Washington area, and the power of community as expressed through collaborative music making.

The mission of the NOWSummer Festival and Retreat is to empower participants to channel a better version of themselves through music, meditation, dialogue, and community building.

If instrumental music is your passion and you believe in the positive power of music in our society, NOWsummer is for you. No audition is required. Simply fill out the enclosed application form, and submit it along with one reference from a qualified musician who knows your playing well, such as your private teacher, ensemble director, or other musical colleague.

Come to Poolesville and be a part of this new community. Participate in the side-by-side performance opportunities. Find a new YOU through NOWmaste yoga/meditation and Feldenkreis movement workshops. Develop your skills through private lessons and chamber music coaching. Be enriched by ArtsMatter Dialogues on a range of subjects, hosted with insightful panelists. Celebrate with a powerful side-by-side final performance!

Individual lessons are available for violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, and clarinet. Special opportunities for chamber music coaching are available to pre-formed groups.

If you play an orchestral instrument that is not on the list and you are interested in applying, please contact Grace Cho at [grace@neworchestraofwashington.org](mailto:grace@neworchestraofwashington.org). It is likely that your needs can be accommodated.

NOWsummer is open to ages 21 and older. Participants are expected to arrange their own transportation.

**SCHEDULE**

|                          | <b>RJ Farm</b>                                       | <b>Aix la Chapelle</b>               | <b>Concert Venue*</b>       |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Friday, June 22</b>   |  |                                      |                             |
| <b>3:30PM</b>            | <b>Check-in</b>                                      |                                      |                             |
| <b>4:00PM</b>            | <b>Side-by-side Sectional Rehearsal</b>              |                                      |                             |
| <b>6:00PM</b>            | <b>Dinner</b>  |                                      |                             |
| <b>7:00PM</b>            | <b>Summer Solstice Side-by-side Reading Party **</b> |                                      |                             |
|                          |  |                                      |                             |
| <b>Saturday, June 23</b> |  |                                      |                             |
| <b>9:00AM</b>            |  | <b>NOWmaste</b>                      |                             |
| <b>10:00AM</b>           |  | <b>SBS orchestra rehearsal</b>       |                             |
| <b>12:00PM</b>           |  | <b>Lunch and ArtsMatter Dialogue</b> |                             |
| <b>1:30PM</b>            | <b>Workshops for individuals and chamber groups</b>  |                                      |                             |
| <b>6:00PM</b>            | <b>Pre-concert Dinner Reception</b>                  |                                      |                             |
| <b>7:00PM</b>            | <b>NOW Faculty Chamber Orchestra Concert</b>         |                                      |                             |
|                          |  |                                      |                             |
| <b>Sunday, June 24</b>   |  |                                      |                             |
| <b>9:00AM</b>            |  | <b>NOWmaste</b>                      |                             |
| <b>10:00AM</b>           |  | <b>SBS orchestra rehearsal</b>       |                             |
| <b>12:30PM</b>           |  | <b>Lunch and ArtsMatter Dialogue</b> |                             |
| <b>2:00PM</b>            |  |                                      | <b>Side-by-side Orchest</b> |
| <b>4:00PM</b>            |  |                                      | <b>Side-by-side Orchest</b> |

\*Concert venue TBD will be within a short drive of the other festival sites

\*\*Study parts will be provided in advance

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Locations:**

Aix la Chapelle Farm, 19120 Jerusalem Rd., Poolesville, Maryland  
The RJ Farm, 18625 River Rd. Poolesville, Maryland

### **Faculty**

Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez, artistic director  
Ryo Yanagitani, visiting chamber music coach  
Aeolus String Quartet:  
Nicholas Tavani, violin  
Rachel Shapiro, violin  
Caitlin Clark, viola  
Alan Richardson, cello  
Jessica Powell Eig, double bass  
Jeremy Eig, clarinet  
Stephen Key, oboe  
Additional Faculty TBA

### **Deadlines**

April 15 Registration Deadline  
June 1 Withdrawal Deadline (no tuition refunds will be offered after this date)

### **Payments**

Registration Fee: \$25 (non-refundable)

Participant Tuition, \$620 (includes coaching fees, admission to all events, and meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch).

Auditor Tuition, \$300 (includes admission to all events and meals. Auditors are welcome to observe large group rehearsals, but not private lessons/coaching unless invited.)

Deposit of \$100 due at registration. Balance due on June 1.

### **How to Apply**

Print out and complete the enclosed registration form. Enclose a tuition deposit/registration fee check in the amount of \$125.00 USD made out to:

NEW ORCHESTRA OF WASHINGTON, INC.

Mail to:

New Orchestra of Washington  
12320 Parklawn Drive  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Attn: NOWsummer

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

First Name:

Last Name:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Instrument:

Workshop Preference:

(Please indicate your first choice as "1", your second choice as "2", etc.)

Private Lesson 1234

Chamber Music Coaching With My Pre-Formed Group 1234

Feldenkreis Workshop 1234

Free Period 1234

If you are applying with a pre-formed chamber group, please list the other members here (all members must submit individual applications):

Please include contact information for one reference from a qualified musician who is familiar with your playing, such as your private instructor or orchestra director):

Please tell us a little bit about your playing background. Have you ever/do you currently study privately? Do you participate in any ensembles?

Are you interested in receiving a \$150 tuition discount for participating in work-study? (Early arrival and/or late departure may be required.)

Please complete this form and return it, along with a registration fee/tuition deposit check in the amount of \$125.00 USD made out to New Orchestra of Washington, Inc, to New Orchestra of Washington, 12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852, Attn. NOWsummer.