

# Westminster Conservatory

*The Community Music School of Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University*

101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 921-7104

## *The* HONORS MUSIC PROGRAM

The Honors Music Program (HMP) is Westminster Conservatory's pre-college music program for talented instrumentalists ages 8-18, singers ages 12-18, and composers ages 10-18. HMP transforms students' musical skills from their first year in the program. Individual development is top priority, and every student achieves accelerated progress and success. Students enjoy building friendships and making music together each Saturday. They inspire and motivate one another within a community brought together by a shared passion for music.

Today's musicians must be more than just performers. HMP builds foundations of musicianship through its comprehensive program. Students join one of three divisions, which include courses in Performance, Music Theory, Music History, Composition, and Jazz. Lead by an outstanding faculty of performers, professors, and master teachers who are models of artistry, students attend structured classes that are tailored to their levels. New perspectives on music combine with many performance opportunities to create a powerful and exciting experience.

Families have confidence in HMP's history of success. Students achieve top scores on the AP Music Theory Exam and standardized Theory exams. Students are competition winners, and graduates are very successful in the college audition and admissions process. Our graduates go on to the finest music schools, attend top colleges and universities and prepare for a host of professions. Our students share an informed passion for music and an appreciation of their potential.

Gifted students struggle with the over-abundance of musical offerings pulling them in all directions. An HMP education puts the music in context and assures cohesive musical development. Whether their future holds a career as a performer, teacher, or dedicated amateur, broad musical preparation is a unique and valuable asset for life. I hope you will consider what HMP can offer you. I invite you to read through our brochure, browse our website, and schedule a Saturday tour to see HMP in action!

Sincerely,

**Esma Pasic-Filipovic**  
*Director, Honors Music Program*

# APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO HMP

Welcome. This packet provides forms and information for an application to HMP. You may investigate HMP's three divisions and course offerings on our website. Tours of the program are offered on select Saturdays, when you may visit classes and speak with staff about the program. Visit the "Admissions" page of the HMP website to schedule a tour.

Students make a significant commitment to HMP in terms of attendance and preparation. We offer exciting and challenging instruction each Saturday, and consistency is required in practice and in attendance. Students may miss no more than two classes per semester. We create a team to work together on behalf of each student, and the private teacher's support of the student's work is key.

HMP is unique among music pre-college programs. Small class size allows flexibility to teach to students' interests while our curriculum assures structured progression and outstanding opportunities. Required Music History and Jazz study for Young Artist students is only found at HMP.

Detailed information about the program is available in our brochure and on our website. Please contact an HMP Program Assistant at [HMPAssistant@rider.edu](mailto:HMPAssistant@rider.edu) with additional questions, as needed.

**All admissions forms must be received in the Conservatory Office by May 31, 2017.**

## 2017 AUDITION DATES

**Voice: June 6**

**Strings: June 7**

**Winds: June 8**

**Piano: June 9**

All auditions will be held  
between 6:00pm and 8:00pm  
at Westminster Conservatory.

[WWW.HONORSMUSICPROGRAM.COM](http://WWW.HONORSMUSICPROGRAM.COM)

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### Applying to the Honors Music Program

All HMP applications require:

- Private teacher recommendation form
- HMP student information form
- Westminster Conservatory registration form with "HMP" written under "Class or group requests"
- \$55 application fee (checks should be made payable to *Rider University*)

Once the four items are received, a staff member will contact you to either schedule an audition or approve submission of a composer's Composition Portfolio.

### HMP Audition Requirements

#### Performance Majors

On the day of the audition, the student will be asked to complete his or her performance of solo repertoire (see below), a sight reading skills evaluation, a brief interview, and a theory placement test. Theory test results are used for class placement and do not impact acceptance decisions.

Instrumentalists perform:

- An etude
- Two contrasting pieces
- Corresponding scales & arpeggios

Vocalists perform:

- A 17th or 18th century Italian or English song
- An art song of contrasting style in any language, from any period

### Composition Majors

By May 31, 2017, composers must submit:

A portfolio containing three original compositions

A completed theory placement test

Theory tests are self-scheduled and may be taken during regular Conservatory hours in Princeton. Composers must test out of or have completed Theory Level 3.

Following review of these materials, the student may be contacted for an interview.

### Young Music Scholar (Musicianship Studies Majors)

Students complete the theory placement test. Theory tests are self-scheduled and may be taken during regular Conservatory hours in Princeton.

Following review of these materials, the student may be contacted for an interview.

## **Admission Decisions and Registration**

Applicants are admitted to an HMP division based on the panel's recommendation following the assessment. Applicants receive their admissions decision and theory placement results in a letter emailed to the family. If the student's theory knowledge falls between HMP class levels, the family may choose to accelerate the student to a higher level through summer theory tutorials or to enroll the student in the lower level class in September. Fees for any summer tutorials are not included in the HMP tuition.

By July 1, 2017, newly accepted students must submit two fees to reserve their place in HMP:

- \$40 Westminster Conservatory registration fee (not required for Conservatory students already enrolled in another offering for 2017-18)
- Non-refundable tuition deposit, applied to program tuition: \$500 for Young Artists or Young Musician Students, \$150 for Young Music Scholar Students

### **HMP Tuition 2017 – 2018**

**Young Artist                      \$2,850**

**Young Musician                  \$2,100**

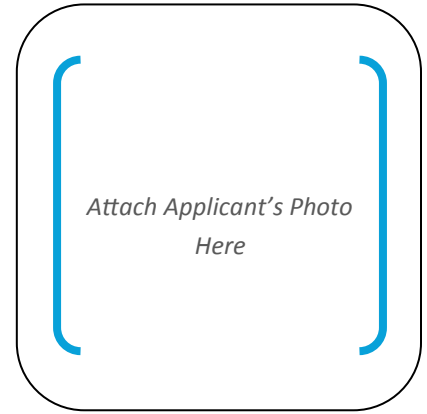
**Young Music Scholar         \$1,260**

Fees for private lessons, outside theory exams, or music scores are not included in tuition.

Financial aid may be available. Forms are available in the office and on the Westminster Conservatory website, and must be submitted at the time of application.

**Westminster Conservatory**  
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**Student Information Form**

**Please print clearly. Attach additional pages if needed.**




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Student's Last Name First Name Instrument

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Cell Phone Number Email Address to be used for *HMP* Whose Email is This?

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Home Phone Number Student's Birth Date Grade in School (As of Fall 2017)

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Name of Parent/Guardian to be contacted by HMP Cell Phone Number

Intended area of HMP Study (circle one):    Performance    Composition    Musicianship (Young Music Scholar)

List the names of teachers with whom you have studied	Dates of Study

**Do you play now or have previous experience playing other instruments?  
 Provide details, including private teachers'/school instructor's names, number of years of study, etc.**

Please list your experience working in ensembles, if any. Include experience in orchestras, bands, and choirs.

Describe your previous study or experiences with of Jazz , Improvisation, or Composition, if any.

Please write about why you are interested in joining the Honors Music Program. If you are requesting placement into a particular division (Young Artist, Young Musician, or Young Music Scholar), you may include your request here. (Parents may assist younger children in expressing their ideas, but please use the student's words and expressions whenever possible.)

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## Where to Submit Application Materials

1. Submit this [Student Information Form](#), the [Conservatory Registration Form](#), and the [\\$55 Application Fee](#) to:

**The Honors Music Program of Westminster Conservatory  
101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540**

2. Provide your Private Teacher with the HMP Private Teacher Recommendation Form and a stamped envelope addressed to the same address as above.

**All admissions forms must be received by the Conservatory Office by May 31, 2017.**

*The* HONORS MUSIC PROGRAM  
**Private Teacher Recommendation Form**

Thank you for recommending your student to The Honors Music Program. Your responses are confidential and must be received by May 31, 2017. We appreciate your candor. Feel free to use the reverse side, as needed. Please print clearly.

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**STUDENT'S NAME**

**INSTRUMENT**

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**YOUR NAME**

**EMAIL**

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**YOUR MAILING ADDRESS**

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**CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE**

**PHONE**

1. List the repertoire your student will perform at the audition.
2. List other repertoire the student has prepared during the current year.
3. Provide a brief description of your student's background in music theory.
4. Please comment on how the student may contribute to the program as a person and as a musician. Tell us something about the student's learning style. Do you have any concerns about HMP for this student?

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Private Teacher's Signature

Date

Submit this form to  
**The Honors Music Program of Westminster Conservatory**  
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**Please Note:**  
 Honors Music Program  
 Is available only at the  
 Main Princeton Location

# REGISTRATION FORM

Westminster Conservatory

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Phone: 609-921-7104 • Fax: 609-921-7296 • Email: wccConserv@rider.edu • Web: www.rider.edu/conservatory

## CONSERVATORY LOCATIONS

**PRINCETON MAIN CAMPUS**  
 Westminster Choir College  
 101 Walnut Lane  
 Princeton, NJ 08540  
 609-921-7104

**PRINCETON ACADEMY**  
 Princeton Academy of  
 the Sacred Heart  
 1128 Great Road  
 Princeton, NJ 08540  
 609-921-7893

**LAWRENCEVILLE**  
 St. Ann's School  
 34 Rossa Avenue  
 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648  
 609-883-2128

**SOUTH BRUNSWICK**  
 Crossroads School South  
 195 Major Road  
 Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852  
 732-329-8911

**YARDLEY**  
 St. Ignatius of Antioch School  
 995 Reading Avenue  
 Yardley, PA 19067  
 215-493-3514

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Please indicate:  New student  Male  Adult (over 21)  Check here if there are special circumstances of which you would like us to be aware. Please attach a separate note.  
 Returning student  Female  Senior citizen (over 60)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ If younger than 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Student cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Student email address (include all punctuation) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/position or school name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer or school phone number \_\_\_\_\_

If the student is under 21 years of age, please complete the following:

Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number of father or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Email address (include all punctuation) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work phone number of father or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Employer and position \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number of mother or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Email address (include all punctuation) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work phone number of mother or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Employer and position \_\_\_\_\_

## BILLING INFORMATION

Send bill to:  
 (Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIVATE LESSON REQUESTS

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Location Request \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher request, if any (for listings, see catalog) \_\_\_\_\_  30  45  60  
 Lesson length (minutes)

## CLASS OR GROUP REQUESTS

Honors Music Program \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Princeton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Time \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Time \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR PRIVATE LESSONS

**PLEASE CHECK ALL DAYS** you are available for lessons and list the widest time span(s) you are available each day.

**NOTE:** Students who list too narrow a range of availability may risk being placed on a waiting list.

Monday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Which day/time is your first choice? \_\_\_\_\_

## REFUND/MAKE UP/WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

Refunds, credits, or make ups cannot be given for lessons missed by the student. I understand and accept the conditions for registration/withdrawal as outlined in the Westminster Conservatory catalog and website.

## SIGNATURE REQUIRED

**A non-refundable registration fee of \$40 per family plus tuition deposit (see page 13 in the catalog) must accompany this form. Checks should be made payable to "Rider University."**

With my completed registration form, I am enclosing

Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 VISA/MC/Discover/AmEx # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Length/number: \_\_\_\_\_ EOW: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date registration received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_