



2026 9th

The Sound of Piano, Strings and Voice Music Festival

Participation Guidelines

Date & Time: Xi'an August 2 - 8, 2026, Beijing August 9 - 11, 2026

Check-in Time: 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM, August 2, 2026. **If you plan to arrive earlier or later, please let us know at least one week in advance.*

Check-in Location: Ramada by Wyndham Xi'an Chanba, 1217 Chanba 2nd Road, Weiyang District, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China

Check-out Time: 5:00 PM, August 11, 2026

Check-out Location: TBD in Beijing city center **The exact location will be announced later.*

Hotel Accommodation: Xi'an - Ramada by Wyndham Xi'an Chanba, 1217 Chanba 2nd Road, Weiyang District, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China; Beijing - TBD **The exact location will be announced later.*

Form to Complete: <https://www.xianmusicfestival.com/festival-information-form>

**To help us make better arrangements, please complete this form by July 1, 2026, if possible, and no later than July 15, 2026.*

Important Notes Before You Start

Please make sure that all personal, passport, visa, flight, accommodation, and contact information you provide is true, accurate, and complete.

We may need to submit certain travel information to the relevant department in China. Incorrect or incomplete information may cause delays, additional costs, or difficulties with airport transfers, hotel arrangements, or local reporting requirements.

If any information changes after submission, please notify the organizer as soon as possible, and no later than one week before the festival begins. However, if the original information provided is false, incomplete, or incorrect, we reserve the right not to make new arrangements based on updated or corrected information.

Any additional costs, delays, inconvenience, or issues caused by incorrect, incomplete, or false information will be the responsibility of the participant.

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Safety

China is generally a very safe place to visit, especially major cities such as Xi'an and Beijing.

However, student safety is still our top priority. During the festival dates, students are not allowed to leave the group, hotel, activity venue, or scheduled program without prior approval from the organizer. The organizer is not responsible for any issues, expenses, delays, or safety concerns caused by unauthorized personal activities or failure to follow festival instructions.

During the festival, participants should keep their passport, phone, wallet, medication, lesson and instrument related materials and important personal belongings secure at all times. The organizer is not responsible for lost personal items.

For students under 18, parents or guardians should make sure the student understands all safety expectations and follows the instructions of festival staff during the program.

Entering China

For participants who are required a Chinese visa, we recommend completing the visa application and obtaining the visa by the end of June 2026 at the latest.

For participants who are not required a Chinese visa, please double-check the website of the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your passport's country to confirm whether any additional documents are required besides your passport.

The entry and customs clearance process in China usually takes about 30 to 75 minutes, depending on the arrival city and landing time.

Flight Information and Airport Transfer



Please complete and submit your flight information through the form mentioned above by July 15, 2026.

Please note that airport transfers between the airport and hotel will only be provided on the official arrival day in Xi'an, August 2, 2026, and the final departure day in Beijing, August 11, 2026.

Airport transfers will not be available for arrivals before August 2 or departures after August 11.

Extended Stay Assistance

If you need assistance for any additional days outside the festival dates, please fill out the relevant details in the same form mentioned above. Please note that additional nights will incur extra fees, and we can only assist in booking the same hotel in Xi'an and Beijing where we stay during the festival.

Travel to Other Cities

Based on government requirements, as an organizer, we need to know your full travel plan in China outside the official festival dates.

If you plan to stay in China longer or travel to other cities before or after the festival, please also provide your general travel plan in the same form mentioned above.

Travel Insurance

During the festival, accident insurance will be provided for each foreign participant for the period of August 2–11, 2026. This insurance only covers unexpected accidents that occur during this period and does not cover chronic illnesses, pre-existing medical conditions, allergies, or other special medical needs. If you have any health concerns, please consult your doctor before traveling and bring any necessary medications and insurance with you.

Festival Schedule

Chamber music assignments and scores will be sent to you by June 20, 2026.

The initial personal detailed festival schedule will be shared at the beginning of July, and you'll receive the final schedule upon check-in.

Before that, you can refer to the general schedule section on this page:

<https://www.xianmusicfestival.com/guidelines/>



The organizer reserves the right to adjust the schedule, venue, faculty assignment, rehearsal time, or activity plan when necessary.

Festival Lessons and Classes

To help us arrange your lessons properly, please submit the repertoire you would like the faculty to hear during the festival via the form mentioned above.

If you are a voice student requiring piano accompaniment, please also provide the piano accompaniment score no later than July 1, 2026. This information is important for lesson planning, faculty preparation, and accompanist arrangements.

Most lessons and classes will take place at the hotel. Performances and other cultural exchange activities will be held at off-site venues.

Special Cultural and Government Exchange Activities

This year's festival may also include special opportunities to be welcomed by local government representatives, meet with cultural or education leaders, and participate in government-supported exchange activities. These experiences may provide meaningful cultural insight and valuable connections for the international students and guests. Specific details will be announced later once they are confirmed.

Attendance and Punctuality

All students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons, rehearsals, performances, cultural activities, and group events on time. Late arrival may affect lesson time, rehearsal arrangements, or performance order. Missed lessons or activities may not be rescheduled or made up.

Sightseeing and Cultural Activities

During sightseeing trips and cultural activities, all participants must stay with the group and follow the schedule arranged by the organizer. Please arrive at each meeting point on time and do not leave the group without prior approval. Participants are expected to show respect for museums, schools, performance venues, local students, staff, and all cultural sites visited during the program.

Dress Code

Please prepare at least one appropriate concert attire for the final student concert and formal activities. Formal clothing is recommended.

Photo and Video Consent



By participating in the festival, participants understand that photos and videos may be taken during lessons, performances, cultural activities, and group events. These materials may be used for festival documentation and promotional purposes.

Hotel Rules

Participants may not change rooms without prior approval from the organizer. Any room damage, lost hotel key cards, or additional hotel services will be the responsibility of the participant. Please keep noise to a minimum in the evening and respect other hotel guests during your stay.

Laundry

The hotel offers free laundry services for the festival.

Weather and Packing

Xi'an and Beijing are usually hot in August, so please prepare light summer clothing, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, and an umbrella or rain gear.

Communication in China

Please set up the app WeChat before arriving in China, as many Google, Meta and other products may not work properly in China. WeChat will be one of the main communication tools in China.

If you need to access foreign websites or services such as Google, Facebook, Instagram, or Gmail, please setup a VPN on your devices before entering China. After arrival, it will be very difficult to set up VPN. Please note that we do not have any specific VPN recommendations, so you need to make the necessary arrangements on your own before entering China.

Payment Methods

In China, most merchants commonly use WeChat Pay or Alipay. Cash can still be used, but some stores may not have enough change available. Visa and Mastercard

are usually accepted in larger shopping malls, hotels, or higher-end places, but many small shops may not accept international credit cards.

Therefore, we recommend setting up WeChat Pay or Alipay before you travel to China, as this will make daily payments much more convenient during your stay.



Power Adapter and Charging

China uses a 220V / 50Hz electrical system. Please check that your devices and chargers are compatible, and bring a suitable travel adapter for China. We also recommend bringing a portable power bank and keeping your phone charged during the festival so we can contact you when needed.

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