

The American Mandolin & Guitar Summer School 2024

Director: Marilyn Mair Guest Artist: Evan Marshall

Faculty: Ralph Costanza, Catherine Hawkes, Charles Moser

Ombudsman: Paul Dressel

Schedule for the Week ~ June 17-22, 2024

Sunday

1:00 – 2:00: Early room check-in at North Campus Residence Hall (#26 on the campus map). Later arrivals check in with Conferences by calling 401-318-0743 to get room key. AMGuSS meals begin with dinner on Monday, but the dining hall in the Commons, 2nd floor, is open and there's a snack bar on the 1st floor; and you can buy meals either place with a credit card.

Those who have scheduled Sunday afternoon or Monday morning lessons with Evan should meet him in the Dorm Classroom 219, next door to the Great Room.

Monday

1:00 – 2:00

Check-in with Paul & Ralph at the North Campus Residence Hall (#26 on the campus map) There's plenty of parking in the lot by the dorm. Get Room Keys, Meal Cards, pay any balance.

2:30

Welcome – Performing Arts Center (PAC) (aka "The Barn" #25 on the map)

3:00 – 5:00

Orchestra Read-through – PAC note: following each orchestra rehearsal, please break down the set-up, line the chairs up, and put your stands and instruments behind the curtain, if you choose to leave them, so the room will be ready for the evening concert.

5:30 – 6:30

dinner – The Commons, 2nd floor Cafeteria (#16 on the map), We have a private dining room.

7:00

Concert: Enigmatica CD Release for "The Road Less Traveled" – PAC

9:00

Mingle & Jam – The Great Room (GR) (in North Campus Residence Hall)

Tuesday – Friday

Mornings T-F will all be the same

7:30 – 8:30

breakfast – The Commons

8:10 – 8:40

Finger Yoga – ELS Language Center Room 2 with Charlie – (#23 on the map)

9:00 – 10:00

Sectionals – Mandolin 1 with Marilyn in the PAC
Mandolin 2 with Ralph in ELS Room 1
Guitar with Charlie in the ELS Room 2
Mandola/Octave mandolin/Mandocello with Catherine in ELS: Room 3

10:20 – 11:40

Small Ensembles: Evan's Bluegrass/Italian – PAC
Charlie's Mozart – ELS Room 2
Catherine's Baroque – ELS Room 3
Ralph's Clementi – ELS Room 1
Marilynn's Brazilian – Dorm classroom 219

12:00 – 1:00

lunch – The Commons

Tuesday: afternoon & evening

2:00 – 3:00

Workshop: You've Got Rhythm—Deciphering Syncopation – Marilyn – PAC (all welcome)

3:10 – 5:10

Orchestra Rehearsal – PAC
break down chairs and prep room for the evening concert.

5:30 – 6:30

dinner

7:00

Concert: Evan Marshall – PAC

9:00

Mingle & Jam – GR

Wednesday: afternoon & evening

- 2:00 – 3:00 Workshop – Solo Mandolin – It’s Not Just Duo-Style – Evan Marshall – PAC (*all welcome*)
3:10 – 5:10 Orchestra Rehearsal – PAC *followed by informal group photo in front of “The Barn.”*
5:30 – 6:30 *dinner*
7:00 Student Open Mic – GR (*register with Ralph to play*)
9:00 Mingle & Jam – GR

Thursday: afternoon & evening

- 2:00 – 3:00 Workshop (Mandolin+) – Four Fingers, Closed Position Scales – Ralph – PAC
2:00 – 3:00 Workshop (Guitars+) – How to Make Friends and Accompany People –
Catherine & Charlie – Dorm 219
3:10 – 5:10 Orchestra Rehearsal – PAC
5:30 – 6:30 *dinner*
7:00 Concert: Marilyn & Friends Play Music-She-Wrote
9:00 Mingle & Jam – GR

Friday: afternoon & evening

- 2:00 – 3:00 Free time for any prep needed
3:10 – 5:10 Orchestra Rehearsal – PAC
5:30 – 6:30 *dinner*
6:45 Formal group shot- in front of the PAC.
7:00 Concert: American Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra (*that’s you!*)
9:00 Celebrate! – GR

Saturday

- 7:30 – 8:30 *breakfast*
8:30 – 9:30 small ensembles run through, if desired, where desired.
9:45 Small Ensembles – in-house performance – GR
11:00 Ask the Faculty – GR
12:00 – 1:00 *lunch*
1:00-2:00 check out with Paul, **return key and meal card.**

Finger Yoga: (*daily T-F @ 8:10 in ELS Room 2*) Charlie will warm your fingers up for playing the day’s music with a series of thoughtful musical exercises.

You’ve Got Rhythm! - Deciphering Syncopation: (*T @ 2:00 in the PAC*) Marilyn will help demystify rhythm examples from Bach to Hawkes and characteristic syncopated rhythms found in Tango and Choro.

Solo Mandolin - It’s Not Just Duo-Style: (*W @ 2:00 in the PAC*) Evan will present some basic, intermediate, and advanced tools and examples for performing and creating your own solo serenades.

Four Fingers, Closed Position Scales: (*Th @ 2:00 in the PAC*) – Ralph will introduce you to 4 major scale patterns useful everywhere on the neck. For mandolin & mando-fam instruments.

How to Make Friends and Accompany People: (*Th @ 2:00 in Dorm Classroom 219*) Catherine & Charlie will introduce styles of accompanying from a lead sheet, and explore the roles of accompanist and melodist and working one-on-one with another musician. For guitarists & interested others.

Student Open Mic: (*W @ 7:00 in the GR*) Everyone is welcome to share a bit of music with the group. Sign up for a slot with Ralph. Please limit yourselves to a brief introduction and 3-4 minutes of music.

Mingle & Jam: (*every evening after the day’s events - in the GR*) Relax with your beverage of choice, from your room’s refrigerator or purchased from a nearby store, to hang out, chat, or join in the informal nightly jams.