

CAMWS CONVENTION INFORMATION
103rd Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio
April 11-14, 2007

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South will hold its 103rd Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, beginning on the evening of Wednesday, April 11, and ending on the afternoon of Saturday April 14, 2007, at the invitation of Xavier University. All sessions will be held in the Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel except those on Friday afternoon, which will take place on the Xavier University campus. There will be an opening reception in the Hilton on Wednesday evening and a reception in Xavier's Cintas Center on Friday afternoon; Friday's banquet will be followed by a gala reception with music provided by "Triage," a well-known Cincinnati jazz ensemble led by Eugene Goss and Billy Larkin.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Built in 1931 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel is one of the world's finest examples of French Art Deco architecture. Located at 35 W. Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202, across from Fountain Square, it is the hub for downtown Cincinnati's convenient Skywalk System, with easy access to the Carew Tower Shopping Mall and the Convention Center. Just 12 miles from the airport, the hotel is within walking distance of the Cincinnati Music Hall, the Aronoff Center for the Arts, the Contemporary Art Center, the Taft Museum of Art, the Great American Ball Park (home of the Cincinnati Reds), Paul Brown Stadium (home of the Cincinnati Bengals), USBank Arena, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and the Ohio River.

To make a reservation online at the convention rate of \$99 (single or double room; plus 17% for state and local taxes), simply go to www.cincinnatietherlandplaza.hilton.com. You may also make a reservation by calling 800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667); to get the convention rate, be sure to mention that you are attending the CAMWS Annual Meeting. Reservation requests received after March 21, 2007, will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only.

Self-parking is available in the Tower Place Mall (currently \$15.00 per day). Valet parking is located on Race Street next to the hotel entrance (currently \$18.00 per day). Hilton Netherland Plaza guests enjoy complimentary access to a 13,000-square-foot health and fitness center in the building's lower level. For a virtual tour of the hotel go to: www.mpoint.com/psn/directlink.asp?id=16748.

TRAVEL TO CINCINNATI:

By Air: The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) is served by Delta Airlines, Comair, a Delta connection, American Airlines, United, Air France, Continental, Northwest Airlines, and USA300.

Driving directions from the airport to downtown Cincinnati: Take State Route 212 to the I-275 circle freeway. Merge onto I-275 E toward I-71 / CINCINNATI / I-75 / LEXINGTON / LOUISVILLE. Continue on I-275 and take exit 84 to I-75 N toward CINCINNATI. Stay on I-75 N until you cross the bridge. Take exit 1C Fifth Street to get into downtown Cincinnati.

Airport Executive Shuttle: Airport Executive Shuttle can take you into the city. On-call service is provided. Shuttles to Downtown Cincinnati cost \$15 one-way and \$25 round-trip. Call 24 hours in advance to guarantee a reservation. Walk-up service is also available. For more information visit the Airport Executive Shuttle desk in any of the baggage claim areas or call (859) 261-8841 or (800) 990-8841.

Public Bus Service: Public Bus service is available between the airport and downtown Cincinnati seven days a week from 5 a.m. to midnight. Riders can board a TANK bus at the Terminal 1 crosswalk and outside the Terminal 3 baggage claim. For more information, call (859) 331-8265 or visit www.tankbus.org.

Taxi Cab Service: Visit the taxi desk in the baggage claim area of Terminal 3 or use the courtesy phone near the exits of Terminals 1 and 2 (dial 3260) to make arrangements. Service is available 24 hours a day. The fare from the airport to downtown Cincinnati is \$24. Call (859) 767-3260 for more information.

Car Rental Information: Courtesy phones are located near the exits in baggage claim areas for your convenience in making rental arrangements. Shuttles are available every 15-20 minutes to take you to the rental company of your choice. Minimum car rental is normally for one day. The car rental agencies at CVG are **Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National Car, and Thrifty.**

By Greyhound Bus: Greyhound's bus terminal is located in downtown Cincinnati at 1005 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45202. For more information, visit www.greyhound.com.

By Train: Amtrak's Cardinal Train serves Cincinnati at historic Union Terminal, 1301 Western Ave. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com. Amtrak has very limited service to Cincinnati.

By Car: The major routes into Cincinnati are **I-75** from the north (Dayton) and south (Lexington); **I-71** from the northeast (Columbus) and southwest (Louisville); and **I-74** from the northwest (Indianapolis). Traveling on I-75/I-71 north or I-75 south take the Fifth Street Exit. The hotel is three blocks on the right at the corner of Fifth and Race Streets. If traveling south on I-71, take the Third Street Exit and continue approximately 7 blocks. Turn right on Race Street, go north 2 blocks and left onto Fifth.

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra:

Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 13, 11:00 a.m.; Saturday, April 14, 8:00 p.m.
(Pre-concert dinner buffet at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, free to ticket-holders)

Paavo Järvi, Conductor

Pekka Kuusisto, Violin

Program: Erkki-Sven Tüür, *Zeitraum*; Sibelius, Violin Concerto in D Minor; Nielsen, Symphony No. 4, *The Inextinguishable*

www.cincinnati-symphony.org

Broadway Across America - Cincinnati:

Disney's *The Lion King*

Wednesday-Friday, April 11, 12, 13, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 14, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

www.cincinnatiarts.org

Contemporary Dance Theater:

Tiffany Mills Dance Company

Friday, April 13, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 14, 8:30 pm

www.cdt-dance.org

Cincinnati Museum Center:

(513) 287-7000

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition

Timed-entry tickets are sold for entry every 15 minutes from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. and 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. You may go through the exhibit at your own pace, but will want to allow around an hour and a half.

www.cincymuseum.org

BASEBALL: Alas, the Cincinnati Reds will be playing no home games during the CAMWS meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS:

Teachers who would like to earn Continuing Education Unites (CEUs) for attending the CAMWS Annual Meeting in Cincinnati do not have to do anything in advance. When they arrive at the meeting, they should simply ask at the CAMWS registration desk for a CEU application form. Before they leave the meeting, they should return the completed form to the CAMWS registration desk, along with a check for \$7.50, payable to “UW-Madison Extension.”

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

Welcome to Loveland—or Porcopolis—or the Queen City—or Cincinnati: a city and an area rich in history, in culture, and in things to do and to see. As you arrive, look around and begin to enjoy what makes Cincinnati and the tri-state area unique. If you fly into the city, you will be landing in Kentucky and will make your way through Covington or perhaps Newport, before crossing the Ohio River into Cincinnati. As you cross the bridge a view of the Ohio should reveal much about the history and the industry of the area. On the Kentucky side you might want to stroll across (or climb, if you’re adventurous) the Purple People Bridge to Sawyer’s Point in Cincinnati and the bronze statue of Cincinnati. From there a walk along the serpentine wall will lead you to the recently opened National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Nearby, spanning the Ohio River, is the Roebling Suspension Bridge, the model for the Brooklyn Bridge in NYC. It’s a popular walk to the city of Covington on the other side.

If it’s parks you like, try Eden Park with its Capitoline Wolf (sculpture), Krohn Conservatory (flowers), the Cincinnati Art Museum, and Playhouse in the Park—each a masterpiece in its own way. The world famous Rookwood Pottery was near here, and you can find exquisite examples from it, along with its history, in the Art Museum. Or you can have lunch or dinner in one of its former kilns in what is now the Porcopolis restaurant. And if you want to continue the museum trail, just on the eastern edge of downtown is the Taft Museum of Art, home to some 700 works of art in a home dating back to 1820. On the western edge of downtown is the marvelously art deco Union Terminal that now is also home to the Museum of Natural History & Science, the Cincinnati History Museum, and an Omnimax theatre. As you return to your hotel in the middle of downtown you will be almost next door to the Contemporary Arts Center and Cincinnati’s most popular landmark, Fountain Square.

Also in the central downtown you can find musical, stage, and theatre productions at the Aronoff Center, Music Hall, and a number of other venues. There’s sure to be something going on that will catch your attention. And of course there is no dearth of restaurants, cafes, and bars in the immediate area: info about these will be provided in your registration packets.

You might want to walk (or catch a bus or taxi) a few blocks south, crossing the River to visit Newport where you’ll find the Hofbrauhaus Newport, the only American site of the famous Munich beer hall, and across the street from it is Newport on the Levee, a restaurant/entertainment complex where you’ll find Mitchell’s Fish Market just a few feet away from the acclaimed Newport Aquarium. Also in Newport is the World Peace Bell, the world’s largest swinging bell. And next to Newport you’ll find Covington with its priceless Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, inspired by Notre Dame in Paris and boasting of the world’s largest hand-blown stained glass window.

Most of these areas are within easy reach, but if you have your own transportation, you might also want to look into Pyramid Hill, north of the city near Hamilton, OH, with its 265 acres of outdoor sculpture, or head west into Indiana (Lawrenceburg, Belterra, Rising Sun) to one or other of the nearby casinos (or is it casini?).

But you don’t have to wait till you get here to decide what you might want to see, or where you might want to dine, you can start now by visiting the internet. Quite comprehensive are the websites of the Cincinnati Regional Tourism Network (www.cincinnatiusa.com) and *The Cincinnati Enquirer* (www.cincinnati.com). More limited to downtown venues, but with good maps of the area surrounding the hotel, is www.gototown.com. And while you are visiting the city, don’t forget to ask a native about the pigs of Porcopolis or look for the nearby bronze sculpture of Hecuba.