

AMGuSS ~ The American Mandolin & Guitar Summer School

A Week of Music for You! ~ June 26-30, 2017

At AMGuSS we put your music first! Our event-packed week brings together experienced faculty and exciting players ready to open new musical doors for you. From Baroque to Brazilian, from classical ensembles to freeform jams – it's 5 days of non-stop music and fun. Join us for **AMGuSS 2017!**

We are limiting enrollment to 35 students to keep our classes and ensembles small, assuring personal attention from our 5-star faculty. You'll rehearse daily and perform in the all-school **American Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra** together with students and faculty from across the country, and also play in a small ensemble at your level – beginner to advanced – with daily faculty coaching.

AMGuSS was founded by Marilyn Mair in 1986, to promote the art of ensemble playing for guitar and mandolin. Enrollment is limited – apply early to save your spot!

The AMGuSS Week includes:

- **Technique classes:** Daily classes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced mandolin; mandola, mandocello, and classical guitar.
- **American Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra:** Rehearsal and sectionals daily. Music will be mailed out mid-May. AMGO performs in the final concert.
- **Small Ensembles:** Classical, Baroque, Romantic-era, Brazilian, or “first-timer” ensembles, with daily faculty coaching. You can bring your own group and repertoire, or we'll place you in a group at your level when you arrive.
- **Workshops:** Sessions on Brazilian choro, composing, conducting, and other topics will enrich the week.
- **Concerts:** To add inspiration, performances by founder and internationally renowned mandolinist Marilyn Mair, her mandolin octet Enigmatica, and you, with *AMGO*, at the end of the session!
- **Late-night Fun:** Informal jams, sight-reading, and time to hang out with your new mando-guitar friends.

AMGuSS Staff: Our professional faculty are dedicated to insuring your progress.

- Marilyn Mair Artistic Director; head 1st mandolins; ensemble coach
- Ralph Costanza head 2nd mandolin; ensemble coach
- Catherine Hawkes Conductor; head ‘dola/cello/octave; ensemble coach
- Bob Martel Assistant Conductor; head guitar; ensemble coach
- Bob Sullivan Conducting advisor; guiding light; ensemble coach
- Fran Rivkin AMGuSS Registrar frivkin@yahoo.com

AMGuSS Location:

AMGuSS is held on the beautiful waterfront campus of [Roger Williams University](#) in scenic Bristol, Rhode Island. A block of rooms is being held for AMGuSS students at the RWU Convention facility. Each room has 2 double beds, plus bath, and comes with continental breakfast. Room cost is \$89 + tax per night. To reserve, call 401-254-7300 and tell them you're with the AMGuSS block. Nancy Medeiros is our contact if you have any problems.

You want to check in by Monday, June 26 and check out Friday, June 30. Come early if you wish. You'll only be a couple of towns away from Newport if you want to go check out big boats and mansions for the weekend. The public bus (RIPTA.com) to Providence or Newport is cheap (\$2.00) and runs pretty frequently, stopping at the RWU campus. Call soon to guarantee your room!

AMGuSS Cost: We've worked hard to keep this affordable for all.

- Tuition \$350 for hours of musical enjoyment and edification over 5 days.
- Food \$110 which gets you 4 lunches and 4 dinners on campus. A deal!
- Lodging \$89 + tax for the whole room per night (you can split it with someone if you like), including continental breakfast.

To Sign Up: Questions? Email our Registrar: frivkin@yahoo.com

- **Send a check** (made out to AMGuSS) for either \$460 (tuition + food) or \$350 (tuition only) to: Fran Rivkin
18 Lakeville Rd
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- **OR:** Pay by credit card on [Marilynn's webpage](#), (marilynnmair.com) but that adds a transaction fee.
- **Reserve your room directly** with the RWU Convention facility: 401-254-7300.
- If you want to bring someone who will not be a participant, please include \$110 for his/her food costs.
- If you need to cancel prior to Memorial Day, we will refund your fee, less \$50.

We hope to see you in Bristol in June!