

TIBOR VARGA MUSIC ACADEMY – SUMMER 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 professors and students wanting to improve their musical skills. Lessons take several forms:

- Masterclasses: During three to ten consecutive days students will benefit from at least 3 private lessons of one hour each with the teacher of their 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.
- Pre-College Masterclasses: just like the Masterclasses, the Pre-College Masterclasses are intended for younger musicians with at least three years of practice.

1 DATES AND DEADLINES

The Academy will take place from 13 July to 15 August 2026

16 March 2026	Registration opening (rate 1)
15 April 2026	Registration deadline with rate 1
27 May 2026	Registration deadline with rate 2 and deadline for scholarship demands
From 28 May 2026	Late registration possible according to availability at rate 3* (on a first come, first served basis)
From 15 June 2026	Scholarship and registration validations
29 June 2026	Closing of registrations

* Only if there are still places available, no scholarship applications possible.

2 REGISTRATION

Registration is exclusively available on-line via the Academy website, www.sion-academie.ch.

Students are personally notified of the confirmation of their enrolment as soon as the professor has validated their application and **from 15 June 2026**.

3 MASTERCLASSES FEES

Masterclass	CHF 450.-
Masterclass Pre-College	CHF 300.-
Singing 10 days	CHF 640.-

With the KulturLegi / CarteCulture, offered by Caritas Valais: - 30% on registration and course fees.

4 REGISTRATION FEES AND ACCOMMODATION FEES

Registration and accommodation fees vary depending on the date of the payment of the registration fee according to the table below:

Rates	Dates	Registration fees	Accommodation fees
Rate 1	Until 15 April 2026	CHF 115.-	CHF 35.- / night
Rate 2	From 16 April to 27 May 2026	CHF 165.-	CHF 40.- / night
Rate 3	From 28 May to 29 June 2026	CHF 215.-	CHF 45.- / night, subject to availability

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 registration fee. The date of this payment's issuance determines the rate category.

As soon as their enrolment and any scholarship have been confirmed, students are required to pay the masterclass and accommodation fees.

Examples of how to calculate costs:

Masterclass and 📅 registration date	Registration fee	Masterclass fee	Accommodation fee	TOTAL
Violin, M. Martin 📅 Registration on April 14	115.-	450.-	+ 210.- (6*35.-) (from 30.07 to 05.08)	775.-
Violin Pre-College, J. Zufferey 📅 Registration on June 5	215.-	300.-	+ 270.- (6*45.-) (from 06.08 to 12.08)	785.-
Singing, M. Habela 📅 Registration on May 20	165.-	640.-	+ 400.- (10*40.-) (from 03.08 to 13.08)	1'205.-

Bank details

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

Account: Fondation Sion Violon Musique, Rue du Rawil 47, 1950 Sion

IBAN: CH57 0076 5000 CO87 0582 6

SWIFT / BIC: BCVSCH2LXXX

CCP: 19-81-6

Information to the recipient: Please mention the student's and the professor's names.

Please note: the payment must be made in Swiss Francs at the current exchange rate.

Secure on-line payment by credit card is available at:
<https://buy.stripe.com/5kQ7sKfxQeOI3J94QGORG00>

Payments by cheque are not accepted.

6 CANCELLATION

In case of **force majeure**, a refund of the registration 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 (except for singers), 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.

Students will be personally notified starting June 15, 2026.

A scholarship is valued between CHF 150.- and CHF 300.-. The amount granted will be deducted from the masterclass fee.

8 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Professors generally welcome between 8 and 10 students. If too many students have applied for a course by the deadline for registration at rate 2, the masterclass will be closed, and the professor will make a selection on the basis of files and/or videos. The final decision is notified to students from 15 June 2026.

The selection criteria depend on **the date of registration** and the **teacher's choice**. At the teacher's request, registration for a masterclass can be closed at any time.

Unsuccessful applicants will be reimbursed the registration fee (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 (including the day before the course starts and the night after the course ends). 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 before 27 May 2026, 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 29 June 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.

If the accommodation is left damaged or dirty or if a neighbour complains about noise at night (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 REGISTRATION FEES AND ACCOMMODATION FEES above).

If no accommodation request is made at the time of enrolment, 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 or on the first day of the masterclass in order to get their student card and practical information. If you plan to arrive outside of opening hours, you are asked to inform the office.

Transport organisation and cost are borne by students.

11 OFFICE

The Academy office address is Pôle Musique, Rue du Rawil 47, 1950 Sion (Building B).

Opening hours:

- Monday to Friday: from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 16:00.
- Closed on Wednesday mornings
- Saturday: from 10:00 to 12:00

Depending on concerts times, the office extends or reduces its opening hours.

12 PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

Each student receives **one hour and a half of piano accompaniment** during the masterclass.

If any student wants to practice with the pianist outside of the hour already included in the masterclass, he/she may do so bilaterally must pay the pianist's additional expenses of CHF 65/hour. The Academy is not responsible in any way.

Singing masterclasses do not follow this rule. Piano accompaniment is all included in the masterclass fees.

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

13 TEACHING AND WORKING ROOMS

Teaching and practice rooms are located at the Pôle Musique, rue du Rawil 47.

Each student will receive a badge upon arrival at our office, which will grant them access to the practice rooms.

Students share the assigned practice rooms based on mutual understanding.

14 WELCOME PARTY

Every Tuesday evening from 7pm a welcome party takes place at the Pôle Musique with all students, teachers and the Academy staff.

15 CONCERTS

Throughout the Academy, several concert opportunities are organised (depending on the week and the health situation):

- Every Wednesday at 11:15 a concert with piano accompaniment takes place at the Musée de la Nature (12 Rue des Châteaux). A free meal is provided to the musicians after the concert. Choice of musicians by the teachers.
- Every Thursday at 19:15 a concert with piano accompaniment takes place at the Arcades du Grand-Pont (24 Rue du Grand-Pont). A free meal is provided to the musicians after the concert. Choice of musicians by the teachers.
- Several Friday evening at 20:00, a concert takes place in the village of Vex, located at 15 minutes from Sion by car. Departure from Sion at 18:30. A free meal is provided to the musicians after the concert. Return to Sion around 22:00. Choice of musicians by the teachers.
- Other concert opportunities may be available to students during the week. A free meal is provided to the musicians after the concert. Choice of musicians by the teachers.
- At the end of every masterclass, a closing concert takes place in the Pôle Musique. No meal is planned after the concert.

16 RIGHT AND DATA PROTECTION

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

The personal data collected is used solely for the Academy's educational and hospitality activities. The email address is kept to inform participants of future editions. On request, all data can be modified or deleted at any time after the Academy has taken place.

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.

17 ORGANISATION

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