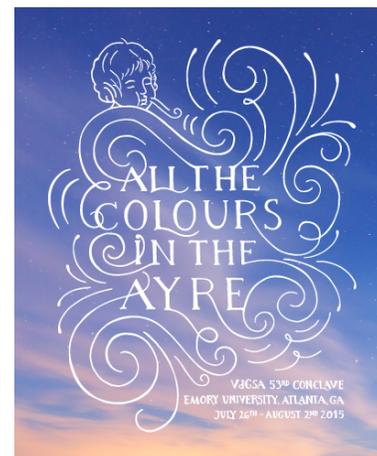


# VdGSA Conclave 2015 Welcome Letter

We're looking forward to seeing you at our 53rd annual Conclave at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Below you'll find all the information you need to arrange your travel and arrive safely and happily at the workshop.

## ARRIVAL

Regular registration is scheduled for 2:00pm–5:00pm on Sunday, July 26 in the main lobby of Evans Hall located at 4 Eagle Row, Atlanta, GA 30322. If you are arriving after 6:00 pm on Sunday, please let Chrissy know—in advance by email if possible.



If you have registered for **early arrival**, please check in at Few Hall Housing Desk, adjacent to Evans Hall, to receive your room key, meal and building access card, and an early arrival info sheet. Early arrival meal cards activate at dinner on the arrival day. Meals needed earlier can be purchased at the campus dining halls.

If you did not indicate early arrival on your registration form and find that you need to arrive on Saturday, email [conclave.manager@vdgsa.org](mailto:conclave.manager@vdgsa.org) or call Chrissy **by Thursday, July 9** to adjust your arrival date and billing. Early check-in will only be available for those who have registered and paid for their rooms to be available early.

If you are delayed in your travel and need to contact us, please email [conclave.manager@vdgsa.org](mailto:conclave.manager@vdgsa.org) or call Chrissy's cell at 828-789-9089.

## REGISTRATION

At registration you will receive: a schedule, class assignment list, name-tag, key and meal card, list of attendees with room numbers, and t-shirt (if you ordered one).

You will need to provide a \$10 key deposit and be ready to confirm your banquet meal choice (beef, salmon, vegetarian or vegan). If you expect to bring a guest to the banquet and did not indicate this when you registered, you must inform us when you check in as we will submit our order to catering first thing Monday morning.

## WHAT TO BRING

The university-supplied linen package includes: two sheets, blanket, pillow, pillowcase, two bath towels, and a face cloth. You may wish to pack hangers, a reading/playing lamp, extension cord, alarm clock, laundry detergent, coins for the coin-operated laundry, an umbrella or poncho, and your cell phone charger. If you have room for "creature comfort" extras, you might appreciate having: a larger towel, fitted bottom sheet (XL twin), extra pillow, hand towel, bath mat, water bottle, coffee mug, door stop to prop your room door open, and your name badge pouch from a previous Conclave. Each residence hall has a kitchen on the main floor with fridge, stove, microwave, and sink; but no flatware, dishes, or cookware.

Dress is casual at Conclave, and Atlanta **will be hot and humid** the week that we are there. All buildings are air-conditioned, but we will walk outside between classes, for meals, and to the concerts. Be prepared for a 10-15 minute stroll over to the Chapel for mini-concerts. Comfortable shoes and layers are essential for moving between indoor and outdoor spaces. Some folks like to bring something a bit dressier for the banquet, student concert, or evening out to dinner. If you want to try to squeeze in a swim at the campus pool, don't forget your swimsuit; and if you'd prefer a hike, pack some bug spray and sunscreen along with your hiking shoes or sandals.

Last but not least, don't forget your instrument(s) and a well-labeled music stand! The campus is hillier at Emory University than we are used to, with classes located in three buildings situated about a city block apart, so you may find a luggage carrier helpful for transporting large instruments.

## SCHEDULE

Scheduled events begin on Sunday, July 26, with “Viol Care and Feeding” with our viol doctor, John, at 4:00pm, followed by dinner. Afterward, we will gather at 7:30pm for a faculty play-in, announcements and ice cream.

Monday through Saturday, regular participants will have three or four classes daily plus a smattering of other events including: mini-concerts, live and silent scholarship auctions, the feature concert, drop-in consorts, and more. Wednesday afternoon will be a short day to give you time for an excursion into Atlanta: a museum, a hike, a farmers’ market, or whatever suits you.

Our feature concert on Thursday evening will showcase Nota Bene with special guest Jason McStoots. The concert will be held at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, about a ten minute drive from campus, and we’ll have a caravan of cars to be sure that everyone has a ride over to the church and back. Again this year, the student concert will be on Saturday afternoon, with the banquet to close out the week on Saturday evening. Conclave ends with breakfast on Sunday, August 2. Check-out is from 8:00am–11:00am. If you need to leave earlier, please let Chrissy know ahead of time.

## CONTACTS

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| Campus       | <a href="http://www.emory.edu">www.emory.edu</a>   |              |  |
| City         | <a href="http://www.atlanta.com">www.atlanta.com</a> OR <a href="http://www.atlanta.net">www.atlanta.net</a>     |              |  |

For mail (USPS) & shipping services (UPS, Fed Ex, etc):

VdGSA Conclave - ATTN: <Your Name>  
c/o Conference Services  
605 Asbury Circle Box 121048  
Atlanta, GA 30322

NOTE: If you need to ship items in advance, plan for them to arrive July 22–24.

For phone messages:

Campus conference office: 404.727.0427

For e-mail:

Wireless internet access is available throughout the campus.

Important email messages may be sent to you via [conclave.manager@vdgsa.org](mailto:conclave.manager@vdgsa.org). Please ask the sender to include the participant’s name in the subject line so that we can pass these on to you more efficiently.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Official Conclave pitch is **A=415**. Please retune your viol early.
- If you are driving and have a viol can you loan to those who cannot bring their own, please contact [conclave.manager@vdgsa.org](mailto:conclave.manager@vdgsa.org).
- Our scholarship auction this year will consist of a live auction Tuesday evening and a silent auction Tuesday through Thursday. Please bring items to donate. If you have a lot of music to donate, it is helpful if it is bundled in groups—by composer, number of voices, difficulty level, or some other category. Contact Heather Spence ([lunahare@gmail.com](mailto:lunahare@gmail.com)) for specific auction questions.
- Check out our unique raffle this year: Operation Treble Viol at [vdgsa.org](http://vdgsa.org)!
- The VdGSA Store on operates on a cash-free basis. Bring your major credit card or checkbook! The Von Huene Workshop will be our designated vendor this year.

- Viol Doctor John Pringle and Bow Doctor Harry Grabenstein will be on site all week; however, they get busy with repairs so book early with them for maintenance or non-emergency repairs. Their room numbers will be in your registration packet when you check in.
- A \$10 key deposit will be collected upon arrival and refunded upon departure. Please be aware that lost keys cost up to \$150 to replace.
- Emory University is a smoke-free campus. While smoking is prohibited on campus property, it is allowed on sidewalks adjacent to city streets: Clifton Road and North Decatur Road. Your conscientiousness is appreciated.

### **VIOL PACKING HINTS FOR AIR TRAVEL**

- Tune your instrument down a bit, but not enough to loosen the tension on the sound post. Put a layer of thin bubble wrap under the body and pack around the rest of the instrument with socks and underwear—especially under the bridge and tailpiece.
- Trebles can usually pass as carry-on luggage. Mark your case FRAGILE in large letters. (White-Out works well.) Some swear by large bubble wrap—swathe the entire hard case in two layers, secured by “FRAGILE” tape. (Bring extra tape along in case you have to open the instrument for security.)
- When dealing with airlines, refer to the instrument as “like a large guitar.” Some airlines will not check ‘cellos, so avoid making any comparisons between the viol and the ‘cello with the airline.

### **DIRECTIONS TO EMORY UNIVERSITY**

For detailed driving instructions and transit info on getting to Emory, see directions on the University website: <http://www.emory.edu/home/about/visiting/directions.html>

GPS users: navigate to 4 Eagle Row, Atlanta, GA 30322.

### **UNLOADING/PARKING INFORMATION**

Campus guests may pull to the curb on Eagle Row and leave flashers on to register and unload. Free parking will be available for conclave attendees in Peavine Parking Deck on Eagle Row. Request a permit at registration.

### **FLYING**

The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is one of the busiest in the world, but it's also easy to navigate using the Plane Train and is accessible by MARTA, Atlanta's light rail and bus public transportation system. All trains from the airport go north to Midtown Station, a 15 minute drive or bus ride to Emory. From Midtown Station, take the #36 bus eastbound to Emory University, find a cab at the taxi stand, have a friend pick you up at the Tech Trolley exit to 9th Street, or take Über.

Driving from the airport to the campus takes around 30 minutes with no traffic. You may wish to join forces with others to rent a car, both for transportation from the airport, sightseeing during the week, and for transit to the Thursday evening concert. There is a “Conclave Connections Board” on the website where you may post your need for a ride or for passengers to share the trip with you. (<http://www.vdgsa.org/pgs/conclave-2015/connect.shtml>)

We look forward to seeing you in just a few short weeks!

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