

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

FALL 2008

**Tuesday, August 19**

AUDITIONS FOR BLUE BAND

Students must have filed an "Intent to Audition" by August 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Blue Band website ([www.blueband.psu.edu](http://www.blueband.psu.edu)) in order to have your dorm ready. Registration for auditions will start at 8:00 a.m. and move-ins will start at 8:00 a.m. as well.

**Saturday, August 23**

ARRIVAL DAY FOR NEW STUDENTS

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CLASS PIANO PLACEMENT EVALUATIONS 116 Music Bldg. II  
For students who have indicated previous piano background and those who have received an accompanying letter with information on the evaluations. Evaluation should take approximately 5 minutes.

7:45 p.m. PRESIDENT'S NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION Bryce Jordan Center

**Sunday, August 24**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. SCHOOL OF MUSIC CONVOCATION 110 Music Bldg.  
**Required attendance for all entering freshmen and transfer students in the School of Music.**

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE Esber Recital Hall  
Music Bldg. I  
Open to new, change-of-assignment, and advanced-standing students. Dean Barbara Korner and staff will introduce new students to academic survival skills, opportunities in the college, arts services, and University resources.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE ICE CREAM SOCIAL Arts Building Lobby  
and Walters Courtyard  
Meet in the Walters Courtyard for ice cream, an Arts and Architecture t-shirt, and conversation with your new classmates and professors.

**Monday, August 25**

CLASSES BEGIN

LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD BEGINS

[http://registrar.psu.edu/academic\\_calendar/calendar\\_index.cfm](http://registrar.psu.edu/academic_calendar/calendar_index.cfm)

**Wednesday, September 3**

ADD/DROP DEADLINE

**Thursday, September 4**

ADD/DROP WITH \$6 FEE BEGINS

**ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION**

**Auditions for choral ensembles (Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Glee Club, Oriana Singers, University Choir, Women’s Chorale):**

August 25 - 29 – 9:30 a.m.-noon; 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Auditions will take place on the first floor of Music Building I. Please come to the Esber Recital Hall lobby where someone will provide you with audition information and guide you to an audition room. We recommend that music majors audition as early as possible.

The general audition will include range testing for voice placement as well as assessments of tone quality, sight-singing, and aural skills. Auditionees do not need to prepare anything in advance. If recommended by your evaluator during the general audition, students may then audition for the Penn State Concert Choir and/or Chamber Singers. In addition to the skills above, Concert Choir and Chamber Singer auditionees will be asked to sing a portion of a vocal solo (art song or folk song) unaccompanied.

Choir membership lists will be posted outside of room 110 Music Building I at the conclusion of the complete audition process on Friday afternoon.

**Auditions for Essence of Joy:**

(all in 212 Music Building I)

August 24 – 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

August 25 – 10:00 a.m.-noon; 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

August 26 – 10:00 a.m.-noon; 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

August 27 – 3:30 call backs (soprano and alto); 4:00 call backs (tenor and bass) **(REPORT TO ROOM 110 MUSIC BLDG. I)**

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**Auditions for Philharmonic Orchestra:**

Audition dates: August 25-29

Please sign-up for a time in room 104 Music Bldg. II

Prepare two contrasting pieces from two different works. There will also be some sight-reading.

**Auditions for Opera Workshop:**

Opera auditions will be on Tuesday, August 26, from 1:35-3:30 p.m. in Esber Recital Hall. Students may sign up for an audition time and pick up Opera Audition Guidelines from the bulletin board outside room 113 Music Bldg. I. Students should be prepared to sing a memorized opera aria or an art song for the audition. Opera auditions are open to all Penn State students at all levels, but opera students will be required to take voice lessons while they are participating in the opera program. Other important information regarding the opera program can be found on the Opera bulletin board outside of room 113, Music Building I.

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**Auditions for Blue Band**

Please visit [www.blueband.psu.edu](http://www.blueband.psu.edu) for additional information on auditions and activities for Blue Band.

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**Auditions for:**

Symphonic Wind Ensemble (Music 78, 1 credit) M 12:20-2:15, WF 12:20-1:20

Symphonic Band (Music 80, 1 credit) TR 1:25-3:20

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 25-29

SIGN UP AT ROOM 103 MUSIC BUILDING II FOR AN AUDITION TIME

Auditions consist of 4-5 minutes of music of your choice (solo, etude, excerpts or whatever you feel best demonstrates your performing ability) and sight reading. It is recommended that you prepare two contrasting selections, one lyrical and expressive, the other more technical and virtuosic.

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