

Your invitation to
Georgia Chamber Music Retreat
July 26-28, 2024
Berry College, Rome, GA

You are invited to the annual Georgia Chamber Music Retreat on the beautiful Berry College campus. From Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, about 100 musicians gather for a spring weekend of chamber music, food, and fun. Please join us this year.



The weekend begins before dinner on Friday, July 26th and ends on Sunday afternoon, July 28th, 2024. **Once you have arrived, you are expected to stay for the entire weekend.** During the weekend, our focus is on sight-reading music in small chamber ensembles. This is not a workshop: No instruction is offered, and practicing is highly discouraged. ☺ We play for the joy of making music together and to get away from teaching, gigging, or simply leading our lives. The attendees are usually a mix of amateur and professional musicians and teachers.

Berry college is a scenic liberal-arts college nestled in the Northwest Georgia mountains near Rome, Georgia. The campus is famous for its natural beauty, wildlife, and traditional architecture (perfect for a Harry Potter Quidditch match). The grounds include mountain horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, a Frisbee golf course, tennis, and sand volleyball courts.

Bring your instrument(s), casual clothes, recreational equipment (frisbees, bicycles, etc.) and any chamber music you have access to (don't worry if it is not for your instrument). To ensure that we have an appropriate mix of instruments, only the first people who accept the invitation will be able to attend. Those who attended last year get the first opportunity to return, so you may be placed on a waiting list until March 15th, when previous attendees must decide. **Many sections fill quickly.** Be sure to let us know as soon as possible whether you can come. When a spot is available, we will ask for a deposit to hold it.



We have been able to keep the cost of the retreat low to make it more affordable, especially for practicing musicians who might not otherwise afford to get away. The cost of the weekend this year is a flat \$225 per person, which includes two nights plus six meals. See *Accommodations* on the next page. Reservations for room assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. To hold your spot, please send a \$50 deposit via PayPal or Venmo to peterwh@peterwh.com (please select "Sending to a friend" to avoid fees) or send a check made payable to Peter Hildebrandt to the address below. The remainder of your cost for the weekend is due three weeks prior to the event (Friday, July 5th). No profit is made on the retreat.

I hope you will accept this invitation and join us this spring. For those who accept, further information and directions to Berry College will be sent to you in late May.

I look forward to your response!

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Accommodations

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Centennial Hall



Accommodations are planned* for the modern Centennial Hall. Rooms are in suites of four single rooms with two bathrooms (each with a double sink), a full shared kitchen, and a roomy living area perfect for playing chamber music.



Bell Recital Hall



Reservations for room assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. All rooms are singles.

Room type	Cost for the entire weekend	Deposit Required
Single	\$225	\$50

Six meals are included (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch). Dining is in the nearby Krannert Hall which has a full-time salad bar, pizza bar, and sandwich bar, plus hot meals which rotate. I can accommodate special dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

In Centennial Hall, there are eight large rooms for bigger chamber groups. We have use of the Bell Recital Hall stage for any larger groups we wish to do and our informal concert on Sunday.

There is a contest to see who can play with the most other people. Previous year's winners have been well rewarded. (Hint, hint.) So, come prepared to play and enjoy!

*This year there is construction in Centennial Hall scheduled to be completed before we arrive. However, if the construction schedule has significant overruns, we may be asked to move to another dorm with shared bathrooms. The college and I both hope that won't happen, but it is out of our control. If it does happen, and you prefer not to attend, they have allowed me to cancel your room for a full refund, including the deposit.

