

# Verbier festival

## Amateur Chamber Music Week

### General Information

<u>Access</u>	Verbier is a beautiful mountain village located in the Canton of Valais, in the Swiss Alps. The nearest international airport is Geneva (although Zurich is only a little further away) and the nearest major train station is Martigny.
<u>Age Limit</u>	There is no minimum or maximum age limit. This week of music-making is open to all those with the right musical experience.
<u>Badge</u>	All participants receive a Verbier Festival badge which will give free access to the outdoor swimming pool and to the ski lifts of Télèveverbier. The badge also gives discounts in some bars, restaurants and shops in Verbier, and to some concerts of the Verbier Festival.
<u>Coaches</u>	The coaches include Gábor Takács-Nagy, Paul Coker Sasha Calin and Eniko Magyar as well as alumni from the Verbier Festival Academy. In addition, some groups may include music students from local conservatoires who are invited by the organisers to participate in order to inspire their colleagues and to enjoy all that the week has to offer.
<u>Concerts</u>	The ACMW ends with a concert in the Verbier Eglise on 20 July 2012 at 2.30pm and there will be other opportunities for performing during the week. Participants will be invited to listen to a concert given by the ACMW coaches in Verbier.
<u>Eligibility</u>	See APPLY in our microsite at <a href="http://www.verbierfestival.com/amateurweek">www.verbierfestival.com/amateurweek</a> . Final acceptance is dependent on organising balanced chamber groups and is at the discretion of the organisers.
<u>Families</u>	Participants are more than welcome to bring their families and friends to Verbier and there will be some time to explore Verbier and have dinner together in the evenings. Family members can join other meals organised by the ACMW by paying separately. We may organise some activities for children during the week, depending on demand, which will focus on music, nature and art.
<u>Festival</u>	The Verbier Festival itself starts on July 20 and continues until 5 August 2012. Programme information is available at <a href="http://www.verbierfestival.com">www.verbierfestival.com</a> from early February. Please contact our office if you would like to buy tickets in advance and we will try to organise discounts for you.
<u>Fest'Off</u>	Verbier Festival Fest'Off offers free concerts and events in various locations, including the Place Centrale, plus all kinds of performances in bars, restaurants and hotel lobbies, featuring everything from classical music and jazz to cabaret and popular music.
<u>Free Play</u>	Free Play is organised each evening during the week so that musicians can enjoy each other's company and play music together for fun.

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### Hotels

We are recommending two hotels in the middle of Verbier, and we encourage participants to choose these hotels so that they can spend a maximum of time together:

Hôtel Phoenix (prices from 75 CHF per night)  
Contact Sébastien Melet at [hotel@phenix-verbier.com](mailto:hotel@phenix-verbier.com)

Hôtel de Verbier (prices from 115 CHF per night)  
Contact Patrick Bruchez at [hotelverbier@verbier.ch](mailto:hotelverbier@verbier.ch)

### Languages

The common language is music. Spoken languages will include English, French, German and Italian. A good understanding of English is recommended.

### Organising Team

The Amateur Chamber Music Week is organised by the Verbier Festival and the project is led by Christian Thompson.

### Payment Terms

The fee per participant is 1,000 CHF (except for musicians coming as part of an existing group, who will each pay 900 CHF). This fee includes all coaching and daily lunches as well as our celebration dinner. Participants are responsible for paying their own travel and accommodation expenses.

All fees must be transferred to the Verbier Festival by 30 May 2012 by bank transfer. Please ensure that you ask your bank to revert all charges to you and that your name is clearly stated on the transfer:

Account no:	0249-G5506365.0
	Fondation du Festival et Académie de Verbier
Bank:	UBS SA, Montreux, Switzerland
SWIFT / BIC:	UBSWCHZH80A
IBAN:	CH46 0024 9249 G550 6365 0

### Rooms

There are many rooms available in Verbier for rehearsing and coachings, many of which have pianos.

### Repertoire

See the "Repertoire" section at [www.verbierfestival.com/amateurweek](http://www.verbierfestival.com/amateurweek)  
Participants are reminded that they should bring additional repertoire they would like to play for fun with other musicians although the Festival does have a well-stocked chamber music library.

### Schedule

See the "Schedule" section at [www.verbierfestival.com/amateurweek](http://www.verbierfestival.com/amateurweek)