



BENSLOWMUSIC
COURSES AND CONCERTS

INFORMATION LEAFLET

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ARRIVING AND DEPARTING

Normally we ask guests to check in after about 4pm on the first day of a course. When this is different the course description should say so. If you have made a long journey and expect to arrive early please let us know.

Your welcome pack will include your key, vital information about Benslow Music and a course timetable. Tea, coffee and cake is available until the bar opens. Dinner is served at 6.30pm. If you are likely to arrive late, please let us know as soon as you can and we will make arrangements to set a meal aside for you.

Most courses end with tea and cakes at 4pm on the final day, although the time can slightly vary from course to course.

STANDARD COURSE TIMETABLE

Please note that for certain courses arrival and departing times and the pattern of sessions might be slightly different. Please check the course brochure for details.

First evening

16.00 – 18.00 Arrival and Registration

18.00 Bar opens

18.30 Supper

20.00 SESSION

21.00 Bar opens

Second and subsequent days

7.45* Breakfast

9.15 SESSION

10.45 Coffee

11.15 SESSION

12.45 Bar opens

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Free time or SESSION

16.00 Tea

16.30 SESSION

18.00 Bar opens

18.30 Supper

20.00 SESSION

21.00 Bar opens

Final day**

7.45* Breakfast

9.15 SESSION

10.45 Coffee

11.15 SESSION

12.45 Bar opens

13.00 Lunch

14.30 SESSION

16.00 Tea and Departure

*Breakfast is served from 8.00 on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Please vacate your bedroom before 9.30am (luggage may be stored in Reception before departure).

For emergencies only relatives and friends should call 01462 429205 at any time.

HOW TO GET HERE

Benslow Music is a five-minute walk from Hitchin train station, which is served by fast, frequent trains from Cambridge, Peterborough and London King's Cross. Road access from the A1(M) and the M1 is swift, and we are within easy reach of Luton and Stansted airports.

OUR ACCOMMODATION

Coffee and tea making facilities are available in all our rooms along with towels and toiletries. Hair dryers, fans and room heaters are available on request as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste from reception.

Smoking is not allowed in any of our buildings or in the garden save in the designated area. We regret that we cannot accommodate pets.

INTERNET ACCESS - BMT WIFI

Benslow Music is pleased to provide you with free campus-wide wireless internet access. The current password can be found on the notice board in the Main House lobby.

FOOD AND DRINK

We prepare all our food on the premises to high standards, and our friendly servers are on hand to do everything they can to maximise your enjoyment. Lunch (except on Sundays) and breakfast are buffet-style meals but you will enjoy at-table service for dinner and for the traditional British Sunday roast.

The bar, often tended by the popular Ken, is open for business at lunchtime, through the afternoon and in the evenings and is always available to residents and visitors as a lounge area. A flat-screen television is available in the Garden Room extension.

OUR MUSIC FACILITIES

We boast ten designated rehearsal and practice rooms, including two halls suitable for larger ensembles and public events. Each space includes at least one piano. Our piano stock includes well-maintained Steinway, Yamaha, Steinweg-Grotian and Bechstein baby grand pianos and a full size Welmar grand. We also possess a fine Goble harpsichord modelled on a 1727 Christian Zell original as well as virginals, a spinet and a clavichord. Our keyboard stock is completed by a restored Broadwood square piano dating from the 1820s. We also possess a state of the art hi-fi system and PA facilities.

THE GARDENS

Our gardens are an integral part of the Benslow Music experience and provide an inviting space in which to relax and re-gather energies between sessions. You are welcome to wander freely. If Jif, our gardener, happens to be around he will happily tell you about any plant species on the site and no doubt offer the cuff tips for your own garden. The wooded parts of the grounds contain some magnificent tree specimens. Please take care not to get too close to the bee hives, particularly in the swarming season.

BRING A FRIEND

While some people prefer to come to a Benslow Music course alone, we are happy to host non-participating partners. Should your partner wish to observe the course in action, he or she may do so only at the tutor's discretion. Please see rates below.

BED AND BREAKFAST

TARIFF PER ROOM

SINGLE EN SUITE	£60
TWIN/DOUBLE EN SUITE	£85
SINGLE STANDARD	£50
TWIN/DOUBLE STANDARD	£65

STAY AND PLAY

24HR RATES PER PERSON

INCLUDES FULL BOARD AND USE
OF PRACTISE ROOM AND PIANO

SINGLE EN SUITE	£125
TWIN/DOUBLE EN SUITE	£120
SINGLE STANDARD	£115
TWIN/DOUBLE STANDARD	£105

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY