

Kusatsu Music Academy Students' Guide ~Auditioning~

[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 online. Please see "Lunch Information" for details.

Lunch tickets for the 17th and 18th are only available online. Please note. • 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>

<Copy Service>

Copy Service is available with the price below:

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

<Programs Sold at Preferential Prices>

The Kusatsu Academy program will be on sale at the reception counter from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the preferential student price of 800 yen for auditing students. Please show your attendance card when purchasing. *Free of charge for master class students.

The programs are also available at the Concert Hall, but please note that the discount price is only available at the reception counter.

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. Please see "Concert Application" for 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.

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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