

# Chamber Music in Grantham: Performance and Composition

Intensive Chamber Music Program and Composition Workshop

July 27—Aug. 3, 2014 | Grantham, Pa.

This one-week intensive program is designed to enhance participants' ability

to effectively **communicate musical ideas** in performance.

Featuring artist faculty: the Mendelssohn Piano Trio: Peter Sirotin, Fiona Thompson and Ya-Ting Chang;

Richard Roberson, composer and dean of Messiah College School of the Arts

This year, the festival will begin on Sunday afternoon, July 27, and run through the final concert on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Qualified participants in the festival may receive graduate credit. For more information, please visit **messiah.edu/gradprograms** or call the dean's office at 717-796-5045.

Scholarships are available for highly qualified applicants.

## **Description of the program:**

This one-week intensive program develops participants' musicianship as they are both challenged and nurtured by a world-class faculty.

Each participant will rehearse and perform in at least two chamber ensembles. The repertoire is carefully selected based on the participants' audition, and music is mailed in advance. Participants are expected to come with their individual parts well prepared.

The workshop also provides a unique opportunity for young composers to work closely with young performers; work on their compositions with the dean of the School of the Arts at Messiah College and composer Richard Roberson; and get a reading session of their piano trio by the Mendelssohn Piano Trio. One or more of the piano trios will be performed by the Mendelssohn Piano Trio in the final concert.

## **Application process:**

Application fee: \$50 Application deadline: May 19, 2014 All application materials should be mailed to:

Chamber Music in Grantham Attn: Peter Sirotin 9400 Sunnyfield Court Potomac, MD 20854 peter@mendelssohnpianotrio.com 301-806-2250

Notification of acceptance: June 11, 2014 Full tuition and room and board due: June 26, 2014

All checks should be payable to "Messiah College, Chamber Music in Grantham."

For instrumentalists, please submit the application form, a letter of recommendation from your current major teacher with his or her contact information, a compact disc or dvd of two contrasting styles of music of your choice and a \$50 application fee by the application deadline

For composers, please submit the application form, a letter of recommendation from your current major teacher with his or her contact information, a score of a substantial (longer than five minutes) composition for piano trio and a \$50 application fee by the application deadline. Submitted works should not have received a public performance.





"This camp was a great experience, and I loved every minute of it. The atmosphere was fantastic, and the coaches were really helpful. I only wish it could have been longer."

— Hannah Thomas-Hollands, participant

# Performance Calendar:

Sunday, July 27 3 p.m. Faculty Recital Sunday, Aug. 3 3 p.m. Student Recital

# **Chamber Music in Grantham Application Form**

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### ☐ Tuition + full meal plan — \$600

### ☐ Tuition only — \$410

# Send registration and check to:

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For the past 15 years, Mendelssohn Piano Trio has been thrilling audiences in the U.S. and abroad, performing with that rare combination of powerful individual talent and tight-knit

collaboration that is the hallmark of a truly exceptional chamber music ensemble. Currently ensemble-in-residence for Washington D.C., Embassy Series and Messiah College, the group's performances have been described by the Washington Post as "unfathomably beautiful," "transcendent" and "electrifying." The American Record Guide, Fanfare Magazine and others have praised the trio's many recordings, which are frequently heard on numerous classical music stations in the U.S. Mendelssohn Piano Trio is currently recording the complete Haydn Piano Trios cycle for Centaur Records.



Pianist and composer Richard Roberson serves as dean of the School of the Arts at Messiah College, where he oversees the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance and the Visual Arts. He

continues to perform, including a recent performance with Damian Savarino in Berlin. Also a composer, his recent works include the song cycle "Triptych," "Suite for Clarinet," "Fanfare for an Uncommon President," and the choral "And the Word." He is a graduate of the schools of music of Indiana University and the University of North Texas, where his principal teachers were Hans Graf, Walter Robert, Larry Walz and Bernhard Heiden.

Activities: Each chamber group will have group rehearsals, coaching by all members of the faculty, performances in the masterclasses and a public performance in the High Foundation Recital Hall at the closing of the festival. Various seminars of music/chamber music-related topics will be held each day. In addition to attending performances and master classes, participants in the Composition Workshop will write music and participate in group critique, study selected chamber works and supervise readings and rehearsals of their works.

Facilities: Messiah College's scenic main campus, located on 400 beautiful rolling acres in the suburban town of Grantham, in south central Pennsylvania, features the brand new Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts, with two concert halls and ample practice room space for musical studies and performances.

Contributions to support the educational and cultural objectives of Chamber Music in Grantham: Performance and Composition are gratefully accepted. All contributions are tax-deductible if they are made to Messiah College and designated to Mendelssohn Piano Trio/Chamber Music in Grantham.

### **Artistic Advisory Board:**

Please give a brief description of your solo repertoire and chamber music experience. Composers, please list your compositions.

Ann Schein, pianist, distinguished teacher's chair at the Aspen Music School

Earl Carlyss, violinist, former member of the Julliard String Quartet

Ronald Leonard, cellist faculty at the Colburn School

Victor Danchenko, violinist, faculty at the Curtis Institute of Music and Peabody Conservatory

Jerome Barry, baritone and artistic director of the Washington, D.C., Embassy Series

Richard Roberson, pianist and composer, dean of the School of the Arts at Messiah College

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