

## 2021 SUMMER COURSE OVERVIEW

SAB's Summer Course is the cornerstone of SAB's national recruitment initiative and we are so pleased to be working towards a return to an in-person program for 2021. We recognize, however, that the alterations to daily life created by the COVID-19 pandemic are unlikely to have disappeared by July, and we are carefully planning for a summer experience that will incorporate the many health and safety protocols that have become the norm as of January 2021. This of course means that the 2021 Summer Course will be very different from past years, with necessary changes being made to ensure student access to the exceptional training and wisdom of our experienced faculty while minimizing risks to the health of our community. The principles guiding our approach to this year's program are based on current advice and guidelines from the CDC, state and local governments, and our team of medical advisors. It is impossible to predict whether these practices will still be recommended as of July. All of plans in the coming months should this guidance change in either direction. Those who enroll will be regularly updated on any anticipated adjustments to the program or to our rules and protocols as the summer draws nearer.

**An important note:** For the first time since SAB opened its Residence Hall at Lincoln Center in 1991, the majority of enrolled students at the Summer Course will be "day students". With that in mind, this overview is designed to address the day student experience – much of which will be identical for residential students. Any rule/protocols that pertain only to our small residential population are not covered below.

### PANDEMIC-RELATED PRACTICES AND PRECAUTIONS FOR 2021

- Proof of a negative COVID-19 test shortly before the start of the program as well as regular testing during the program (provided by SAB) will likely be required. Testing requirements will be confirmed closer to the start of the program in accordance with prevailing practices and medical advice at that point in time.
- New York state quarantine and testing requirements for out of state travelers in effect at the start of the Summer Course will need to be observed. Current policies currently require travelers from non-adjacent states to quarantine for a period of 4 days and undertake a COVID-19 test on the fourth day which must be negative before moving about freely in public. SAB will keep enrolled students up to date on any changes to these policies as the start of Summer Course approaches, but families researching housing options should take this possible quarantine period into effect when considering travel and lodging. Students will need to have met the out-of-state travelers requirements in order to attend the first day of classes on June 28. Once again, it will be important to monitor changes or adjustments to the New York State guidelines for travelers in the months leading up to the program. You may read more about the current New York guidelines here: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>
- Temperature checks and completion of a health questionnaire will likely still be required for daily entry into our building at Lincoln Center this summer. (SnapXT screening technology is currently in place for our Winter Term students, staff, faculty and pianists.)
- We will be enrolling roughly 40 percent fewer students in the Summer Course than in a typical year to reduce the maximum occupancy within our facility. Class sizes will also be reduced, with a maximum of 12 students in each class with a minimum of 12 feet between students for barre and center work.
- Teachers will maintain a distance of 12 feet from students at all times and physical touch will not be used for any corrections.

- Students, pianists, and teachers will be required to wear masks for the duration of classes. Mask wearing is also mandatory in all parts of SAB's facility, including hallways and locker rooms.
- Use of locker rooms will be limited to several students at a time. Students will be asked to arrive at the school with ballet clothing worn under street clothes so that preparation for class can primarily be accomplished in the ballet studio. Locker rentals will not be available. Student must keep all possessions in a dance bag and should bring only needed supplies for each day to the school.
- Eating in the studios or hallways will not be allowed. Masks may only be briefly removed to drink water.
- Should social distancing recommendations remain the same, we will not be including partnering classes in the 2021 Summer Course syllabus. At minimum, we will provide an observation-only partnering seminar for the appropriate levels/ages.

### **CLASS PLACEMENT AND SCHEDULES**

Placement classes are typically conducted on the first day of the Summer Course with the regular class schedule beginning the next day. However, due to the smaller class sizes and increased number of class units it is possible that class placement procedures may be adjusted in 2021. Enrolled students will receive more information about class placement closer to the start of the Summer Course.

Classes for all levels will be held Monday through Saturday, with Sundays off. Students will not know their exact schedules until placement is complete, but classes will generally be held between 9:30 am and 6 p.m., with students taking a minimum of 2 ballet classes per day.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Due to the limits on class sizes, some supplemental educational program and seminars in our Summer Course syllabus (nutrition, cultural programs, physical therapy, etc) will be conducted on Zoom in the late-afternoon/early evening after ballet classes have ended. Students should have a device capable of running Zoom and access to Wi-Fi throughout the Summer Course at the location where they are residing.

We are very sorry to share that our usual summer slate of after-class and weekend chaperoned outings will be eliminated in 2021 due to several factors. First, we anticipate that limits on the size of indoor group gatherings and distancing protocols will still be in effect this summer, making it very difficult to spend time together in large groups. Just as importantly, it is expected that New York theaters will be dark this summer and that many of the tourist and recreational outings we chaperone will either be unavailable or unable to accommodate large groups. This means that students will have evenings and Sundays to plan their own activities and coordinating those activities will be the responsibility of their local guardians. Our very small group of residential students will participate in small group activities on evenings and weekends supervised by SAB staff. Potential resident students should refer to separate materials they have been provided for more information.

### **PARENT CLASS OBSERVATION & VISITING SAB**

Due to limits on the size of gatherings and occupancy limits for our facility, it is likely that parent class observation days will be conducted virtually. Schedule information for observations will be announced in early July after class unit placements for each student are known. It is also likely that parents bringing their students to and from SAB will not be allowed to enter the building but will instead drop off or meet students at the above street level, open-air plaza adjacent to our building entrance. Depending on distancing and occupancy guidelines in place at the time of the Summer Course, we will strive to ensure that interested parents receive the opportunity to tour our teaching facilities in person. The arrangement of these tours will be dependent upon health guidelines in effect this summer. More information will be provided closer to the start of the program.

## **SAB CAFETERIA**

At minimum, our onsite cafeteria (operated by AVI Fresh) will be open for a la carte grab and go meal, beverage and snack purchases throughout the Summer Course. If pandemic conditions and local regulations allow, the cafeteria's dining room may also be open for student use. (As of mid-January, indoor dining is prohibited at New York City eating establishments.) More information will be shared closer to the start of Summer Course.

## **HOUSING FOR DAY STUDENTS**

We are very sorry that we do not have in-house resources to guide our Summer Course day students on possible accommodations in the local area during the Summer Course. Note that our Lincoln Center location (165 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10023) is readily accessible via NYC public transportation (including multiple bus and subway lines) so you do not need to limit your exploration of suitable housing options to SAB's immediate neighborhood. Your enrollment materials include the option to be listed in an internal directory to facilitate communication between parents of enrolled students who might wish to collaborate on finding and sharing housing. The directory will list only parent names and email addresses along with the age, gender and hometown of the enrolling student. Student names will not be listed in the directory. We will distribute this directory in February as soon as the initial enrollment period is complete.

Should you have additional questions about the 2021 Summer Course which are critical to your enrollment decision, please use this question submission form so that we can quickly and efficiently direct the appropriate staff member to follow up with you directly.

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