



## 2015 College Festival June 15-July 8

Franklin Pond now offers a chamber music program for college students — music majors and non-music majors. This program provides small group coaching with Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians, performance opportunities, AND teaching experience.

## **Application and audition**

Application and information are available online at www.franklinpond.org.

Application deadline: April 15, 2015 — \$35 application fee

Audition requirement for individuals and groups: a piece(s) of your choice that demonstrates fast and slow playing.

Auditions will be accepted via YouTube video (see website for directions). Pre-formed groups and individual students are welcome. Students will be placed in appropriate groups based on auditions. Franklin Pond alumni MAY be exempt from auditioning, at the discretion of the faculty.

## **Coaching and rehearsals**

Participation will require time and effort, as well as serious preparation. All members of each ensemble must be willing to work hard and be open to compromise. It is critical that the students have a very high level of commitment to the project and attend all events.

- Opening meeting and initial get-together will be held at the Pond Monday, June 15
- ♦ All rehearsal and coaching sessions will be documented. There will be a minimum of 6 coaching sessions and between each coaching session there must be <u>at least</u> 3 hours of rehearsal with all group members present.
- Each group will make its own arrangements for the dates, times and places for coaching and rehearsal sessions.
- ♦ The festival will culminate in a 3-day retreat July 6 to July 8 or 9 (if possible). At the retreat, students will have:
  - ⇒ 1-2 coaching sessions
  - ⇒ Rehearsal, private practice, and sightreading time
  - ⇒ A final performance open to the public Wednesday, July 8 at Berry College
  - ⇒ Experience teaching and mentoring as rehearsal coaches for the younger groups of our Summer Program who will be just beginning their summer program with the retreat.

Cost: \$300

(scholarship is available through audition and teacher recommendation)

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