

# The 43<sup>rd</sup> Kusatsu International Summer Music Academy & Festival

## Masterclass Application Guidelines

### Overview

The purpose of this Academy is not only to acquire superior playing techniques, but also to purpose for wider musical experiences and knowledge through direct contact with top musicians who are invited from all over the world.

**Theme for this year:** Prague and Wien Two Musical Cities —Dvořák and Brahms

### Duration

August 17<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 2023 –August 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed), 2023

\*Opening ceremony and orientation will be held at 13:30-15:00, August 17<sup>th</sup> (Thu).

\*Masterclass will be started after August 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri).

\*Closing ceremony will be held at 11:30-12:00, August 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed).

### Venues

In the area around Tenguyama Rest House of Kusatsu Onsen Ski Resort  
Kusatsu Ongakunomori Concert Hall and others

### Faculty, schedule and capacity

Please refer to the Separate Sheet 1.

### Fees: 110,000 JPY including tax

\*The fee is including course fee, entrance fee for concerts (August 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) and open lessons.

### Languages: Japanese/ English/ German/Italian

### Lesson works: two or three

In principle, students' druthers are acceptable, however the pieces along the theme of the year may be preferable. Ensemble pieces between students are not eligible for the master class. If you are selected for a student concert, you must have a performance time of 7 minutes or less. Please prepare it as a lesson work in advance. In principle, lesson works would not be able to change after masterclass' registration.

### Lesson time: 9:00 – 12:00

Private lesson for each class. To learn more, please audit other students' lessons in the class.

### Practice room

Book online. Please understand the number of available rooms and hours are limited.

### Practice room fees

No room charges.

Piano rental: 500 yen incl. tax for upright/ 1,000 yen incl. tax for grand per 90 minutes for each room.

Organ/Cembalo rental: 1,000 yen incl. tax per hour for each room.

## Scholarships

Kusatsu International Summer Music Academy provides scholarships to support those who acquire musical skills.

### [Toyama Foundation Scholarship]

This is a scholarship system to support master class students based on the will of Mr. Kazuyuki Toyama, who was the executive committee chair at the time of the inauguration of this music festival and served as music director from the 11th to the 30th.

- Eligibility: those who apply for the masterclass for entire duration and need financial aid.
- Scholarship: tuition exemption and provided 100,000 yen or 200,000 yen (incl. tax).
- Selection process: Screening applications by nomination committee.
- Application period:  
12:00 (JST), May 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed), 2023 to 17:00 (JST), May 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed), 2023.

\*Previous grantee of each scholarship are not eligible.

\*For more details, please refer to our website.

## Open lessons

Open lessons of masterclasses will be held.

-Entrance fee: 1,500 yen (incl. tax)

Free seating (No advance tickets. Please apply at the venue on the day of the event.)

-Venue: Tengu-yama Rest House of Kusatsu Onsen Ski Resort

-Dates: 13:15-15:15 on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> –Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

\*The faculty will be announced in the official website and flyers.

## Entire schedule

Day/Time	9:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	18:00
August 17th				Opening ceremony			Concerts	
August 18th to 22nd	Lessons							
August 23rd to 28th				Open lessons				
August 29th								
August 30th	Student concert	Closing ceremony						

\*Masterclasses that are conducted more than 10 days may set days off.

\*Lesson has a possibility to be held in the afternoon due to the professors' circumstances.

\*Selected students from each masterclass to be in Student Concert on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

\*Schedule and details are subject to change.

## Festival (concerts)

Concerts performed by masterclass faculties is held every day from August 17<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>.

-Venue: Kusatsu Ongakunomori Concert Hall

-Program: please refer to our website.

## About accommodation

Those who wish to apply for accommodation through the academy office can also apply for accommodation at the time of Masterclass application.

For more information about accommodation, please refer to the "Academy / Accommodation" page on the official website.

In addition, if it is unavoidable to have an absence date during the period, please pay the accommodation fee for the absence.

### <About application>

How to apply

Apply online. URL : <https://kusa2.jp/en/>

Please attach a photo of your face that meets the following regulations to the application form.

As for how to fill out the form, please refer to the "Academy Application" page on the official website.

#### Photo in JPEG file

\*Please trim into square if you can.

\*A photo of the entire upper body square to the camera.

\*Taken within 6 months.

\*File name must be included applicant's name. (e.g. Photo\_First name Last name)

Application Period

**12:00 (JST), Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to 17:00 (JST), Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

\*After receiving, the masterclass guide is notified to the applicants by the middle of July.

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