

1st
Magisterra
International
Music
Festival and
Academy



Global Connections



June 29 - July 13, 2026

Early Bird Application – until December 31, 2025
qualifies for scholarship consideration
Only 25 spaces available!

ARTIST-TEACHER

Violin: Annette-Barbara Vogel (*Germany / Canada*) 

Viola: Jutta Puchhammer (*Austria / Canada*) 

Cello: Rudolf Leopold (*Austria*) 

Piano: Anya Alexeyev (*Russia / UK / Canada*) 

Collaborative Piano: Theodore Chow (*Canada*) 

The **1st Magisterra International Music Festival & Academy**
“**Global Connections**” launches in the breathtaking city of **Braşov, Romania** –
nestled at the foot of the **Carpathian Mountains**, just 180 km from Bucharest.

Exclusive by design, the festival offers young musicians the rare chance
to grow in an environment that values **time, space, and individual attention**.

Here, artistry flourishes through reflection, immersion in a new culture and
nature, and friendships that last a lifetime.

With a focus on personalized lessons and **chamber music coachings**, participants
work closely with internationally renowned faculty in an intimate, supportive
setting. **Pre-formed ensembles are warmly encouraged to apply.**

More than a festival, **Global Connections** is a journey – where music, culture,
and human connection come together in one **unforgettable experience**.

Open to students 14-35 years*

Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello



European Applicants, please contact andreea.mazareanu@magisterra.com

* if you are younger/older and would like to participate, please reach out to us at
info@magisterra.com

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Please submit a video recording totalling about 10-15 minutes of playing time.
- The program should include two or more contrasting works that best represent your artistic and technical level.
- Solo applicants: Piano accompaniment is optional, but strongly encouraged.

Please follow the instructions provided in the application form regarding
how to upload your video.

APPLICATION FEES			
	EARLY BIRD APPLICATION <i>qualifies for scholarship consideration</i>	REGULAR APPLICATION <i>does not qualify for scholarship consideration</i>	LATE APPLICATION <i>does not qualify for scholarship consideration</i>
Deadline	December 31 2025	February 1 2026	Until available spots are filled – only 25 spots to be filled!
Individual	CAD 80	CAD 100	CAD 150
Trio	CAD 180 (CAD 60 per person)	CAD 240 (CAD 80 per person)	CAD 330 (CAD 110 per person)
QUARTET	CAD 240 (CAD 60 per person)	CAD 320 (CAD 80 per person)	CAD 440 (CAD 110 per person)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

APPLICATION FEE

- **E-transfer (Canadian applicants only)**
Please send your payment to info@magisterra.com

- **Eventbrite**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1st-magisterra-international-music-festival-and-academy-global-connections-tickets-1820328464439?aff=oddtcreator>

If you experience difficulties with the options above, please contact us at andreea.mazareanu@magisterra.com or info@magisterra.com

TUITION

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- **PayPal**

A payment link will be available soon.

APPLICATION FORM

<https://form.jotform.com/252757194676270>

TUITION

Tuition & Accommodation
(including breakfast) € 1,860 (to be paid in Canadian funds)

Included in the tuition:

At least one professional activity will be offered each day, which may include:

- Individual lesson
- Chamber music coaching
- Rehearsal with collaborative pianist
- Workshop (tbd)
- Student concerts
- Artist-Teacher concerts

Additional Offerings:

- Day trip (entrance tickets to museums included)
- Arts and crafts evening
- Opening reception
- Closing reception with traditional music/dance and traditional food
- Grand Finale Concert
- Free tickets to Artist-Teacher concerts
- Free access to student concerts
- Free access to Braşov Philharmonic/Braşov Opera summer concerts

Not included in the tuition:

- Transportation to/from Braşov
(aprox. CAD 38 one way, airport to hotel)
Direct Airport Shuttle (<http://direct-aeroport.ro/>)
- Meals (lunch/dinner): There are plenty of options nearby for a quick bite or a full meal – from bakery sandwiches and traditional baked goods to sit-down restaurants in all price ranges, all within walking distance
- Any local transportation you choose to take (our accommodation is in easy walking distance to festival activities)
- Miscellaneous pocket money for additional sightseeing or personal expenses

TUITION DEADLINES

March 1, 2026

Admission decisions will be sent to all applicants by email

March 15, 2026

50% of tuition due to confirm participation
(*payment 1*)

April 1, 2026

Remaining tuition balance due
(*payment 2*)

REFUND POLICY

Before March 15, 2026

Tuition deposits are fully refundable, minus a CAD 150 administrative fee.

March 16 – March 31, 2026

50% of tuition paid (*Payment 1*) is refundable.

April 1 – April 30, 2026

20% of total tuition paid (*Payments 1 and 2*) is refundable.

Effective May 1, 2026

All tuition payments are non-refundable*

**Exceptions may be considered only in cases of documented medical emergencies.*

ACCOMMODATION (RESIDENCE AMBIENT)

All rooms include breakfast

Available Room Configurations

- 2 twin beds
- 2 twin beds + 1 extendable sofa
- 1 double bed
- 1 double bed + 2 twin beds
- Apartment: 1 double bed + 1 extendable sofa in living room
- Apartment: 1 double bed, 1 twin bed + 1 extendable sofa in living room

Regular package:

Covers a single bed space. This means you will either have your own twin bed, OR share a larger bed (double or king) with another student.

Upgrade (surcharge) option:

If you prefer to have a whole double bed to yourself, you can upgrade your package for an additional cost (surcharge: CAD 95/night).

Sharing:

If you would like to share a double or king bed with another participant, you can indicate this preference and their name in the application form.

When choosing your room configuration/bed through the application form:

- Select whether you want
 - regular pricing (single bed space)
 - or an upgraded (surcharge) package (whole larger bed to yourself)
- Rank the top three room options that would be suitable for you
- Add any comments or requests (e.g., if you strongly prefer not to share a bed or if you do, the name(s) of who you would be willing to share a bed with)

TRIP PREPARATION: PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL / TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM BRAȘOV

- fly into **Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport (OTP)**
- take a shuttle bus (<https://direct-aeroport.ro/>) to Brașov with the option to be dropped off at your accommodation

Please email your arrival times and locations to Andreea Măzăreanu at andreea.mazareanu@magisterra.com by **June 1**, so we can make your arrival as smooth as possible. We'll do our best to have someone from the festival greet you at Bucharest Airport to ensure a seamless transfer.

CURRENCY

Although Romania is part of the European Union, the local currency is the Romanian Leu (RON). It is recommended to withdraw cash directly from an ATM using your debit card. Other options are credit card (typically higher fees) or exchanging cash at a bank or exchange office.

DAY TRIP

We're excited to offer a day trip to **SINAIA**, so you can enjoy a taste of Romania's stunning landscapes and vibrant culture. You will visit:

- "George Enescu" Memorial House (http://www.georgeenescu.ro/en/departments_doc_25_george-enescu-memorial-house-sinaia_pg_0.htm) – Summer residence of George Enescu, Romanian composer, violinist, pianist, conductor, teacher and statesman
- Peleş Castle (<http://peles.ro/en/despre/istoricul-castelului-peles/>)
– Summer residence for the kings of Romania.

If you are interested in visiting Bran Castle (famous for its connection to Bram Stoker's Dracula), we recommend adding an extra day before or after the festival to explore it on your own. The castle is easily accessible by bus from Brașov, located about 30 km away.

FOOD

Braşov is a delight for food lovers! Just a short stroll from the festival venues, you'll find a rich variety of restaurants, cafés, and bakeries serving everything from traditional Romanian fare to quick, flavorful bites. Local bakeries are a true treasure – not only offering fresh breads and pastries but also delicious sandwiches and hearty lunch options at very reasonable prices. Whether you're after a relaxed meal or a tasty snack on the go, Braşov offers a vibrant culinary scene that's sure to satisfy.

INTERNET / PHONE

You may want to check with your cell phone provider if they offer a European or international travel plan. Otherwise, it is highly recommended to get an eSIM for data such as Sally etc. and/or European SIM card (including calls). Communication through WhatsApp is mostly used.

LAUNDRY

Beta Clean, Strada Lungă 32, Braşov 500058

PRACTICE ROOMS

"Tudor Ciortea" Music High School offers excellent practice facilities, with a total of 30 rooms available. Of these, 15 are equipped with pianos. In addition, there are 2 classrooms with pianos, several classrooms without pianos, and 2 halls each featuring a grand piano — providing plenty of options for practice and rehearsal throughout the festival.

TRANSPORTATION WITHIN BRAŞOV

The following means of transportation are easily accessible in Braşov:

- Uber
- Bolt (similar to Uber)
- Public Transportation buses

All festival activities are conveniently located within walking distance, making it easy to explore and enjoy everything the festival has to offer.

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (NON-EU)

International students should verify whether a visa is required for travel to Romania by consulting the relevant Romanian consular website. If you need any additional documentation beyond your acceptance letter, please contact Andreea Măzăreanu at andreea.mazareanu@magisterra.com

TRAVEL / HEALTH INSURANCE

Before traveling, it is strongly recommended that each student have international health insurance. Students who choose not to obtain coverage do so at their own risk. We suggest that students review the health insurance travel plans available in their home country.

WHAT TO BRING

- Music stand
- Western EU adapter (for your electronic devices)
- Sheet music for pianist/ pdf to transfer to iPad
- Walking shoes (cobblestone streets, some uneven terrain on day trips)