

# The 44<sup>th</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: All Love and Loved Mozart

### Duration

August 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 2024 –August 30<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024

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

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

\*Closing ceremony will be held at 11:00-11:30, August 30<sup>th</sup> (Fri), after the student concert

### 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 (vocal class: five-ten pieces)

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

For the entire period, Academy requests professors to provide three lessons of 45 minutes each per student and classes with 10 or more scheduled days to have mid-term breaks, however subject to change at the distraction of the professors. In addition, auditing other student' lessons is considered to a part of the study, please be sure to attend.

### Practice room

A practice room will be set up near the Tenguyama Rest House.

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

### Practice room fees

Room charge: Free

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 11st 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 after online application.
- Application period:  
12:00 (JST), May 9<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 2024 to 16:00 (JST), May 16<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 2024.

\*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: **General** 1,500 yen (incl. tax) **Student** Free
- Advance reservation is required
- Venue: Seminar house around Kusatsu Ongakunomori Concert Hall
- Dates: 13:15-15:15 on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> –Tuesday, August 27<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 21st	Lessons							
August 22nd to 27th				Open lessons				
August 28th to 29th								
August 30th		Student concert	Closing ceremony					

\*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 contact our office.

\*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 the applicant's name. (e.g. Photo\_First name Last name)

Application Period

**12:00 (JST), Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 to 16:00 (JST), Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

\*When the class is oversubscribed, audition announcement is notified to applicants after applications are closed.

\*After the course has been accepted, the masterclass guide is notified to the applicants by early August.

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