



Dear GNOYO Members,

To kick off our 28th season, I am delighted to announce the tenth 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 17th, (9:30am-1:30pm): Philharmonias – orientation – ice-breakers – music activities – team building activities – Box lunch (Allergies and food requirements are respected) – check out – **Philharmonias departs/Sinfonia arrives**
2. Saturday September 17th, (2:30pm-6:00pm): Sinfonias – orientation – ice breakers – sectional/orchestra rehearsals– team building activities – Dinner check out– **Sinfonias departs in early evening**
3. Sunday September 18th, (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, <https://seccla.org/> 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 2022-2023 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 if you are a vegetarian or vegan.
3. Dr. Montès will be attending the retreat and staying overnight 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 Center has graciously offered to accommodate for parents who would like to stay overnight 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 overnight Friday and/or Saturday here is the 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: Missy Canal via email at missy@solomoncenter.org or call 985-748-6634 as prices are subject to change.

2022 GNOYO Retreat
Solomon Episcopal Conference Center
Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director
September 17-18, 2022

GNOYO RETREAT GUIDELINES AND WAIVER FORM

(Fill it out and return ASAP and no later than September 16th 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 2022 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



2022 GNOYO Retreat-Schedule **Solomon Episcopal Conference Center**

Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director
September 17-18 2022

Saturday September 17th (Philharmonia and North Shore Philharmonia)

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

Saturday September 17th (Sinfonia and North Shore Sinfonia)

2:00pm Registration/Check in Begins at the Solomon Pavilion
2:30pm General Assembly for Parents and Students
3:00pm Orientation
3:15pm Ice Breaker
3:30pm Music Activity (Sectional/Orchestra Rehearsal)
4:30pm Team building activity
5:00pm Wrap up
5:30pm Box Dinner
5:45pm Check out begins

Sunday September 18th (Symphony)

9:30am Registration/Check in Begins at the Solomon Pavilion
10:00am General Assembly for Parents and Students
10:30am Orientation
10:45am 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)

Welcome to GNOYO's 2022 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!
