

Your invitation to
Georgia Chamber Music Retreat
June 1-3, 2018

University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA



You are invited to the 16th annual Georgia Chamber Music Retreat on the beautiful University of North Georgia campus in scenic mountain country in Georgia. From Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, about 60 musicians gather for a spring weekend of chamber music, food, and fun. Please join us this year.

The weekend begins with dinner on Friday, June 1st and ends on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, 2018. **Once you have arrived, you are expected to stay for the entire weekend.** During the weekend, our main 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.

University of North Georgia is an immaculately kept and scenic military school nestled in the Northwest Georgia mountains in the heart of Dahlonega, Georgia. Dahlonega is a quaint mountain town filled with shops, theaters, and good food. The area is famous for its natural beauty, hiking trails, and waterfalls.

Bring your instrument(s), casual clothes, recreational equipment (bicycles, etc.) and any chamber music you have access to (don't worry if it is not for your instrument). To insure 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 February 1st, when previous attendees must decide. **Many sections fill quickly.** Be sure to let us know as soon as possible whether or not you would like to come. When a spot is available, we will ask for a deposit to hold it.



We continue 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 is \$190 per person double occupancy (or \$240 per person single occupancy), which includes two nights plus six meals. See *Accommodations* on the next page. Reservations for room assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. If you accept this invitation, please send a \$35 deposit to the address below **before Monday, March 5, 2018.** The deposit is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Peter Hildebrandt (but do indicate that it is for the Georgia Chamber Music Retreat). Your cancelled check is your receipt. The remainder of your cost for the weekend is due three weeks prior to the event (Friday, May 11th). No profit is made on the retreat.

We hope you will accept this invitation and join us this spring. For those who accept, further information about what to bring and directions will be sent to you in late April.

We look forward to your response!

Questions? Contact:

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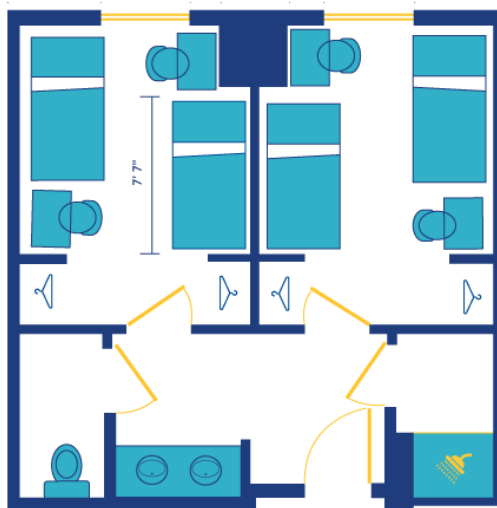


The Commons Building



Accommodations

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Accommodations are in the new Commons building (same as last year). Rooms are in suites of two private rooms (doubles or singles) with a shared bathroom. There is a common area on each floor with fridges and stoves.

Six meals are included (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch). Dining is in the nearby Dining Hall which has a full-time deli, salad bar, wood-fired pizza oven, and Mongolian grill,

plus hot meals which rotate. Special dietary restrictions can be accommodated with advanced notice.

Nix Hall



Reservations for room assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Singles (one person per room) and doubles (two people per room) are available:

Room type	Cost for the entire weekend
Single	\$240
Double	\$190

Dining Hall



For playing, we have the use of the entire Commons building and the music building, Nix Hall (which includes a performance hall and a band room). In Nix Hall, we have access to many pianos and possibly even a harpsichord. Bring on the music!

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!

