

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, a 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 accommodations 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)
- For those who live in Japan : Copy of health insurance card, in case of having a medical examination at a hospital.
- For international travelers, getting covered by travel insurance is recommended.

On-site Registration and Issuance of Student ID

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

Open hours : 8:30-16:00 after August 18th

*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).

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

If you have lost your student ID, please contact the Academy office immediately to have it reissued.

The actual cost of reissuing the ID will be 500 yen.

Student ID

Student ID will be provided and hand it to you afternoon of Aug. 17 (Sat) 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 admission to open lessons.

Student Service at Kusatsu Academy

<Availabilities of Lunch>

We offer our special restaurants to students. Either restaurants below is located at Tenguyama Rest House area.

- Academy Restaurant:

Lunch voucher is sold everyday at the reception desk.

Period	August 17th – 30th
Opening Hours	11:00-14:30 (Last order 14:00)
Price	950 yen tax included
Menu	Daily special

- Mt. Tengu-yama lodge restaurant:

You will receive a 20% discount when you show your Student ID to the restaurant staff.

<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 3rd slot→19:30-20:55

(2) Practice room is available to reserve through internet from 21:30 on the previous day to 8:30 on the day. Also, If the room is empty, you can reserve practice room after 12:30 at the reception desk on the day. Ask more details at the reception desk upon your check-in.

- 500yen for Upright piano and 1000yen for grand piano per slot.

<Copy Service>

Copy Service is available with the price below:

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

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

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

Masterclass professors and assistants will be introduced.

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

As soon as the Student Concert is over. The ceremony will be started after the Student Concert is finished.

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

Open Lessons

Open lessons will be held from August 22nd to 27th from 13:15 to 15:15.

It will be held at Tenguyama Rest House.

Date	Contents	Lecturers
22 nd (Thu)	Flute Class	Karl-Heinz Schütz
23 rd (Fri)	Vocal Class	Angelika Kirchschrager
24 th (Sat)	Violin Class	Karin Adam
25 th (Sun)	Piano Class	Christopher Hinterhuber
26 th (Mon)	Lecture	Dr. Otto Biba, Masayasu Komiya etc.
27 th (Tue)	Oboe Class	Thomas Indermühle

*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 showing their valid ID card at the reception desk, but if you forget your student ID, 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 on the day.

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 Chamber music lessons should find a member on site, please 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.

Each person can only take one chamber music lesson.

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 Hotel Village, August 26th/28th at the Kusatsu Now Resort Hotel, and August 30th at the Concert Hall. Concert players will be selected by recommendations from each class, so students are requested to bring costumes that will not be a burden on them.

*Admission is free.

*For more information, please contact the Academy office.

About Video Distribution

We will mainly record and distribute excerpts from concerts.

Master classes may also be recorded and uploaded to YouTube, etc.

We appreciate your cooperation with the recording.

Please bring your own music stand and slippers.

Please bring your own music stand. Academy doesn't have rental service.

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

Some lesson rooms and practice rooms do not allow shoes. Please bring your own slippers as we have a limited number of slippers.

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

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