



Dear GNOYO Members,

To kick off our 23rd season, I am delighted to announce the sixth annual GNOYO Fall Retreat! The retreat will include an introduction to the fall repertoire, ice breakers, outdoor and indoor activities, and sectionals featuring prominent musician educators from the region. This will be a time for musicians to get to know and interact with their peers and respective conductors. Students will be chaperoned by GNOYO Staff, Counselors and the Music Director. The retreat is a mandatory element in the program that will enrich and nurture our GNOYO community.

**The Tentative Retreat Schedule:**

1. Friday September 15th, (evening): **Philharmonia** – dinner (Allergies and food requirements are respected) – orientation – ice-breakers – music activities
2. Saturday September 16th, (morning): Breakfast – sectional/orchestra rehearsals – team building activities – lunch (Allergies and food requirements are respected) – check out – **Philharmonia departs/Sinfonia arrives**
3. Saturday September 16th, (afternoon): **Sinfonia** – orientation – lunch – ice breaker – sectional/orchestra rehearsals
4. Saturday, September 16th, (evening): Dinner – team building activities – check out – **Sinfonia departs/ Symphony arrives.**
5. Sunday September 17th, (morning): Breakfast – sectional/orchestra rehearsals – lunch – check out – **Symphony departs in early afternoon**

**Location:**

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center A Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana  
54296 Hwy 445, Loranger, LA 70446 (1 hour and 20 minutes from New Orleans/ 40 minutes from Mandeville).

**Transportation: \*\*\*Please contact the GNOYO Office to reserve your seat on the bus!\*\*\***

We are looking forward to a great 2017-18 Season at GNOYO!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jean Montès  
Music Director



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**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING RETREAT PREPARATION**

1. All males and all females will be sleeping in separate rooms with a chaperone.
2. All are required to bring sleeping bags, sheets, pillows & towels.
3. Separate boys and girls bathrooms and showers are located underneath the sleeping quarters with easy and private access.
4. Menu will vary. Please let us know if you have any food allergies, or are a vegetarian or vegan.
5. Students will be served all meals corresponding to their arrival time.
6. Dr. Montès will be attending the retreat and staying over night to coordinate all facets of the retreat.
7. All adults who will be attending the retreat as staff or chaperones have been or will be subjected to background checks.
8. There will be limited free time; please, see retreat schedule.
9. The retreat is mandatory for all GNOYO members. If a student does not attend the retreat without prior notification, they will forfeit their participation in the Orchestra for the rest of the year.
10. Please visit our website for a link to the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center website.
11. Limited kitchen facilities are available for those who must bring their own food.



**2017 GNOYO Retreat**  
**Solomon Episcopal Conference Center**  
**Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director**  
**September 15-17, 2017**

**GNOYO RETREAT GUIDELINES AND WAIVER FORM**

(Fill it out and return ASAP and no later than September 9<sup>th</sup> or fax to 504-861-1806 or scan/email to gnoyo@gnoyo.org )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to represent the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras during the 2017 GNOYO Retreat with integrity and respect.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, also understand and agree that the GNOYO retreat of which I am a member involves certain risks regardless of the precautions taken by the GNOYO Staff.

In addition, I understand and agree that GNOYO may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required during my participation with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility.

I have read the above and fully agree to its content. Participant represents that he/she is eighteen years of age or older and is otherwise competent to execute this agreement, or that his/her legal guardian is also signing.

Musician Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Additional contact person/number \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance information will be available in your personal belongings if needed (Initials) \_\_\_\_\_

List any medications you are currently taking

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Please list any special services you may require due to an existing medical condition, physical disability, food allergies, or if you are a vegetarian or vegan:

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Would you be interested in bus transportation from Loyola University Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** Dr. Jean Montès  
Music Director  
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**2017 GNOYO Retreat-Schedule**  
**Solomon Episcopal Conference Center**

**Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director**  
**September 15-17, 2017**

**Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>- Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> (Philharmonia and North Shore Philharmonia)**

4:30pm Bus Load from Loyola  
5:00pm Bus Depart from Loyola with Philharmonia Members  
6:30pm Registration  
7:00pm Dinner  
7:30pm Orientation  
8:00pm Ice Breaker  
9:00pm Music Activity  
9:45pm Prep for bed  
10:30pm Lights out

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30am Up  
7:30am Breakfast  
8:00am Music Activity (Sectional / Orchestra Rehearsal)  
9:15am Break  
9:30am Team building activity  
11:00am Wrap up  
11:30am Lunch  
12:00noon Check Out  
12:30pm Bus Depart from Solomon  
2:00pm Bus Arrive s at Loyola

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**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> (Sinfonia and North Shore Sinfonia)**

9:00am Bus Load from Loyola  
9:30am Bus Depart from Loyola with Sinfonia Members  
11:00am Registration  
11:30am Lunch  
12:15pm Orientation  
12:30pm Ice Breaker/Team Building  
1:30pm break

3:45pm Break  
4:00pm Team building activity  
5:00pm Wrap up  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:00pm Check Out  
6:30pm Depart Bus  
8:00pm Back at Loyola

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**Saturday September 16th – Sunday September 17th (Symphony)**

3:30pm Bus Load from Loyola  
4:00pm Bus Depart from Loyola with Symphony Members  
5:30pm Registration  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:30pm Orientation  
7:00pm Ice Breaker  
8:00pm Music Activity (Sectional / Orchestra Rehearsal)  
9:45pm Prep for bed  
10:30pm Lights out

**Sunday 17th**

6:30am up  
7:30am Breakfast  
8:00am Music Activity (Sectional/Orchestra Rehearsal)  
9:15am Break  
9:30am Team building activity  
11:00am Wrap up  
11:30am Lunch  
12:00pm Check Out  
12:30pm Depart  
2:00pm Bus Arrive at Loyola

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Welcome to GNOYO's 2017 retreat at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center!

This is going to be a memorable experience for all of us!

Every effort has been made to make this retreat to run smoothly, but we may need to make adjustments when we get there. Please remain flexible and keep a positive attitude.

**Let's have a great retreat!**

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