HEALTH AND SAFETY – WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Westminster Choir College/Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University, as required by the National Association of Schools of Music, is obligated to inform students and faculty of health and safety issues, hazards, and procedures inherent in practice, performance, teaching, and listening both in general and as applicable to their specific specializations. This includes but is not limited to information regarding hearing, vocal and musculoskeletal health, injury prevention, and the use, proper handling, and operation of potentially dangerous materials, equipment, and technology.

It is important to note that health and safety depends largely on personal decisions made by informed individuals. Rider University has health and safety responsibilities, but fulfillment of these responsibilities cannot and will not ensure any individual’s health and safety. Too many factors beyond the University’s control are involved.

Each individual is personally responsible for avoiding risk and preventing injuries to themselves before, during, and after study or employment at Rider University. The policies, protocols, and operational procedures developed do not alter or cancel any individual’s personal responsibility, or in any way shift personal responsibility for the results of any individual’s personal decisions or actions in any instance or over time to the University.

All members of the Westminster College of the Arts community are encouraged to visit Health and Safety Recommendations (http://www.rider.edu/student-life/health-wellness/student-health-services/health-safety-sfpa-wcc-students) on Rider’s website for a series of recommendations and resources designed to help each individual to become aware of and attend to various issues.