

Conclave 2010 Information

Welcome! We're looking forward to seeing you at this year's Conclave at Pacific University in the charming town of Forest Grove, Oregon. Please read through this information carefully, as it contains many details about which you may have questions.

ARRIVAL

Regular registration is scheduled for noon - 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 25, in the lower lobby of Gilbert Residence Hall. Early arrivals on Saturday, July 24, may register between 2 and 5 pm in the same location. Your fee for early arrival includes meals in the college cafeteria (Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and lunch).

If you are arriving outside the designated registration time slots, on either day, PLEASE let Kathy know - in advance if possible. We want to make sure that someone is there to meet you and that your room key is available. If you did not indicate early arrival on your registration form and wish to arrive on Saturday, that can be arranged until July 4. Contact Kathy Schenley or Ken Perlow (addresses below).

If you are delayed in your travel and need to contact us, please call 760-419-9152 (Alice's cell phone) or 919-614-1272 (Kathy's cell phone). These are our emergency contact numbers for Saturday and Sunday only. NOTE: Conclave staff leave home to travel to campus on Monday, July 19. Messages after that date should be sent via Alice's email: arenken@sandwich.net.

REGISTRATION

At registration you will be given a packet containing a schedule, your class assignments, your name tag, your meal ticket, evaluation forms, and a list of attendees with room numbers. If you ordered a t-shirt, it will be given to you at registration.

You will be asked to have ready a \$10 key deposit (cash or personal check). If you expect to bring a guest to the banquet, we must be told that when you check in.

WHAT TO BRING

Linen service includes sheets, blanket, pillow, pillow case, towels, and washcloth. You may wish to pack hangers, a reading/playing lamp, extension cord, alarm clock, laundry detergent, coins for laundry and vending machines, and your cell phone charger (dorm room phones seem to be a thing of the past). All spaces are air-conditioned. If you've room for "creature comfort" extras, some folks like to bring a larger towel to supplement the college ones, a fitted bottom sheet (XL twin), a bath mat, your favorite coffee mug, an extra lamp for the shared living room... All rooms will have a kitchenette – fridge, stove, microwave, sink, basic flatware and dishes, but no cooking pots & pans.

Casual clothing is the norm at Conclaves – shorts, jeans, and t-shirts abound. Some folks like to bring something a bit dressier for the banquet, student concert, or evening out to dinner. The town's spacious aquatic center is a few steps from our dorms, so bring your swimsuit and sunscreen. Birders headed for the Fernhill Wetlands to look for bald eagles, don't forget your binoculars.

Be sure to bring a music stand (well labeled)! Distances are short at Pacific, but you may find a luggage carrier helpful for trundling large instruments about. Hint for bass players: pick up a second hand golf bag carrier at a thrift store – strap your bass on with bungee cords. The wide wheelbase of these carriers makes them roll with ease.

EVENTS

Scheduled events begin with a mini-concert Sunday afternoon at 5, followed by dinner from 5:45 - 6:45. Afterward, we will gather at 7:30 for a faculty play-in, announcements, and ice cream.

Our featured concert, Sweet Discourse: A Tasting Menu of Consort Delicacies, is Thursday evening. The banquet is on Friday, student concert on Saturday. We end the week with breakfast on Sunday, 8/1. Check-out time is 11 am.

CONTACTS

For regular mail & any package services:

Pacific University
Attn: Your name – VdGSA
2043 College Way
Forest Grove OR 97116

Weekend deliveries are not possible.
If you need to ship items in advance,
plan for them to arrive between July 21 & 23.

For phone messages:

campus conference office : 971-275-2032 (messages 24/7)
24 hour emergency (Security) 503-352-2230 - dire medical emergencies only, please!
Fax: 503-352-3189

For e-mail:

Important e-mail messages may be sent to you via < arenken@sandwich.net >
Wireless access is available throughout the campus.
Public use computers are located in the dining hall area.

MISC.

- Official Conclave pitch is A=415. Please retune your viol early.
- Our scholarship auction this year will consist of a live auction Tuesday evening and a silent auction Tuesday through Thursday. Please bring items to donate. Humorous memorabilia always sell well, as do CDs. If you have a lot of music to donate, it is helpful if it is bundled in groups – by composer, number of voices, difficulty level, or some other category.
- The VdGSA Store operates on a cash-free basis. Bring your Visa card or checkbook! The Boulder Early Music Shop will be our designated vendor this year.
- A \$10 key deposit will be collected upon arrival and refunded upon departure. Please be aware that lost keys cost the Society \$150 - \$300. Cash is helpful for these deposits, but personal checks are fine.

Viol packing hints:

Tune your instrument down a bit, but not enough to loosen the tension on the sound post. Put a layer of thin bubble wrap under the body, and pack around the rest of the instrument with socks and underwear - especially under the bridge and tailpiece. Trebles can usually pass as carryon luggage. Mark your case FRAGILE in large letters. (White-Out works well.) Erin Headley and Alison Crum swear by large bubble wrap - they swathe the entire hard case in two layers, secured by "FRAGILE" tape. Bring extra tape along in case you have to open the instrument. Or wait to swathe it after you've cleared security.

When dealing with airline folks, refer to the instrument as being like a large guitar - this seems to freak them out less than saying it's like a 'cello.

NEED MORE INFO?

Classes – Sarah Mead 508-655-2597 <mead@brandeis.edu >
Scholarships – Sarah Poon 604-512-9152 <grace_notes@shaw.ca>
Housing – Kathy Schenley 919-918-4159 <katsch22@bellsouth.net >
Money – Ken Perlow 708-989-1729 <post@vdgsa.org >
Campus: www.pacificu.edu
Town: www.forestgrove-or.gov/

DIRECTIONS TO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

WEB INFO

Go to <http://www.pacificu.edu>

Click on: visitors, directions

Driving directions from Portland Int'l Airport (PDX), I-84, and I-5 are here, also campus maps

If using Mapquest or other routing service, use destination:

2001 University Avenue, Forest Grove OR 97116

Gilbert Hall will be on your right as University Ave. ends at Main Street.

FLYING

Portland International Airport (PDX) is the most convenient. Driving from there to the college takes approximately 45 minutes by car. A longer, but incredibly inexpensive way to get to campus is by train and bus using the TriMet system.

Public transit routes may be planned using the trip planner at www.trimet.org. For folks who are used to public transit, the route from PDX to campus involves 2 trains and a bus, and takes 1½ – 2 hours, depending on time of day. It costs only \$2.30! (If you let us know to expect you, we can pick you up at the Forest Grove bus stop and bring you to registration.)

Shuttle service using the Beaverton Airporter is \$135 round trip for one person. Additional persons \$5 each. Book online at <http://www.beavertonairporter.com>. Save money by booking with others. Be sure to agree on one person's name to use as the "main" contact person. Request drop off/pick up at Gilbert Hall, University Avenue, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR.

Another shuttle service is Portland Airport Shuttle, <http://www.portlandshuttlepdx.com>. One way fare is \$60 per van load. Book by phone toll free, 1-877-778-5811. Request drop off/pick up at Gilbert Hall, University Avenue, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR.

A shared rental car may end up being cheaper than several shuttle rides. You may wish to join forces with others to rent a car, both for transportation from the airport and for sightseeing during the week. We cannot arrange a carpool for you. There is a "conclave connection board" on the website (www.vdgsa.org) where you may post your need for a ride or for a passenger to share the trip with you.