Subject: 2025 Oregon Conducting Institute – Auditor Information

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Oregon is hosting its annual Orchestral Conducting Institute. While I realize public schools are still in session during the workshop, we now offer a daily auditor option that may better accommodate your schedule. You might consider taking one or two days off for professional development.

We have an outstanding course planned this year and are thrilled to welcome back Neil Varon from the Eastman School of Music.

As an auditor, you'll observe master teacher Maestro Varon working with selected participants on a range of orchestral masterworks—an excellent opportunity to enhance your technique and broaden your musical understanding. Auditors also fully participate in all lecture sessions, some of which include conducting opportunities. In the past, about a dozen auditors have conducted for Maestro Varon during these sessions. Additionally, you'll have opportunities to network and socialize with fellow conductors and faculty.

I can't emphasize enough how valuable this course has been for past auditors. Many have described it as a transformative experience, with several going on to be selected as participants in subsequent years.

If you plan to stay in Eugene, please note that campus housing will not be available, as classes will still be in session in June. You'll need to book a hotel room, and I recommend doing so early, as international track events are sometimes held that same week and nearby accommodations can fill up quickly. There are typically many Airbnb options available as well.

Auditors have two registration options:

- Attend the full course for $395, or
- Pay $115 per day of attendance ($50 for Thursday)

Payment may be made by check on the first day of the course.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I've attached a tentative schedule, and more information is available at:
https://uosymphony.com/summer-conducting-institute/

Warm regards,
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