Sion Violon
Musique

TIBOR VARGA MUSIC ACADEMY – WINTER SESSION 2027

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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 who wish to improve their musical skills. The Winter Academy is organised as follows:

- Winter Edition Masterclasses: for three or four consecutive days, between Thursday 11 and Sunday 14 February 2027. Take advantage of at least 3 private lessons of 45 minutes each with the professor of your choice. Intended for students 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 11 to Sunday 14 February 2027

11 January 2027: Registration deadline and deadline for scholarship applications

From 20 January 2027: Confirmation of registrations and scholarships

2 REGISTRATION

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

Students are notified personally of the confirmation of their registration once the professor's approval has been received, from 20 January 2027 onwards.

3 FEES

Registration fee	CHF 150.-
Masterclass fee	CHF 320.-

With the KulturLegi / Carte culture card, offered by Caritas: 30% reduction on the registration and masterclass fee (i.e. CHF 329.- instead of CHF 470.-).

4 ACCOMMODATION FEES

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

If the student wishes to benefit from the Academy's accommodation, the fee must be paid once their place in the masterclass has been confirmed. Accommodation is available only for the duration of the masterclass (see section 9, ACCOMMODATION, below).

The Academy's accommodation is reserved for students under the age of 30, with the possibility of one accompanying person for underage students. The accompanying person is also charged CHF 40 per night.

5 PAYMENT

Registration for any masterclass will be confirmed only once **the registration fee of CHF 150** has been received.

As soon as their enrolment and any scholarship have been confirmed, students are required to pay the masterclass and accommodation fees: **CHF 320 + 40 x 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 C087 0582 6

SWIFT / BIC: BCVSCH2LXXX

CCP: 19-81-6

Information to the recipient/payee: Please state the student's and the professor's names.

Please note: payments must be made in Swiss Francs. All bank and currency exchange charges are borne by the student.

Secure online payment by credit card is available at:
https://buy.stripe.com/6oUcN4bhA8pD93tdncORG01

Payments by cheque are not accepted.

6 CANCELLATION

Only in cases of force majeure may a partial refund of the masterclass fee be considered upon presentation of supporting evidence (e.g. a medical certificate). The Academy reserves the right to assess each situation on a case-by-case basis.

The registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances, except if the Academy is forced to cancel the masterclass in question.

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 approved by professors and the Academy from 20 January 2027 onwards. Students are notified personally of the decision. A scholarship is valued between CHF 80.– and CHF 160.-. The amount of the scholarship awarded will be deducted directly from the masterclass fee owed by the student once their admission is confirmed.

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 20 January 2027.

Selection is at the professor's discretion; where applications are of equal standing, priority is given to the earliest registrations. At the professor's request, registration for the masterclass may be closed at any time.

Students who are not selected will be refunded the masterclass fee. The registration fee is non-refundable.

If too few students enrol, the Academy reserves the right to cancel a masterclass. In this case, all fees paid, including the registration and accommodation fees, will be refunded (excluding any bank charges).

9 ACCOMMODATION

Students may take advantage of housing in private homes organised by the Academy only for the duration of the masterclass, with arrival permitted the day before and departure the day after. This accommodation arrangement is available only to students under the age of 30 (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.

Any cancellation request must be sent by email to academie@sion-violon-musique.ch no later than 30 January 2027. After this date, the full accommodation fee will be charged. Accommodation fees are non-refundable.

Key collection details are given in the **accommodation confirmation** sent to the student at the latest one week before the masterclass. Keys are handed over either at the Academy's office or directly by the landlord.

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 allocates available accommodation according to the order of registration to offer the best possible options. However, it cannot guarantee the availability of certain facilities (Wi-Fi, kitchen access, etc.) and accepts no responsibility for the absence of such facilities.

If no accommodation request is made at the time of registration, the student must arrange their own accommodation.

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 access badge and practical information. Students arriving outside these hours should inform the Academy in advance at academie@sion-violon-musique.ch.

Transport organisation and cost are borne by students.

11 OFFICE

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

Dates	Reception hours
10, 11, 12 and 13 February 2027	09:30–12:30 / 14:00–16:00

12 PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

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

If any student wants to practice with the pianist outside of the hour already included in the masterclass, they may arrange this directly with the pianist and must cover the additional costs of the pianist, i.e. CHF 65/hour. The Academy is not party to such arrangements.

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

13 TEACHING AND PRACTICE ROOMS

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

The Academy provides students with several free practice rooms. Students share the assigned practice rooms by mutual agreement.

14 LEGAL PROVISIONS

By submitting the online registration form, candidates accept the terms and conditions, the French version of which is binding.

The personal data collected is used solely for the educational and accommodation-related activities carried out by the Academy. Email addresses are retained in order to inform participants about future editions. Participants may unsubscribe from these emails at any time. Upon request, personal data may be corrected at any time or deleted after the Academy has ended.

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. For participants under 18, registration requires the consent of a parent or legal guardian, including to this clause.

15 ORGANISATION

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