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Dear New Music Major,

Please accept this early welcome to the University of Missouri!

This mailing is coming to you from the MU School of Music and is being sent to all incoming music and music education majors, as well as students who have told us that they are seriously considering a music or music education major. You will find here important information about orientation activities for new (and prospective) music majors, and about auditions for choral and instrumental ensembles.

**New music major orientation: All new and prospective music and music education majors are strongly encouraged to attend a special orientation session on Sunday, August 22, from 12:00-2:30 pm.** This will be held in Whitmore Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building. This is a time when there are few other scheduled orientation activities and precedes the Concert on the Quad and Tiger Walk, which are special events for all new students, later on Sunday afternoon.

After an informal lunch, which will give you an opportunity to meet other new music students, we will step you through the most important things you need to know before classes begin. For example, during the first week of classes you will need to take a test to determine your music theory placement, audition (instrumentalists only) for one or more ensembles (adjusting your registration as necessary), and make sure you have all the right courses for a first-semester music major. This time on Sunday will hopefully minimize the confusion and should be especially helpful if you are still unsure about your major.

**Please send an email (subject line: Orientation) to [music@missouri.edu](mailto:music@missouri.edu) and confirm your attendance at this orientation session. This will help us ensure we have enough food.**

Auditions: All music and music education majors are expected to participate in one or more ensembles, and instrumentalists will need to audition during the first week of classes. Choral auditions are held the week before classes begin. The enclosed sheets detail the audition procedures and the schedule of auditions. If, after looking these over, you have additional questions about auditions, please contact Susan Worstell ([worstells@missouri.edu](mailto:worstells@missouri.edu); 573-884-1604).

If you have additional questions about these topics or anything, please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to greeting you on August 22 and welcoming you to the MU School of Music!

With best wishes,

Robert Shay  
Director, School of Music