

Kusatsu Music Academy Students' Guide

[Kusatsu Academy Office at Tenguyama Rest House]

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>

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.

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.

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.

On-site Registration and Issuance of Certificate of Attendance

Registration time: Thursday, August 17, from 12:00 p.m.

Operation Time: 8:30-16:30 on and after August 18

*Registration for classes starting on days other than August 18 will also be accepted at any time from the day before the start of the course.

*Please note that the reception desk is very crowded before the lesson starts (before 9:00), so please register at least one day before the lesson starts.

Please try to complete the registration by the day before the lesson starts.

Please register at least one day prior to the start of the course if possible.

If you have lost your certificate, please contact the secretariat immediately to have it reissued.

The actual cost of reissuing the certificate will be 200 yen.

Student ID

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

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

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 950yen. Students can use Academy restaurant upon request and asked to pay at the reception. Reservations must be made in advance. More details will be announced.

• 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>

• Reservations must be made in advance.

For details, please see "Practice Room Reservation Details".

(1)Time slots for student practice room rental (including round-trip time to and from the practice room)

1st slot→12:30-13:55 2nd slot→14:15-15:40

(2) Practicing room is available to reserve through internet from 8:00 p.m. on the previous day to 8:30 a.m. Also, you can reserve practice room after 12:30 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 about 1.5hours.

<Copy Service>

Copy Service is available with the price below:

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

Opening Ceremony will be held on Aug. 17th (Thu) from 13:30

All students of masterclass start from Aug. 17th are recommended to attend the ceremony.

Masterclass professors and assistants will be introduced.

Closing Ceremony will be held on Aug. 30th (Wed)

As soon as the Student Concert is over.

Place: Concert Hall *Announcement and presentation of the Music Director's Award, etc.

Opening Lessons

Opening lessons will be held from August 23rd to 28th from 13:15 to 15:15.

The lecture on August 27th will be held at Tenguyama Rest House, and the other lectures will be held in Room SH1.

Date	Contents	Lecturers
23 rd (Wed)	Violin Class	Karin Adam
24 th (Thu)	Oboe Class	Thomas Indermühle
25 th (Fri)	Piano Class	Bruno Canino
26 th (Sat)	Flute Class	Dieter Flury
27 th (Sun)	Lecture Meeting	Otto Biba, Masayasu Komiya etc.
28 th (Mon)	Piano Class	Christopher Hinterhuber

*Please confirm the details of each day's open lesson on the bulletin board at the reception desk. Students may attend free of charge by presenting their valid ID card at the registration desk, but if you forget your ID card, you will be charged the general admission fee (1,500 yen, tax included).

Daily Concerts

During the Academy, daily concerts will be held in the Concert Hall from 16:00 to 18:00.

Admission is free for all students.

*Reservations must be made in advance. We will inform you of the details.

Tickets can be picked up at the hall counter at any time after application.

Please be sure to bring your student ID card when you pick up your ticket and attend the concert. If you forget your ID card, you will not be allowed to enter the hall.

Chamber music

Those who wish to take lessons should find a member on site, fill out an application form at the scheduling counter, and submit it to the scheduling staff. After that, lessons will be arranged according to the schedule of the teachers.

Only one chamber music lesson per person is allowed.

Please bring your own sheet music for chamber music lessons.

Concerts to be performed by students

There will be student concerts on August 25th/27th at the Kusatsu Now Resort Hotel, August 26th/28th at Hotel Village, and August 30th at the Concert Hall. Class performers will be nominated on site, so students are requested to bring costumes that will not be a burden on them.

*Admission is free.

*For more information, please contact the secretariat.

About Video Distribution

We will mainly record and distribute excerpts from the concert.

We will also record master classes on a trial basis, but we do not plan to distribute them via the Internet. We will not distribute the video on the Internet. First of all, we would like to ask for your cooperation in recording the exam.

We appreciate your cooperation with the recording.

Please bring your own music stand and slippers.

The Academy does not loan out music stands, so please bring your own.

We have been experiencing the loss of music stands every year. Please take care of your music stands by yourself.

Some of the lesson rooms and practice rooms do not allow slippers. We have a limited number of slippers available, so please bring your own.

Please contact us if you have any questions: info@kusa2.jp

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