UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 2019 SUMMER MUSIC CAMP CLASS DESCRIPTIONS (tentative)

Placement within large ensembles and string chamber music groups will be designated after auditions on Sunday, June 9th.

All students should plan to enroll in 3 elective classes, unless they plan to participate in more than one large ensemble. Students may take up to 4 elective classes if they wish, but it is recommended that students leave one free hour per day for individual practice, private lessons, and/or general down time.

Some other items to consider:
Students enrolled in Jazz Band or Concert Band should plan to enroll in two elective classes during the morning session. Orchestra students should plan to enroll in one elective during the morning session. Choir students must sign up for an 8:30 a.m. elective.

ELECTIVE CLASS LIST:

**Drum Major/Leadership:** Learn conducting, leadership skills, how to teach and perform precision marching maneuvers; choreograph a field show performance complete with salutes, selection of musical repertoire, and showmanship!

**Beginning Guitar:** This class is for all of you who have never played the guitar. If you own a guitar, please bring it! Limited to ten students per section. Guitars are provided.

**Conducting:** For all vocal and instrumental students who would like instruction in conducting. Learn basic patterns and gestures and become more comfortable using the body to lead music making.

**Instrumental Jazz Improvisation:** Learn techniques and receive hands-on instruction in the art of jazz improvisation.

**Decoding Musical Language:** Students will learn to recognize and understand the building blocks of musical language to become independent music readers and learners. Topics include the foundations of music theory: note symbols and values, time and key signatures, basic form and analysis.

**Super Fun Drum Club:** Super Fun Drum Club is a chance to play a variety of drums. We start with the six interlocking rhythms of Gahu drumming, native to Ghana, Africa. After that, there are opportunities to sample rhythms from around the world and for students to improvise within these musics.

**String Chamber Music:** Receive string quartet coaching from UW music counselors and guest staff. All string players are encouraged to sign up for this class. Placement determined by audition.

**Voice Class:** Enhance your vocal technique, learn proper voice fundamentals and daily warm-ups and routines, enhance your performance techniques, expand your knowledge of the solo vocal repertoire, and much more! Sharpen your solo and ensemble skills! This class is highly recommended for all singers.
Music of the Movies – Hooray for Hollywood! Explore the sounds of the Hollywood blockbuster in an examination of film scores from John Williams (Star Wars) to Erich Korngold (The Adventures of Robin Hood). If you like the movies you will love this class!

Intro to Musical Theatre – Students will learn the content and skills required to stage a musical theatre scene, including spoken dialogue, singing, and choreography. Scenes will be performed on the Thursday evening concert.

Musicianship – Strengthen your musical skills with your friends: Sight reading/singing, rhythmic training, dictation, chord building, and aural analysis are all included. These skills are ESSENTIAL for all musicians, and you can get a head start here!

History of Rock, Pop, and Jazz – Explore the roots of your favorite music and learn how these styles grew and changed over time.

Yoga and Movement for the Musician – Students will explore how body awareness and movement can improve their confidence and comfort in performance. Taught by a trained movement specialist, this class is a great opportunity to pause and center. No prior movement training required. All you need is an eager attitude and an open mind!

All-State Preparation - Students will gain skills to better prepare them for the All-State audition process: Etudes, vocalises, and music learning strategies included. If you want to get ahead of the rest and sharpen your skills and confidence, this class is for you! (open to high school students only)

LARGE ENSEMBLEs:

Concert Band: For all band students. All students must audition for chair placement. Students who would like to sing in the Concert Choir and play in the Concert Band may do so without any schedule conflicts. Additionally, students may also be in both the Concert Band and the Jazz Band without conflicts.

Jazz Band: Placement limited to students who are selected by audition.

Concert Choir: All campers are encouraged to sing in choir! Improving your ability to ‘hear’ music (to audiate) will improve your instrument playing and music reading abilities. Students who would like to sing in the Concert Choir may also play in Concert Band or Orchestra may do so with no schedule conflicts.

Orchestra: For all string students. All students must audition for chair placement. Students who would like to sing in the Concert Choir and play in the Orchestra may do so without any schedule conflicts.

Students may choose to participate in two of the above Large Ensembles.

JAZZ BAND, CONCERT BAND, AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS: During orientation and class sign-ups, please be sure to plan to sign up for your daily sectional rehearsals, in addition to your large ensemble rehearsals each day.