Residence Hall Housing Information for the 2013 Summer Performance Program

This pamphlet contains information on residence hall housing for the 2013 Berklee College of Music Summer Performance Program and explains what you need to do to apply for a residence hall space. Please carefully read the next several pages. They should answer most of your questions about living at Berklee.

We will be using two residence halls to house students in the Summer Performance Program. Fifteen and sixteen year olds, and maybe of the youngest seventeen year olds, will live at our 150 Massachusetts Avenue residence hall. Most seventeen year olds will live at our 270 Commonwealth Avenue residence halls.

*Note: Due to construction taking place in the 150 Massachusetts Avenue building, we anticipate dust and noise in that location throughout the program.*

Our residence hall accommodations are two- and three-person rooms of varying sizes. Because of space limitations, we usually aren’t able to provide single rooms.

Residence hall space for your program is limited. We may not be able to accommodate every student who wants a space.

**Residence Hall Life and Supervision** - Living here can be both fun and educational. Your neighbors will be from all over the country. Since we have residents of varying ages, we group students in buildings and on floors by age.

The college has a staff of both student and professional employees who help with questions and problems and supervise the residence hall. These staff members live in the residence hall with you and are a very valuable source of assistance and information.

It is very important to understand, however, that the Summer Performance Program residence hall is not like a summer camp where your out of class time is planned and monitored.

Even if you are one of the younger program participants, you must arrive with the maturity to make responsible decisions about how much to practice, how to spend your free time, and where to venture outside the residence hall.

While we certainly provide both guidance and extracurricular activities, residents will not be under constant staff supervision.

**This is a program intended for very mature young people who are serious about their music, interested in working hard, and capable of living in a city setting where they have a lot of independence and responsibility.**

We require that your parents submit the residence hall permission form indicating that they feel you are fully ready for the major responsibility of living in the Berklee College of Music residence hall for the Summer Performance Program.

**Residence Hall Conduct Regulations** - Please carefully read the conduct regulations printed on the back of the Residence Hall Application/Agreement. By signing the application, you are agreeing to abide by these common sense rules.

It’s important to understand that violation of these regulations (particularly those relating to safety and to the use of alcohol or other illegal drugs) can result in immediate removal from the residence hall and from the program.

Smoking is not allowed in residence hall rooms, anywhere else inside the residence halls, or in the areas around residence hall entrances.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited. Guests are not allowed in the residence halls.

Residents are responsible for being in the residence hall at a designated hour at night (usually 11:30 p.m.)
Because summer program residents are younger than typical college age, our summer residence hall regulations are more restrictive than those in place during the rest of the year. All program participants who wish to live in the residence halls must be willing to accept and abide by these regulations.

**Applying for Housing** - Keep a copy for your records. Your application is not complete unless the non-refundable $150 housing fee prepayment is also made. The prepayment provides us a guarantee that you will occupy the residence hall space we reserve for you.

*Your parent(s) must sign both the housing application and the residence hall permission form in order for us to accept your housing application. Please make sure the permission form is sent to us separate from submitting your housing application.*

If you decide not to attend the Summer Performance Program after reserving a housing space, you will lose your $150 prepayment. Please carefully read all the terms and conditions of the Housing Agreement before you send in your application.

**Housing Fee** - The 2013 Summer Performance Program housing fee of $3,300 covers the cost of accommodations and meals and is paid in two parts. A non-refundable prepayment of $150 must accompany this application. The remaining $3,150 is due before program registration.

Your housing fee covers the cost of our food service plan. All meals are served on an all-you-can-eat basis, with several choices of entree (including non-meat options) and full salad bar at lunch and dinner. It isn’t possible to contract for residence hall housing without meals.

**Room Assignments** - Spaces will be available in two- and three-person rooms. If you wish to room with a friend, both you and your friend must so indicate. Please note that if there is an age difference between you and your friend, we will not be able to put you together in the same room. It is our strict policy to group residents by similar age.

Once space has been reserved for you, we will e-mail a reservation confirmation. You won’t know your specific room assignment until you arrive, however, since we don’t actually assign rooms until just before the start of the program.

**Occupancy Period** - Residence hall move in for the Summer Performance Program is 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6.

We can hold your room for late arrival if you get in touch with the Housing Office in advance, but program registration also begins on Saturday. Moving in after 3:00 p.m. may delay part of your program registration.

All program activities are completed Friday afternoon, August 9th, and the residence halls close at Noon on Saturday, August 10. Because we have another program moving in immediately after you leave, we cannot allow you to stay beyond noon on Saturday.

**Withdrawals** - There are no refunds of housing fees, except that if you withdraw from the program and move out of the residence hall during the first two weeks, you receive a partial credit of housing charges.

**Medical Care** - Berklee does not have an infirmary, but there are very good privately operated medical clinics close to the college. You should check in advance with your health insurance carrier on how and where your medical insurance can be used in Boston.

**Building and Room Details** - Please note that while there are differences among the residence halls, the housing fee is the same for all buildings.

Residents who are fifteen and sixteen will live at 150 Massassachusetts Avenue, some of and maybe the youngest seventeen year olds. Most of the seventeen year olds will be assigned to 270 Commonwealth Avenue.

Because the separation of older and younger students in the residence halls is essential for the well being of all residents, we do not make exceptions to our age based building assignment system.
The 150 Massachusetts Ave. building has air cooling units in the residence rooms and each room has its own bathroom. Lounge space is limited in this building.

The 270 Commonwealth Ave. resident rooms are not air conditioned. Residents share floor bathrooms. The buildings have lounge and recreational space, some of which is air conditioned.

If you are an older high school student, who will be staying at 270 Commonwealth Ave, you should bring an electric fan (or plan on purchasing one here in Boston.)

The size and shape of rooms in all buildings vary considerably. Some look out on the city streets, while others have windows facing an inside roof. All rooms are furnished with a bed, chest of drawers, desk, and chair for each resident.

Many rooms have bunk beds or loft beds. All rooms are carpeted and have window shades.

You should plan to provide a pillow, light blanket, bed linen, and towels. Beds are extra long twin size (36 inch by 80 inch mattress.)

Space is limited in most of our residence rooms. It’s wise not to bring any more personal property than you absolutely need.

Televisions are permitted, but we do not have cable TV service and over the air reception is not good. There is a TV lounge in each building.

Small refrigerators also are allowed. Cooking appliances (coffee makers, hot plates, etc.) are prohibited for fire safety reasons.

You aren’t allowed to make alterations to your room (painting, installing shelves, moving loft or bunk beds, etc.) or to bring in any non-college furniture. If you plan to bring electronic music equipment, be sure that you bring headphones. Your tastes in music may not be the same as those of your roommates.

Because of the lack of storage space and the amount of traffic in our stairways and elevators, bicycles can’t be allowed. Fortunately, foot power and public transportation will get you anywhere you need to go in the Boston area.

**Mail, Luggage, and Storage** - You will have a college mailbox. Your box number and mailing address will be assigned at program registration. Because of limited space, we don’t have storage facilities for residents. Everything you bring will be staying with you in your room.

**Care of Rooms** - Our staff cleans the public areas of the residence halls, but you and your roommates will be responsible for the cleaning of your room. Because most Berklee students are serious and nondestructive, we are fortunate to have very little malicious damage in the residence halls.

When things do get broken, the responsible individuals are charged. If the responsible people aren’t identified, all residents of a room, corridor, floor, or building may be charged.

**Protecting Yourself and Your Property** - As a resident, it will be your responsibility to safeguard yourself and your property and to contribute to the safety and security of your residence hall neighbors.

The housing handbook, which you will receive when you arrive, details common sense security and fire safety guidelines which all residents must follow. Our public safety officers and residence hall staff will provide you with additional safety and security information during your first week here.

Despite a good safety and security record in the residence halls, thefts can sometimes occur. Since the college does not reimburse for theft or damage to personal property, we suggest you check to see if your belongings are insured through your family’s property insurance policy.

All three of our residence halls have complete fire alarm and fire suppression systems, including smoke detectors and sprinklers.
Spending Money - The cost of most activities and events during your program is covered by your program fee. Your housing fee provides for your meals. You will receive information in advance about any optional program activities or field trips that have an extra charge.

You may want to bring a bit of spending money (perhaps $35 or $40 a week) to use outside the college. Travelers checks are a good way to bring your spending money because they’re safe and relatively easy to cash. You won’t find a bank here that will cash a personal check and it’s not a good idea to bring a lot of cash.

Additional Information - If you have housing related questions, write or call us or check the college website:

www.berklee.edu/housing

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Questions about other aspects of your program should be directed to:

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