**HUPSS FAQ**

**What is Hofstra University Percussion, Summer Seminar (HUPSS)?**
The Hofstra University Percussion, Summer Seminar (HUPSS) is a unique, Pre-Collegiate music intensive for students in grades 7-12 who are looking for an extraordinary experience learning many styles of percussion, with world-class instructors and performers.

**When is HUPSS?**
HUPSS is a two-week program that takes place August 2nd-August 14th, 2020.

**Where is HUPSS located?**
HUPSS is located on Long Island, on the campus of Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York.

**What are the age requirements?**
HUPSS is for students in grades 7-12.

**Do students live on campus?**
Yes! We have a wonderful residency option for students in grades 9-12, which includes air-conditioned dormitories and full meal plans.

**Are commuters eligible?**
Yes! This option includes a full meal plan and Super Saturday. It’s the full seminar experience, but you can sleep at home.

**Is there an audition requirement to participate in HUPSS?**
There is no audition requirement to attend HUPSS. Students are required to fill out an application detailing their musical experience and submit two letters of recommendation from a band director, private teacher, or other music mentor.

**Do I have to be an advanced student to participate?**
While we do not accept beginners, HUPSS is designed to accommodate various levels of experience. The goal is to learn and have a great time playing music.

**Is the staff screened?**
Every staff member undergoes a criminal background check and is interviewed by Pablo Rieppi and Sean Ritenauer.
When is the application deadline?
Early registration ends March 1, 2020.

What is the application fee?
There is no application fee.

What is HUPSS connection to Hofstra University?
HUPSS is co-directed and created by Pablo Rieppi and Sean Ritenauer, two distinguished performers and educators who work in New York City and teach at Hofstra University. All HUPSS events will take place at Hofstra University’s Joseph G. Shapiro Family Hall, the home of Hofstra’s Music Program.

Do students live on campus?
Yes! We have a wonderful residency option for students in grades 9-12, which includes air-conditioned dormitories and full meal plans.

Is there a non-residency option?
Yes! Anyone can participate in the non-residency option. This option includes a full meal plan and Super-Saturday. It’s the full seminar experience, but you can sleep at home.

Why does the non-residency program include a meal plan?
One of the distinguishing factors of HUPSS is that our day starts at 9AM and ends at 8:30PM. Participants are invited to every meal where they can relax and socialize with their fellow students.

What is the cost?
There are two simple options:
- Two-week, residency program. Includes room, board, tuition, all HUPSS events, and Super-Saturday. $3,500
- Two-week, non-residency program. Includes meal plan, tuition, all HUPSS events, and Super Saturday. $2,500

What is the tuition payment schedule?
Full payment is due May 1, 2020.

How do I submit my letters of recommendation?
Click here to submit letters of recommendation.

What is Super-Saturday?
Super Saturday includes tours of The Juilliard School and The Manhattan School of Music, combined with tickets to a Broadway Musical and dinner in NYC. All included in tuition.

How do I apply?
Click here to learn about the application process.

Can I see what my kids are doing during the week?
Yes! We will be posting daily Facebook videos. Go to fb.me/HUPSSNY and friend us.

Are students outside of the Long Island eligible?
Yes, the seminar offers dormitory and dining services.
Is there an age requirement?
Students entering grades 7-12 and entering their first year of college in September 2020 are eligible.

Can I attend a portion of the program?
Currently, HUPSS only offers a two-week option. This program is so great you will not want to miss a single day!

Are foreign students eligible?
Yes! However, all international students are responsible for obtaining a valid visa. Please check with your local, government office for travel requirements to the U.S.A.

The schedule seems a bit overwhelming. Do I have to be an advanced student to participate?
While we do not accept beginners, HUPSS is designed to accommodate various levels of experience. The goal is to learn and have a great time playing music.

What distinguishes HUPSS from other prominent, percussion Summer seminars?
While most programs end in the late afternoon, our program includes excellent events until 8:30PM, almost every night, and includes every meal. Super Saturday at HUPSS includes a tour of The Juilliard School and Manhattan School of Music, combined with tickets to a Broadway Musical and dinner in NYC. The entire program ends with a full percussion ensemble concert, open to the public, and includes a video recording of the concert for each participant. No other percussion program includes all these amazing events in a two-week segment.

Who are this year’s Guest Instructors?
Click HERE to see our guest instructors for the summer of 2020!

What musical materials do I need to bring?
All instruments are provided by HUPSS. Students will receive a detailed list of required materials after registration.

Will there be a place to do laundry?
Yes! The dormitory is equipped with a self-serve laundry room.

Do I need to prepare any music before attending HUPSS?
All required music will be distributed by June 1, 2020, via email. Students wishing to perform in the soloists concert must prepare their solo before arriving at HUPSS. You will receive coaching on your solo during the first week.

What are acceptable repertoire choices for the soloists concert?
Email us here if you have questions about repertoire: hupss@hofstra.edu

What are the performance opportunities at HUPSS?
In addition to participating in the masterclasses and workshops, students will be required to perform in the Percussion Ensemble Concert on August 14th. Students also have the option to prepare a solo of their choice for our HUPSS Soloist Concert on August 7th.

Want to learn more?
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