

November 21, 2011

Dear Student:

We are thrilled that you have chosen to attend McNally Smith College of Music for the Spring 2012 semester! You will be joining a vibrant community of students, faculty, and administrators, who are all devoted to helping you obtain the tools and skills necessary to create a meaningful life in music.

To ensure that your transition to college life is a smooth one, we have developed a comprehensive two-day Orientation that will introduce you to campus resources and help you build a network of peers. **New and transfer students are required to attend Orientation.** During Orientation students will become acquainted with campus facilities, meet with department heads, get to know classmates, learn school policies, and receive class schedules. In addition, students who feel confident in the areas of music theory and ear training will have the opportunity to take placement tests in those classes prior to the start of Orientation on day 1 and after the end of orientation on day 2 (additional details are included in this mailing).

Below is information about the dates and times of Orientation. Your attendance is mandatory.

Tuesday, January 10 – Day 1

10:00 am *Optional Placement Testing
in Music Theory*
12:45 pm Check-In
1:30 pm Day 1 Orientation Begins
5:30 pm Dinner and Concert

Wednesday, January 11th – Day 2

9:00 am Check-In
9:30 pm Day 2 Orientation Begins
2:30 pm Day 2 Orientation Ends
2:30 pm *Accuplacer Make-Up Testing*
2:30 pm *Optional Placement Testing
in Ear Training*

Enclosed with this letter is a checklist of all the things you need to do before, during, and after Orientation. Also included is a document to assist you in thinking about other things you may need to consider prior to beginning school.

Approximately two-weeks prior to Orientation you will be receiving a phone call from an Orientation Leader (OL). OLs are current students who will be helping you make a successful transition to life at McNally Smith. Also, please know that your parents will be receiving information shortly about a Parent Orientation designed especially for them.

If you have any questions about Orientation, please email tom.loftus@mcnallysmith.edu.

If your application is incomplete or you have not received an acceptance letter, please contact your Admissions Representative immediately.

We look forward to seeing you at Orientation in January!

Sincerely,

Susan Brezny
Sr. Director of Student Affairs

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Student Services Coordinator