



Dear GNOYO Members,

To kick off our 26th season, I am delighted to announce the ninth annual GNOYO Fall Retreat! The retreat will take place only in the outdoors and will include an introduction to the fall repertoire, ice breakers, outdoor activities, and sectionals featuring prominent musician educators from the region. This will be a time for musicians to safely get to know and interact with their peers and respective conductors in preparation for the season. 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 family.

The Tentative Retreat Schedule:

1. Saturday September 19th, (9:30am-1:30pm): Philharmonias – orientation – ice-breakers – music activities – team building activities – Box lunch (Allergies and food requirements are respected) – check out – **Philharmonia departs/Sinfonia arrives**
2. Saturday September 19th, (2:30pm-6:00pm): Sinfonia – orientation – ice breakers – sectional/orchestra rehearsals– team building activities – Dinner check out– **Sinfonia departs in early evening**
3. Sunday September 20th, (10:00am-2:30pm): Symphony – orientation – ice breakers – sectional/orchestra rehearsals– team building activities – Lunch check out – **Symphony departs in mid 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 note that GNOYO is unable to provide bus to and from the retreat this year*** Please plan accordingly.**

We are looking forward to a great 2020-2021 Season at GNOYO!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jean Montès
Music Director



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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING RETREAT PREPARATION

1. Bring your Instrument, Music, Pencil, Music Stand, and Folding Chair to all rehearsals as you will not be sharing chairs and stands.
2. Menu will vary. Please let us know if you have any food allergies, or are a vegetarian or vegan.
3. Dr. Montès will be attending the retreat and staying over night to coordinate all facets of the retreat.
4. All adults who will be attending the retreat as staff or chaperones have been or will be subjected to background checks.
5. There will be limited free time; please, see retreat schedule.
6. 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.
7. Please visit our website for a link to the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center website.
8. Limited kitchen facilities are available for those who must bring their own food.
9. We are providing additional options to facilitate parents and family members who will be waiting for their young musicians.
10. The Solomon has graciously offered to accommodate rooms for parents who would like to stay over night Friday and/or Saturday see details below.

Things to do at and Around Solomon Episcopal Center

- Solomon Disc Golf, Walking Trails, and Lake fishing
- St. Tammany Trace
- Bogue Falaya Wayside Park
- Escapology Escape rooms
- Fontainebleau State Park
- Mandeville Lake Front and Lakefront Splash Park
- Joyce Wildlife Management Swamp Walk
- Global Wildlife
- Elevation Station Trampoline Park
- Tickfaw State Park
- Ponchatoula Antique Shopping
- Covington Lee Lane Shopping
- Columbia Street Farmers Market Covington, LA 8a -12p Saturdays
- Downtown Hammond Farmers Market Hammond, LA 8a- 12a Saturdays

For those families who would like to stay over night Friday and/or Saturday here are some pricing so you can make arrangements directly with the Solomon Center just let them know you are a GNOYO Parent.

- 2 Night stay with 6 meals included would be \$236.00 per person
 - 1 Night stay with 3 meal included would be \$118 per person
 - A Day at Solomon with Lunch would be \$25 per person
- (for Parents who are interested in remaining at the property and utilizing the grounds)
- 1 Night and 0 meals would be \$75 per room, per night

Contact: Mr. Dustin MacDonald via email at dustin@solomoncenter.org or call 985-748-6634



2020 GNOYO Retreat
Solomon Episcopal Conference Center
Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director
September 19-20, 2020

GNOYO RETREAT GUIDELINES AND WAIVER FORM

(Fill it out and return ASAP and no later than September 12th or fax to 504-861-1806 or scan/email to gnoyo@gnoyo.org) note you may also use the online version instead at the GNOYO Retreat Page

I, _____, agree to represent the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras during the 2020 GNOYO Retreat with integrity and respect and follow **the GNOYO COVID 19 Rehearsal/Performance Protocol**.

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

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:

Contact: Dr. Jean Montès
Music Director
Cell: 504-616-1652



2020 GNOYO Retreat-Schedule
Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director
September 19-20 2020

Saturday September 19th (Philharmonia and North Shore Philharmonia)

9:00am Registration/Check in Begins at the Solomon Pavilion
9:30am Orientation
10:00am Ice Breaker
10:30am Music Activity
11:30am Team building activity
12:30pm Wrap up
1:00pm Box Lunch
1:15pm Check out begins

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Saturday September 19th (Sinfonia and North Shore Sinfonia)

2:00pm Registration/Check in Begins at the Solomon Pavilion
2:30pm Orientation
2:45pm Ice Breaker
3:00pm Music Activity (Sectional/Orchestra Rehearsal)
4:00pm Team building activity
5:00pm Wrap up
5:30pm Box Dinner
5:45pm Check out begins

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Sunday September 20th (Symphony)

9:30am Registration/Check in Begins at the Solomon Pavilion
10:00am Orientation
10:30am Ice Breaker
11:00am Music Activity (Sectional / Orchestra Rehearsal)
12:30pm Team building activity
1:00pm Wrap up
1:30pm Box Lunch
1:45pm Check out begins

Contact: Dr. Jean Montès - 504-616-1652 (Cell)

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Welcome to GNOYO's 2020 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, follow **all the GNOYO COVID 19 Rehearsal/Performance Protocol** and keep a positive attitude,

Let's have a great retreat!

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