

# Kusatsu Music Academy Students' Guide #1(2019 version)

## [Kusatsu Academy Office at Tenguyama Rest House]

Operation Time: Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 20:00

Address: Tenguyama Rest House at Kusatsu Onsen Ski Resort

Kusatsu-machi, Agatsuma-gun, Gunma-ken, 377-1711 JAPAN

## [Kusatsu Ongaku-no-mori Concert Hall]

Address: 54 Shirane kokuyurin, Kusatsu Agatsuma-gun, Gunma, Japan 377-1711 JAPAN

## Access to Kusatsu Town

Kusatsu town is located in the north part of Gunma prefecture and it takes about 4 to 4.5 hours from Tokyo.

Kusatsu town website shows transportation options and sightseeing information

<https://www.kusatsu-onsen.ne.jp/top.php> (There are other language selections for auto translation)

Kusatsu Onsen information

<https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e7400.html>

Kusatsu Town/Tourist information

<https://www.kusatsu-onsen.ne.jp/guide/en/#about>

For the access to Kusatsu town, this website has very clear map:

<https://www.kusatsu-onsen.ne.jp/guide/en/access/>

## Location of Academy Office at Tenguyama Rest House

Tenguyama Rest House which the Academy office, the reception desk, restaurant for lunch, some rooms for masterclass and practicing rooms are located is about 5 minutes by bus or taxi from 'Kusatsu Onsen' bus terminal. It is possible to walk (about 25 min) but hilly and seems to be so hard to walk with your luggage. Some places for accommodation have a pick up service to the bus terminal, therefore, please try to check it.

The free Shuttle bus works also during masterclass and concert, please check the schedule of our website accommodation in the middle of July.

## Weather of Kusatsu Town

Kusatsu town is located in higher altitude and it will be chilly at night time. Some of the days might rain unfortunately all day long, because it is surrounded by mountains. We would like to recommend all of you, to bring some long sleeve shirts and jacket for the changeable weather.

Umbrella is necessary and comfortable shoes are also recommended.

## **Student Service at Kusatsu Academy**

### <Availabilities of Lunch>

There is no restaurant near the Academy office, but we offer the special restaurant for the Academy students. Also, there are cafes at Tenguyama Rest House area.

- Academy Restaurant:

Lunch including drink costs 840yen. Students can use Academy restaurant upon request and asked to pay in advance at the reception.

<https://www.instagram.com/kusa2lunch/>

- Mt. Tengu-yama lodge restaurant:

It costs 500yen. They have Soba and Udon noodles, pasta and so on.

<https://www.932-onsen.com/green/shisetsu>

### <Practicing room for master class students>

- Practicing room is available to reserve through internet from 10:00 p.m. on the previous day to 8:00 a.m. Also, you can reserve practice room after 8:30 a.m. at the reception desk on the day. Ask more details at the reception desk upon your check-in.

- Upright piano for 500yen and grand piano for 1000yen for 1.5hours. Organ and cembalo for 1000yen for an hour.

### <Copy Service>

Copy Service is available with the price below:

B5,A4,B4 Size for 10 yen, A3 Size for 20 yen per paper.

## **Convenient items to have for your stay in Kusatsu:**

- Dehumidifier package to protect instruments for winds and string instruments because Kusatsu is very humid. (Some old reeds might be useable for wind instrument)
- Medicine (Drug stores are far away from the office)
- Copy of health insurance card, in case of admission of a hospital.
- For international travelers, getting covered by travel insurance is recommended.

## **Student ID**

Student ID will be provided and hand it to you afternoon of Aug. 17 (Sat) at the reception desk, Tenguyama Rest House.

Reception desk opens from 8:30 – 20:00 every day during the festival.

Student ID is necessary to attend masterclass, getting a seat for a concert during the masterclass duration and to listen in open lessons.

Ticket for the popular concert on Aug. 26th from 19:30 will be 1,000 yen and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert on Aug.29<sup>th</sup> will be 2,000yen with student ID

\*Student ID pick up time for Chamber class students:

First half term; from Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 12:00 p.m.

Second half term; from Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) 12:00 p.m.

**Opening Ceremony will be held on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) from 13:30**

All students of masterclass start from Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> are recommended to attend the ceremony.  
Masterclass professors and assistants will be introduced.

**Notes for the masterclass:**

\*Please prepare the sheet music for your own masterclass lessons.

\*Auditions: If the student number exceeded more than the maximum admission, audition will be held on the first day of masterclass. We will notify the students in the middle of July if that happens.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation is available. Most of the rooms are shared room, please let us know if you prefer single room.

Please let us know your preferable room type and Check-in and Check-out dates. We will be contacting a person in charge for dormitory accommodation in Kusatsu and let you know the choices. The request for the accommodation should be submitted by July 10<sup>th</sup>

Payment:

Please make a payment directly at the place where you stay. (Some place only take cash, please check with the accommodation)

Cancellation policy for each accommodation will be applied for the booking over 3 nights except for the cancellation due to the result of the audition.

Information for the accommodation is available in the link below (Kusatsu Pension Society)\*Information is only available in Japanese

<http://kusatsu-pension.net/>

Please contact us if you have any questions: [info@kusa2.jp](mailto:info@kusa2.jp)

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