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Dear CIM Conservatory Students:

Welcome, and welcome back, to the 2007-08 academic year at the Cleveland Institute of Music. As I write, construction continues apace with changes now apparent on a daily basis. We are anticipating the pleasure of "living" and working in the renovated/expanded library and the new recital hall and lobby. Completion is anticipated in October. An exciting time, to be sure!

A few reminders and new pieces of information are included with this welcome, but they concern *only* items *not* found in the revised *Conservatory Catalog* and *Student Handbook*; the *Handbook* (not yet ready) may be accessed on line at <http://www.cim.edu/download/colStdntHndbk.pdf>; the *Catalog* also is in preparation. Because of the fairly extensive revisions, even returning students will need to review the *Handbook*, as it details the policies and procedures that constitute the institution's contract with CIM students, and there *are* changes.

Also important to note is that the Student Directory form (<https://secure.cim.edu/colNewStudentsForm.php>) is due to the Registrar's Office. This is the first step in a process that permits new students to receive a valid Fall 2007 sticker for their CIM ID card indicating their good standing with CIM. International students should maintain contact with Frank Caputo, Assistant to the President, to ensure compliance with governmental regulations.

Classes begin on Monday 27 August, and all students must arrive in time for first-day classes, lessons, and rehearsals.\* Orientation for first-year students begins on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cutter House is open to returning students beginning on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, please note that because of their performance and vacation schedules, Cleveland Orchestra members may wish to schedule one or more lessons during the week before classes begin. Affected students should

communicate directly with their teachers.

Those new to CIM may be unaware that University Circle operates a free shuttle bus system, "Circle Link," on a continuous day and evening timetable. Circle Link schedules are available at the CIM Student Affairs Office, and at the main Security Desk. Also, CIM student fees cover any-time participation in Cleveland's Regional Transit Authority [RTA] U-PASS system. All enrolled students may get a U-PASS ID at the CASE ID Center. Questions may be addressed to CIM's Office of Student Affairs, where students also may apply for parking privileges in Lot #43 (across Hazel from CIM).

I hope this information is helpful; however greater detail is available on line in the above-mentioned documents. Remaining questions should be made known to the Dean's Office at 216.791.5000.

Best wishes for wonderful summer days ahead.

Sincerely,

Catherine Jarjisian  
Interim Dean of the Conservatory

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\*Lengthy absence from classes and lessons is not permitted at any time. Should pre-professional summer activities impede a student's ability to arrive on time, s/he must notify the Registrar of the exact date(s) of the conflict and request guidance for ensuring a smooth entry into classes. In rare circumstances, CIM may grant permission for a brief overlap with a summer program.