

The 46th Kusatsu International Summer Music Academy & Festival

Chorus class Application Guidelines

Overview

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

Theme for this year: Bach is Cool

Duration of the festival

August 17th (Mon), 2026 –August 30th (Sun), 2026

Venues

Kusatsu Town General Gymnasium, Kusatsu Ongakunomori Concert Hall and other locations

Choir class

Lessons : Aug. 20th (Thu) – 22nd (Sat)

Aug. 20th (Thu) (13:30-15:30 / 19:30-21:30)

Aug. 21st (Fri) (10:00-12:00 / 19:30-21:30)

Aug. 22nd (Sat) (10:00-12:00 / 19:00-22:00)

Concert : Aug. 23rd (Sun) 16:00-18:00 (G.P. 13:00-15:00)

*Lesson schedule might be changed.

*Lesson starts at night on the 22nd will be the rehearsal with orchestra.

Repertoire

J. Brahms : A German Requiem Op. 45

Faculty

Yoshinao Kihara (Cond.)

Takuya Yokoyama (Chorus cond.)

Maximum capacity *Regardless of professional or amateur.

Soprano 20 persons

Alto 20 persons

Tenor 20 persons

Bass 20 persons

Participation fee: 33,000 yen (incl. tax) *Sheet music price is excluded.

*The fee includes course fee, entrance fee for the concerts and open lessons during the term.

(August 20th – 22nd)

Festival (concerts)

Concerts performed by masterclass faculties are held every day from August 17th to August 30th. Attendees will be able to attend the concert as the admission fee is included during the enrollment period. In addition, on busy days, we may guide you to the chorus seats.

Please refrain accompany with preschool children.

-Venue: Kusatsu Ongakunomori Concert Hall

-Program: Please refer to our website.

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.

<Application procedures>

How to Apply

Please 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 and taken within past 6 months.

*File name must be included applicant name. (e.g. Photo_First name Last name)

Application Period

12:00 (JST), Monday, June 1st, 2026 to 16:00 (JST), Wednesday, June 10th, 2026.

*Application may close early if there is a large number of applications.

*Applicants will be notified of their results after the deadline has passed.

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