

MUSIC IN MAY FAQ

What is Music in May?

Music in May is one of the longest running high school music festivals in the United States! Students will be selected to participate and have the opportunity to work under esteemed conductors from around the nation! At the end of the three days, students will perform at the Gala Concert to showcase all the hard work that was put into it!

How do I register?

Fill out the STUDENT INTEREST FORM and give it to your music Director. Your Director will submit your form to MIM (Music in May) with their form SKILL EVALUATION and REFERRAL of your abilities. These are located on our webpage.

What are the next steps?

Once we receive applications, we will assess the applications and Director evaluations to fill our ensembles. We will contact the directors for those selected to participate. Participants will then officially register and pay the necessary fees online.

Are vaccinations required?

Vaccination or a negative covid test on site is required.

Are students required to stay on campus for the duration of the festival?

Yes, students are required to be on campus at all times unless accompanied by a mentor in a two block radius. This exception will only be allowed during down time and by mentor consent.

Where will I be staying?

You will be staying in one of the residence halls on campus! During registration you will get a key to your room and any Music in May Mentor would be more than happy to help you find it!

Is it accessible?

Yes! Accommodations can always be made as well, if anything comes up. Please let us know on your registration form if there are any accommodations you will need and we would be more than happy to help!

Are students from the same school but different ensembles allowed to room together?

Yep! On your registration form there will be a spot to put down the name of who you'd like to room with, and as long as you both list each other, you'll be rooming together!

Are there co-ed dorms?

There are no co-ed dorms. However, exceptions are made for non-binary or transgender students.

What do I need to bring?

A packing list will be sent out with your music! In general, you will need bedding and toiletries.

Will I need to bring any food or money for snacks?

That's up to you! Students will have the opportunity to go off campus but all meals are provided during your stay. There is a small market and a Starbucks on campus.

Is there a price reduction for late arrivals?

No, students are expected to get there during the registration period as we will have a tight schedule packed with exciting plans.

What does it mean to be an "alternate?"

Being an alternate means that the student is in line to be accepted into Music in May if another already accepted student is unable to participate. Sometimes there are just too many applicants for one particular instrument/voice part and some students will have to be placed onto the alternate list.

What if not all my students are accepted?

Unfortunately, sometimes this can happen due to ensemble requirements for good balance. We do not notify students who are not accepted.

Are the directors required to be at all rehearsals?

No, however, if they would like to assist Music in May staff they can contact Becca Ellenbecker (becca1@pacificu.edu) to see if there is anything they can do to help.

Is the festival open to the public?

The festival concert is the only part of the festival that is open to the public. Rehearsals and related events are limited to accepted students and ensemble directors only.

Can band directors fill-in if there are not enough student participants?

No. This is an experience for students only. If there are not enough participants, we will supply the missing performers with students from Pacific University, though we will select high school students first.

What happens if a student cannot pay for the registration fees?

There is assistance available to students who are in great financial need. Please note that funds are limited, so please inquire with the festival director as soon as possible.

How do I get the coupon code?

When you are ready to pay for your accepted students, please let us know and we will supply you with the coupon code by email.

Will the concert be streamed?

No, the concert will be recorded and available to preorder on CD before the concert starts.

Can students who do not play in school ensembles be accepted?

Yes, students who do not play in school ensembles can be part of the festival if nominated by their private teacher.

Will you accept late registrations?

No. The deadline exists for planning purposes.

About how long does it take to hear back about accepted students?

Emails regarding accepted students will be sent out about 2-3 weeks after the deadline for nominations.

How long after being accepted will it be before the music is mailed?

We try to get the music to you as soon as possible after all accepted students from your school have finished registration and paid the associated fees.