

CASTLEMAN QUARTET PROGRAM 2018

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL & FIRST DAY INFORMATION

ARRIVAL DAYS are Sundays: Session 1 (S1): JUNE 3 ♦ Session 2 (S2): JUNE 24

DEPARTURE DAYS are Sundays: S1: JUNE 24 ♦ S2: JULY 15 ♦ Sonata Week (SW): JULY 22

We need to know your travel plans **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, but no later than:

S1 arrival - MAY 19

S2 arrival - JUNE 9

► ALL Participants, for All Sessions & All Types of Travel

Please submit your travel info through our **Google Form, "Travel Info - CQP"**.

You can access it from [the CQP website](#), or [the CQP18 Facebook group page](#), or [at this link](https://drive.google.com/open?id=18GH0rX6C4tvjErpBWFyVP9jbfAtot-7Gxk6X8rUw9jl): <https://drive.google.com/open?id=18GH0rX6C4tvjErpBWFyVP9jbfAtot-7Gxk6X8rUw9jl>.

Info you will need for the form:

- 1 Method: air, bus, train (or car)
- 2 Arrival: date & time, plus airline & flight # -or- bus company -or- train #
- 3 Departure: date & time, plus same details as in #2 (-or- if you're leaving by car instead)
- 4 Your cell phone number

► Making Travel Reservations ► Please do your best to observe the following:

FLIGHTS



- ♦ ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT: between 11:00am & 4:00pm.
- ♦ DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT: after 11:00am.

AMTRAK



NYC, Boston or Cleveland travelers may want to consider this option.

- ♦ You must use [Depew, NY \(BUF\) Station](#) (not Buffalo/Exchange St.)
- ♦ ARRIVAL: From the East, @ 3:00pm. From the West, @ 8:45am.
- ♦ DEPARTURE: To the East, @ 1:20 or 3:50pm. To the West, @ midnight.
- ♦ We CANNOT pick up from -OR- drop off to any other train times!

BUS



Greyhound, Coach USA, & MegaBus all stop at **Buffalo Airport**, but only from major centers such as NYC or Boston.

- ♦ If you can get to Buffalo Airport **no later than 4 pm**, you can take our shuttle.
- ♦ We CANNOT pick up from the downtown bus depot!

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- ♦ You CAN take the 3:30pm Coach USA bus **from downtown Buffalo** to the Fredonia campus; it costs \$6.20 and arrives @ 5:00.

If you have any questions or encounter problems in making reservations
[most often the West Coast or overseas participants]
please consult Nancy Nehring, Dean, for assistance:

♦ email: reindeer4nancy@wowway.com -or- ♦ FaceBook [message](#) (NO posts)

► Additional Bus Info

There is an NFTA MetroBus, #24B, from the downtown Buffalo bus depot to the airport. It costs \$2, runs about every 40-50 minutes, and costs \$2. [<http://metro.nfta.com/Routes/pdfs/24.pdf>]
Note that the #204 Airport-Downtown Express does not run on Sundays.

If you take the CoachUSA bus from downtown Buffalo to the SUNY-Fredonia bus shelter, call the acting Dean or assistant Dean (see list below) for assistance when you arrive.

► Shuttle to SUNY-Fredonia



We will provide transportation between Buffalo Airport (or Amtrak-Depew) & Fredonia on the designated travel days, by chartered school bus or van service.

Receiving your travel info is crucial, as these must be reserved and timing carefully planned!

The cost for this service is \$30 one-way payable by cash, check (“Quartet Program”), or Venmo (@CQPFunds) when you arrive in Fredonia. PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT BY YOUR ARRIVAL DAY!!

We will also provide return transportation on the Departure Days. If you need the shuttle both ways, you can pay both fees on arrival.

- ♦ **Arriving by plane?** Go to the Baggage Claim where a Dean will meet you.
- ♦ **Arriving by train?** Our shuttle will pick you up after it leaves the airport.

**PLEASE
NOTE!!**

① we absolutely, positively **WILL NOT** make special trips to Buffalo, if for some reason you must arrive or leave on any other day than the ones listed on page 1!

② **ON DEPARTURE DAYS:** shuttles will not leave before 9 am, so make reservations accordingly!

► Do-It-Yourself Shuttle

If you choose not to use the QP bus shuttle, or your travel plans don’t allow it, you will have to rent a car or make a reservation with a shuttle service. [<http://www.buffaloairport.com/GroundTransportation.asp>]
(Warning: get a quote! The cost is usually \$80-120.)

► Travel FAQ’s

What if my flight or train is delayed?

We try to monitor flights online on arrival days, but please contact the Acting Dean (see list below) as soon as you know about any delay, or if you miss a connection. Texting is also OK but **include your name!!** (we’re not psychic... yet.)

What happens when I get to the airport?

Go to the baggage claim & pick up your bags. You will likely see a herd of instruments, bags, & fellow QP-ers, and a QP dean will be on hand to greet you and get you on our shuttle.

What happens when I get to the Buffalo-Depew train station?

Get your bags and settle down in the lobby, then call the Acting Dean to check in. Past experience is that trains to Buffalo can be well behind – or even ahead of – schedule, so please let the Dean know when you actually arrive (and if your train is seriously delayed). Our shuttle will stop to get you *en route* to Fredonia.

What can I do while I'm waiting to take the shuttle?

Airport amenities are thin after you leave the secured gates: there's an underwhelming café on the departures level, and only vending machines in the baggage claim. If you need food or drink, *get it before you leave the gates area*. The train station has only vending machines. Be prepared to hang out; it could be a few hours until your shuttle leaves.

► The Dean Team

Session 1 (6/3 - 6/24) Nancy Nehring, 614-270-0624 [*Acting, S1 arrivals & departures*]

Session 2 (6/24 - 7/15) Adrienne Caravan, 571-292-7805 [*Acting, S2 arrivals & departures*]

Sonata Week (7/15 - 7/22) Allyson Dawkins, 210-602-1672 [*Acting, SW departures*]

Assistant Dean (6/3 - 7/22) Lucas Goodman, 561-346-7485

► First Day FAQs

Can I send a package ahead of time (instead of taking everything on the plane)?
Where can my family send mail & packages?

The Quartet Program – Grissom Hall
[your name]
280 Central Ave.
University Commons
Fredonia, NY 14063

Include your cell # if that's part of the label

- ◆ This applies to U.S. mail, UPS, and FedEx.
- ◆ Packages must ARRIVE between May 31 and July 19 only.
- ◆ **NO SATURDAY DELIVERIES!** Packages are NOT delivered directly to the dorm. All incoming mail goes through the University Commons mailroom, which handles residence delivery & is *not* open on Saturdays.

What happens in the evening on Arrival Days?

A **mandatory** Orientation Meeting is held on each arrival day after dinner, usually around 7 pm. Quartets also begin rehearsals that evening to prepare for coachings which will begin on Tuesday.

ALL participants (**including pianists!**) are expected at every Orientation Meeting; it's when introductions and announcements are made, and the easiest way to meet your pianist.

Things you should bring (or send ahead)	Things you <i>don't</i> have to bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- folding music stand- mute/extra strings- solo and chamber music parts and scores- hangers- laundry bag (but buy detergent w/ your roomies)- a washcloth (<i>not</i> provided)- swimsuit- \$ for movies and snacks- ethernet cable if you can't use WiFi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- a fan: there is a room fan for each student!- sheets, blanket, pillow or towels, unless you'd prefer yours (strongly suggested to bring or buy a towel)- laundry \$ — it's free!- a laptop: the campus library computers & printers are available to everyone M-F, 8am-4pm.

Be sure to read our FAQ docs: DORM LIFE, CAMPUS LIFE, and CONCERT LIFE
► Posted on the CQP website and on the CQP18 Facebook page ◀