

TIBOR VARGA MUSIC ACADEMY – WINTER SESSION 2026

RULES

Founded in 1962 by the famous violinist Tibor Varga, the Académie de Musique Tibor Varga (AMTV) takes place every summer and winter, hosting renowned professors and students wanting to improve their musical skills. Lessons take several forms:

- Winter Edition Masterclasses for three consecutive days, from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 February 2026. Take advantage of at least 3 private lessons of 45 minutes each with the teacher of your choice. Intended for students graduated from a Conservatory or a University Music Department and for young professional musicians who want to work with new professors or prepare for an exam or competition. An accompanist is also present during part of the lessons.

1 DATES AND DEADLINES

The Academy will take place from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 February 2026

14 January 2026

Registration deadline and deadline for scholarships demands

From 28 January 2026

Scholarship and registration validations

2 REGISTRATION

Registration is exclusively available on-line via the Academy website, www.sion-academie.ch. Students are notified personally as soon as the professor's validation is received and no later than 28 January 2026.

3 FEES

Masterclass, 3 days (3 lessons of 45 minutes): CHF 485.- (including registration)

With the KulturLegi / Carte culture Card, offered by Caritas: - 30% on the fee of CHF 485.-

4 ACCOMMODATION FEES

Accommodation costs are CHF 40 per night, subject to availability.

If a student would like to benefit from accommodation, the cost must be paid immediately. The accommodation is only provided during the length of the masterclass (see section 9 ACCOMMODATION below).

5 PAYMENT

Registration for any masterclass will be validated only after receiving the whole fee (masterclass (incl. registration), and accommodation fees):

- **CHF 485 + 40 * number of nights**

Bank details

Banque Cantonale du Valais - Place des Cèdres 8, CH - 1951 Sion,

Account: Fondation Sion Violon Musique, 1950 Sion

IBAN: CH57 0076 5000 CO87 0582 6

SWIFT / BIC: BCVSCH2LXXX

CCP: 19-81-6

Information for the recipient: Don't forget to indicate the name of the student and the chosen teacher in the "Payment purpose" field or in the comment section when making the transfer.

Make sure to select the option **"fees to be paid by the sender"** so that the full amount is received.

IMPORTANT: The payment must be made in **CHF (Swiss Francs)** at the exchange rate of the day.

Payment by credit card is possible via: <http://mypos.com/@sionviolonmusique>

6 CANCELLATION

Only in **case of force majeure**, a partial refund of the fees will be considered on presentation of proof (e.g. a medical certificate) in a timely manner. The Academy reserves the right to assess each situation on a case-by-case basis.

7 SCHOLARSHIPS

Following registration, scholarships can exceptionally be granted to students who satisfy the following conditions: under 25 years old, difficult financial situation and outstanding musical results and references. The CV, a video and a letter of motivation explaining the financial situation and the reasons for the application are required at the time of application and are used as criteria for the award of scholarships.

Scholarship applications are processed and validated by professors and the Academy from 14 January 2026. Students will be personally notified within three weeks.

A scholarship is valued between CHF 80.- and CHF 160.-. The amount awarded will be reimbursed in cash and in Swiss francs when the student visits the Academy office.

8 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Professors generally welcome between 6 and 8 students. If too many students have applied for a course by the deadline, the professor will make a selection on the basis of files and/or videos. The final decision is notified to students from 28 January 2026.

The selection criteria depend on the teacher's choice, with priority given to the first enrolled students.

Unsuccessful students will be reimbursed all fees (except for bank charges).

In case of insufficient students enrolled, the Academy reserves the right to cancel a masterclass. In this case, the entire fee is refunded (except for bank charges).

9 ACCOMMODATION

Students may take advantage of housing in private homes organised by the Academy only for the time of the masterclass. This organisation concerns only students from the Academy (for minors, one accompanying parent/person is accepted). **If a request for accommodation is made at the time of registration, the Academy undertakes to find accommodation.** The student undertakes to pay the related fees.

A request for cancellation of accommodation can be sent by email to academie@sion-violon-musique.ch **until 28 January 2026 at the latest**, otherwise the full fee will be charged.

The handing over of the keys is indicated in the **accommodation confirmation** sent to the student at the latest one week before the masterclass (handing over of the keys either at the landlord's or at the Academy's office (key box)).

If the accommodation is left damaged or dirty or if a neighbour complains about noise at night (music after 22.00), the Academy reserves the right to charge additional fees.

The Academy offers the best possible accommodation according to the order of registration of students, but is not responsible for additional services (Wi-Fi, use of the kitchen, etc.). Accommodation fees are not refundable (see section 4 ACCOMMODATION FEES above).

If no accommodation request is made at the time of enrollment, the student must reserve his/her own lodging.

10 WELCOME AND TRANSPORT

All students must come personally to the Academy office during opening hours upon arrival in order to get their access badge and practical information.

Transport organisation and cost are borne by students.

11 OFFICE

Students and teachers are welcomed at the Academy office, Rue du Rawil 47, 1950 Sion.

Opening hours of the office depend on the schedule of the masterclasses.

12 PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

Each student receives one hour of piano accompaniment during the masterclass.

If any student wants to practise with the pianist outside of the hour already included in the masterclass, he/she may do so by bilateral agreement and must cover the additional costs of the pianist, i.e. CHF 65/hour. The Academy is not responsible in any way.

Please do not forget to take all piano parts for the accompanist.

13 TEACHING AND WORKING ROOMS

Teaching and practice rooms are located at Pôle Musique, Rue du Rawil 47, 1950 Sion.

The Academy provides students with several practice rooms. **Students share the assigned practice rooms based on mutual understanding.**

14 RIGHT

By submitting the online registration form, candidates agree to accept the general conditions of these rules, the French version of which is binding.

The Academy reserves the right to record, reproduce and broadcast free of charge, whether on the radio, television, video, CD, DVD or any other medium or format, all student performances. The same applies to any interviews and/or photo sessions granted to the Media.

15 ORGANISATION

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