Zongora Piano Week 2014



The **Zongora Piano Week 2014** aims to improve all aspects of your piano skills in a peaceful rural environment, with local cultural outings in the beautiful Pécs area of Hungary.

International concert pianists **Yuri Paterson-Olenich** and **Evgenia Startseva** will hold interactive open sessions during the week where the participants will have their own lessons and listen to each other. These groups will be up to six people. You can find out more about Evgenia at www.evgeniastartseva.com and Yuri at http://www.kbam.co.uk

The lessons will be held in the Music School in the small, historic town of Pécsvárad, 20 km from Pécs, which was the European City of Culture in 2010. On the first day Evgenia and Yuri will give a recital for everyone on the course and our local helpers. (You will also be able to practise in the School on that day, too).

Then for five days you will have lessons and workshops in the morning and practice time after lunch. Every day you can make a group visit to a local place of interest and have supper in a good restaurant with the chance to try excellent Hungarian cuisine. The last day of the course will end with a participants' concert, with a maximum of 12 players. Non-playing partners or friends are very welcome to join in all the other activities and can also have access to some workshops as observers.

After the day of the final concert you will have the opportunity to spend free time in Pécs, visiting the famous market, the outstanding Zsolnay Cultural Quarter, the World Heritage catacombs or simply wandering around the pedestrian areas in the city centre. A minibus will be provided for all local journeys.



Pécs

What's included in the cost?
Tuition, practice facilities, interpreters, admin, coffees, teas, lunches, suppers, evening outings (including a wine tasting with meal), local transport and bed & breakfast accommodation in recommended village guesthouses in the area. For non-players, the fee includes lunches, suppers, outings, transport and accommodation.

What are the extras?
The course fee DOES NOT include flights to and from Budapest or transfers from the airport. The cost of this, by taxi, is approximately £25 one way per person. (Payment when you arrive). When we know the exact numbers of people coming on the course and the time of the flights we will book the taxis for you. We have also excluded the cost of drinks in the evenings (apart from the wine-tasting).

What is the currency?
The Hungarian forint (HUF) is currently approx. 320-330/£. Euros can also be used in some places.

Details of schedule:

Sunday 27 July	Arrive
Monday 28 July	Access to Music School / Concert by Evgenia and Yuri
Tuesday 29 - Saturday 2 August	Workshops / Practice / Outings
Saturday 2 August	Participants' Concert
Sunday 3 August	Free day in Pécs
Monday 4 August	Leave

(Total of 8 nights)
You will have a full itinerary a month before the course starts.

If you decide to extend your stay in Hungary with some time in Budapest we can recommend reasonably priced apartments in the city centre near restaurants, food shops and transport. If you're booking early for August prices start from about £50 per night for an apartment for two people. This website has a number of addresses to choose from: http://www.achapartments.hu/



Pécsvárad Music School

Course fees: Players - £525 plus accommodation. **Non-players - £325** plus accommodation Accommodation costs will vary depending on such factors as whether it is single occupancy or shared room but will not be an *extra.* These costs will be added to determine the final course fee once the choice of accommodation has been made.

Accommodation costs (bed & breakfast):
Single occupancy of double room: £16 (share bathroom with one other) to £24 (ensuite) per person per night. Sharing a double ensuite room - £13-£18 per person per night.
So the costs for 8 nights' bed & breakfast will range between £104 and £192 per person. We have reserved rooms at three local guesthouses and will allocate them as you request.

Getting there: We advise you to book your flights as soon as possible as this is a popular route in the summer. There are many ways to get to and from the UK to Budapest. The following link will give you an overview of the various prices/times/companies etc (London airports):
http://www.kayak.co.uk/flights/LON-BUD/2014-07-27/2014-08-04

A search on this website tells us that, for example, a combination of Norwegian Air (Gatwick to Budapest) outgoing on 27 July and British Airways (Budapest to Heathrow) returning on 4 August gives good prices at the time of writing. The websites for some of the individual airlines are:
www.norwegian.com www.easyjet.com www.britishairways.com

Registration and deposit:
To secure your place on the course, please send a **deposit of £125** as soon as possible with the completed attached form and either post with a cheque made payable to 'Zongora Week' to Joe Ward or return online and pay by BACS transfer. Here are the full details:
Send cheques to: Joe Ward, 36 Harrington Place, Brighton BN1 7HL.
Account details: HSBC
Sort Code: 40-14-01
Account name: Zongora Week
Account no: 41529749
The balance will be payable by Saturday The **14th June 2014** and we will send you a reminder before this.
If the course has to be cancelled, we will return your deposit in full. If you withdraw from the course before 14th June, we will refund your deposit. If you withdraw from it after 14 June the deposit will not be returned unless there are exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the organisers.

Any inquiries please contact: joe.d.ward217@gmail.com or call Joe on 07963784553.

The Team: Maggie Grimsdell (had the idea), Yuri Paterson-Olenich and Evgenia Startseva (tutors), Joe Ward (admin), Annamaria Molnár (interpreter)

Zongora Week 2014 Booking Form

Please return together with a cheque for £125 made out to Zongora Week to:
Joe Ward, 36 Harrington Place, Brighton BN1 7HL.

Name 1.....Player/ Non-player*

Name 2 (if two booking together).....Player/ Non-player*

Contact phone number.....

Postal address.....
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Email address.....
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Type of accommodation preferred.....

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Dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, non-dairy).....

Flight details (Airline, dates, times, routes, airline) (If not known please send ASAP – you are advised to books as early as you can.)

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Method of payment.....

Please confirm that you will organize your own travel insurance by ticking here .....

Signature(s)

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*Delete as appropriate