

D'ADDARIO WINTERGRASS YOUTH ACADEMY REGISTRATION FEB. 23-24, 2012



The two day D'Addario Wintergrass Youth Academy is full of joy, energy and a great sense of purpose. Directors Beth Fortune, Joe Craven and Renata Bratt lead a team of dedicated teachers who excel at instilling a lifelong love of music in anyone who comes within 100 yard of them. The Youth Academy will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Evergreen Ballroom. The post Youth Academy performance will be held in the same location on Friday, Feb. 24th from 5-6:30pm, and will feature instructors, students and special guests. Family and friends are welcome!

Who Can Attend?

To ensure the best possible learning environment for all we are limiting the ages of participants to kids currently in 4th to 8th grades. *Exceptions will be made with the permission of the Director.* All participants, regardless of age, should be able to give respectful attention to instructors, follow instructions and avoid disrupting the sessions with inappropriate behavior. The schedule will follow the general outline of a school day starting at 9am and ending around 4pm.

Does my child have to attend both days?

We believe your child will get the most out of his or her experience by attending both days. Both the individual and group dynamic is better when all students attend all days.

What is included in the program?

We will feature both general sessions and "break-out" sessions during the two days of instruction. General sessions will include all Youth Academy participants, and will be conducted by Joe Craven. General sessions will happen on both days of the Youth Academy. All sessions will be interactive with a focus on encouraging a lifetime of happy music making!

- "Band Scrambler" – Joe Craven, Elizabeth Fortune and other faculty will guide Youth Academy participants in the preparation and production of a culminating performance which will take place at **5pm on Friday February 23** at the Evergreen "In the Pines" Stage at the Hyatt Regency. Performers will learn about and practice:
 - fine-tuning one's stage presence
 - reading the audience
 - ensemble skills – playing music with others
 - building an interesting performance
 - integrating the new skills acquired during the Kids Academy

• "And everything except the kitchen sink" – this is just an indication to come to the Youth Academy with an open mind and expect ANYTHING! Joe Craven is known for having tons of tricks up his sleeve (so be prepared for off the cuff experiments)!

Youth Academy Participants will also be offered small group (break-out) instruction on their own bluegrass instruments. Participants are to indicate in their registration paperwork which instrument they ALREADY play and how long they have played it. If the participant does not play an instrument, they will be asked to indicate that they do not play an instrument yet. The participant may have a chance during the academy to learn basic playing skills on another instrument or voice as well (utilizing instruments that have been loaned to the Academy by Ted Brown Music and Nechville Banjos.

During the two full days of the Youth Academy, participants will rotate between general sessions and break-out sessions. Students will have two break-out sessions each day.

New! Youth Academy/Youth Orchestra package

We've made a new option available for students who would like to participate in both the Youth Academy and the Wintergrass Youth Orchestra. Students must be at least 12 years old to participate in both and must learn the orchestra pieces before arriving at Wintergrass. Further information about the Youth Orchestra program is available online at www.wintergrass.com or by emailing patriceo@comcast.net. The Academy/Orchestra package includes a weekend pass and registration for both programs. Parents are eligible for either the discounted weekend pass or the discounted Sunday pass.

Due to the generosity of the D'Addario Foundation some financial assistance is available. Please contact Patrice O'Neill directly at patriceo@comcast.net if you need a financial assistance form. To make sure that the maximum number of students benefit from this D'Addario gift, scholarships awarded will be granted for 50% of the full value of the registration option chosen.

If you are sending more than one child please make a copy of this form and send in with your payment enclosed

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Parent's Signature _____

I have played _____ for _____ years/months.

I do not play an instrument yet, but am most interested in learning _____

Method of payment:

Check - Full payment enclosed

Check - Applying for scholarship - 50% payment enclosed

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Please charge my card for \$ _____ plus \$6 processing fee. Total charged to my card = \$ _____

Please select one option below.

Youth Academy Full Registration \$120 - includes one two-day Youth Academy Registration, plus one full Kids weekend pass (4 days) to Wintergrass*

Youth Academy Limited Registration \$100 - includes one two-day Kids Academy Registration**

Youth Academy/Orchestra Package \$200 - includes one two-day Youth Academy Registration, Youth Orchestra Registration and one full Kids weekend pass

Parent Weekend Pass \$100 - each Youth Academy Full registration or Academy/Orchestra package qualifies you for one full adult Weekend Pass to Wintergrass, a \$140 value

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**If your child is signed up for a Full Youth Academy Registration one parent/chaperone is eligible for a discounted weekend pass at \$100.*

***Parents of all Youth Academy Students will be given free passes to the Youth Academy show only at 5pm on Friday night at the Evergreen Stage at the Hyatt.*

Please return the completed form to: **Wintergrass POB 2024 Milton WA 98354**