

THE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PIANISTS

Sunday 9 August to Saturday 15 August 2026

MASTERCLASSES FOR PIANISTS

Tutors:

Martin Cousin; Graham Fitch; Karl Lutchmayer; Jill Morton; Christine Stevenson

These classes are of mixed ability and, ideally, three well-prepared pieces of repertoire will be required. The standard of piano playing which will be appropriate in order to join a masterclass, is anything between post-Diploma and approximately Grade 4. Tutors will aim to cover both technical problems and interpretative points which will be of interest to the entire class. Participants will each receive three half-hour slots during the week in class. There may be the opportunity to accompany a singer and/ or an instrumentalist.

APPLICATION FORM

** Please delete or tick as applicable*

* Title: Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Mr ☐ Dr ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Forename: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

Name of emergency contact, and telephone number: _____

Grade (approximate): _____ Diploma(s), if applicable: _____

• I wish to enrol with: Tutor (1st choice): _____

Tutor (2nd choice): _____

Tutor (3rd choice): _____

* I have no preferred tutor. ☐

* I wish to enrol as an Observer. ☐

* I would like to join the waiting list for a 'Platform' recital slot. ☐

* I would like vegetarian meals. ☐

* Other dietary requests: _____

* Age: 18-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 51-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ 71-80 ☐ over 80 ☐

Those applying for places on the summer school must be at least 18 years of age.

- If you feel it appropriate to do so, please let us have details below of any medical conditions or disabilities which might affect your participation in the course.
(Please note the *Terms and Conditions* no 10 in respect of carers and provision of personal care)

- Please tell us where you heard about The Summer School for Pianists:

Fees and payments for residential masterclass participants:

- Non-returnable deposit using UK banks: **£310**
- Balance using UK banks (due by 9 June 2026, and non-refundable after 1 July 2026): **£865**
- Total: **£1,175**

- Non-returnable deposit using non-UK banks (including a bank charge): **£316**
- Balance using non-UK banks (due by 9 June 2026, and non-refundable after 1 July 2026, and including a bank charge): **£871**
- Total: **£1,187**

Fees and payments for residential observers:

- Non-returnable deposit using UK banks: **£310**
- Balance using UK banks (due by 9 June 2026, and non-refundable after 1 July 2026): **£765**
- Total: **£1,075**

- Non-returnable deposit using non-UK banks (including a bank charge): **£316**
- Balance using non-UK banks (due by 9 June 2026, and non-refundable after 1 July 2026, and including a bank charge): **£771**
- Total: **£1,087**

☐ I will transfer my non-returnable deposit and balance from a UK bank by BACS to 'The Summer School for Pianists' at **CAF Bank**:

- **Sort code:** 40-52-40
- **Account number:** 00031870. *(Please make the reference the initial of your first name, followed by your surname).*

☐ I will transfer my non-returnable deposit and balance from a non-UK bank by the SWIFT/IBAN system to 'The Summer School for Pianists'. (Please request a special transfer form.)

- I consent to being contacted about next year's course and provided with other updates from The Summer School for Pianists.
- I am happy for my name to be included on materials such as class lists circulated to other course participants.

(Note: you can withdraw these consents at any time.)

Entries will be accepted until the course is full, after which applications will be added to a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Please accept my application. I have read and understood all the information which is given above, and I accept the accompanying *Terms and Conditions*.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form by email, to info@pianosummerschool.co.uk

The Summer School for Pianists is a charitable incorporated organisation. Registered charity number 1174674

- Telephone: 07853 415393
- Website: <https://www.pianosummerschool.co.uk/>

I would like to make an additional, voluntary donation of £ ____ to The Summer School for Pianists, a CIO, registered charity number 1174674.

Gift Aid Declaration:

* Title: Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Mr ☐ Dr ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Forename: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

- I want to gift aid donations from this tax year onwards.
- I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax (and/or Capital Gains Tax) than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Please notify the charity if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/ or capital gains.)

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Please retain a copy of this section)

1. **The deposit is non-refundable**, unless the course does not go ahead.
2. The balance of fees is payable by 9 June 2026.
3. Your place will be confirmed following receipt of your application, subject to payment. In the event of the course becoming oversubscribed, the Summer School for Pianists reserves the right to decline applications, in which case a full refund of any course fees paid will be provided. Places on the course are non-assignable, except by consent of the Summer School for Pianists.
4. A full refund of fees (minus the deposit) will be made on cancellation of a booking before 1 July 2026.
5. In the event of the course being cancelled, monies paid to The Summer School for Pianists will be refunded, but participants are responsible for any other costs incurred.
6. The Summer School for Pianists reserves the right to provide a substitute tutor if the advertised tutor has to withdraw, owing to unforeseen circumstances.
7. We recommend that participants take out private insurance, in case someone books a place, and the course goes ahead, but he or she is unable to attend.
8. By completing and returning this form, you agree to The Summer School for Pianists processing the personal data contained in the form, to organise, administer and host the course. Under no circumstances will The Summer School for Pianists sell the information provided in this form to third parties. A copy of our privacy policy can be found on our website. If you would like a hard copy, please let us know.
9. Participants agree to abide by the rules and regulations of our host venue.
10. Participants are responsible for ensuring that they are accompanied by any carers / companions (professional or friends / family) necessary to allow their safe participation in the course. Where needed, a place for a carer / companion should be booked as an observer's place at the same time as the participant's booking, to ensure that enough spaces are available. Whilst we will do our best to make an observer's place for a carer / companion available if requested after the initial booking (for example because of a change in circumstances), it cannot be guaranteed, and we refer applicants to the terms and conditions regarding insurance at number 7, above.
11. Attendance by a carer / companion is essential where required, noting that The Summer School for Pianists is not authorised to provide personal care itself and cannot allow other participants to become relied upon to provide personal care. Our venue involves walking some distance on sloping gradients, steps and possibly stairs (full details are available on request) so please ensure that you are comfortable with this from a mobility perspective.

Please contact us if you are unsure or have any questions. We are keen to make the course available to as many people as possible and have successfully hosted a number of participants in previous years with various needs and / or who have attended with carers to overcome issues that would otherwise have prevented them from participating.

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Waiting Lists

There will be two waiting lists for places: a primary one and a secondary one. The primary waiting list is for those who want to commit to joining the course if a place becomes available, by paying the normal deposit. The primary waiting list will be capped at five places. If a place become available on the course, priority will be given to those on the primary waiting list. The secondary waiting list is for those who would like to be informed if places become available but who don't want to commit, or who can't join the primary waiting list because it is full.

Primary waiting list

- Number of places: 5.
- Anyone who wishes to join this list will be asked to pay the normal deposit for the course (£310). If a place becomes available before 1 July 2026 but the place is not taken up, **the deposit is not refundable**.
- The deposit will be refundable upon request from 1 July 2026 onwards if no place becomes available by that date. (1 July 2026 is the date by which time full payment of the balance of course fees must be made by participants.)

Secondary waiting list

- Number of spaces: unlimited
- This will consist of the names of people who will be contacted if spaces become available on the Primary waiting list.

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## Values

The Summer School is committed to providing an encouraging, inclusive and supportive environment, in which all attendees are treated with courtesy and respect, irrespective of level of pianistic attainment, age, gender or any other protected characteristic.

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