



## Skidmore Jazz Institute General Information 2009

### Registration and Arrival

Again, welcome to the Jazz Institute at Skidmore College. Registration is Saturday, June 27, from 2 – 4 pm at Case Center on the Skidmore College campus. At that time you will receive a Skidmore I.D. card and room assignment. A \$10 refundable key deposit is required when you check in. After registering at Case Center, drummers and bass and guitar players (in particular) will be given locker assignments and asked to unload and secure their instruments before proceeding to register with the Resident Staff and move into Jonsson Tower.

There will be a program meeting at 4 pm in Filene Recital Hall. Immediately following dinner that evening participants will attend the Saratoga Freihofers Jazz Festival at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Information on the Festival can be found on the SPAC website: [www.spac.org](http://www.spac.org). Participants will also attend the Festival all day Sunday. Classes begin Monday morning at 8:30 am; a program schedule will be available at Registration.

### Travel and Preparation

In making your travel arrangements there are a few things you may wish to consider. If you are traveling by air, the closest airport is Albany International in Albany, New York, approximately a 40-minute ride from campus. There are bus and train stations in Saratoga Springs and each is about a 10-minute drive. Please take a taxi or shuttle to campus. Drivers should follow directions to campus found on the enclosed travel sheet and, once on campus, signs to Case Center.

The following information is essential in planning your stay at Skidmore. This information can be found on the Jazz Institute website at: [www.skidmore.edu/summer](http://www.skidmore.edu/summer). Click on *Summer Programs* and then *Jazz Institute* and follow the link for Accepted Candidates Info. Unless requested, you will NOT receive this information by mail.

- Skidmore in the Summer (*links to the Skidmore Summer Information Guide, map and travel directions*)
- Health Form (*please complete and return to our office if you are under 18 years of age*)
- NYS Rules and Regulations (*if you are under the age of 18 please complete and return to the NYS Summer Institutes Office – address is on form*)

The Skidmore Jazz Institute is held in cooperation with the New York State Summer School of the Arts School of Jazz Studies. This mutually beneficial relationship enables us to share facilities, faculty and other resources. If you are 18 years old or younger please sign and return a copy of the Rules and Regulations policy to the NYSSSA office. Health forms for participants under age 18 should be returned to the Office of the Dean of Special Programs at Skidmore.

Participants should plan on bringing their own instruments. Drummers, please bring your drums and any Latin percussion instruments you may own. Bass players are expected to bring their acoustic bass. Guitar players should bring their guitar and guitar and bass players are responsible for bringing their amps, cords and extension cords. Drummers: If you would like to ship your drums BEFORE arriving on campus please address them to: Maria McColl, Office of the Dean of Special Programs, Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. They will be secured in your rehearsal space for you to unpack and setup upon arrival. We are negotiating a local, affordable instrument rental option and will e-mail participants when this information becomes available.

You must bring your own telephone and cord to have phone service in your room. Linens are provided. Please refer to the Summer Information Guide for additional details about what is available on campus.

While you are here

Jazz participants will live in Jonsson Tower (an air-conditioned dormitory) on the Skidmore campus. While you are here we invite you to enjoy all our campus and community have to offer. The campus itself is situated on a 750-acre lot with paths for walking and hiking. The recently renovated dining hall offers a balanced menu with ample vegetarian options. The College's extensive library offers quiet spaces for reading and reflection and public computer access. The Sports and Recreation Center's pool, weight and training rooms, tennis courts and outdoor fields are also available for your personal use and the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery specializes in cross-disciplinary approaches to a diverse range of subjects and houses the College's Permanent Art Collection.

There will be a final student performance Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm; family and friends are welcome to attend. Participants are encouraged to depart after the performance but may stay on campus until Saturday morning. The last meal will be breakfast Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>; check out time is 11 am.