

# Polifonie International Music Masterclass

## 2023 Violin edition



Associazione Culturale Polifonie organizes the second edition of the **Polifonie International Music Masterclass**, a high-profile didactic project dedicated to young talented musicians and university students from all over the world.

The idea was born thanks to the persistent desire of Associazione Culturale Polifonie to make room to young people and culture, offering a High Music Specialization Course to young talents from all over the world, as well as concerts open to the locals, in order to support the spread of culture and music also through this experience in Como's territory.

The main aim of the Polifonie International Music Masterclass is to create a didactic-cultural hub and transform it into a landmark for young musicians within the coming years. Inviting the most eminent professors and artists from the international musical scene, we would like to transform Como into a land of encounters, passion, creativity and exchange.

This year's High Specialization Music Masterclass is dedicated to the Violin and appointed to the capable hands of **Pavel Berman**, worldwide renowned Russian Violinist and Conductor.



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It will take place from November, 12th to November, 16th 2023.

The classes will take place in Cernobbio (CO), a town next to Como, at the Sala Polifunzionale of the Cernobbio municipality and in the museum house Villa Bernasconi, where, on November 16th, an entire day of open classes will take place and where the students will perform in a concert open to the public a program based on the violin solo repertoire, with a focus on contemporary repertoire.

A **Prize-concert** will be awarded to the most deserving student, chosen by a jury chaired by the professor himself: a **Concerto for violin and orchestra**, offered by Associazione Culturale Polifonie, which will take place in Como in the 2024 season, in collaboration with the Franz Terraneo Orchestra (repertoire for violin and chamber orchestra).

The cost of the masterclass - i.e. inclusive of the membership fee for the Polifonie Cultural Association, lessons attendance, pianist accompanist, board and lodging at affiliated hotel structures - is **690 €** per person. In case you want to participate only for lessons (excluding board and lodging) the cost is **€ 400** per person.



Pavel Berman, violinist

## The locations

During their staying on Como's territory, the students will be welcomed in the town of Cernobbio. The small distance between practicing spots, concerts venues and hosting structures will allow them to completely focus on the work scheduled for this intensive week of music.

The classes will take place in the Sala Polifunzionale of Comune di Cernobbio and at the house-museum of Villa Bernasconi, a true gem of liberty architectural style in the heart of the town.

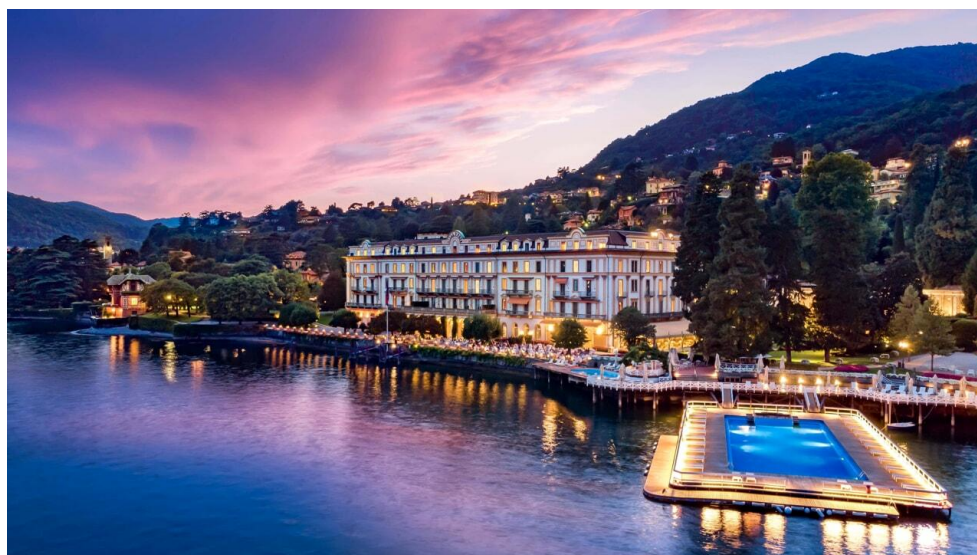
Hosting and dinners will happen at Albergo Pontevecchio.  
Lunches will happen in conventioned structures.



Cernobbio's "Riva"



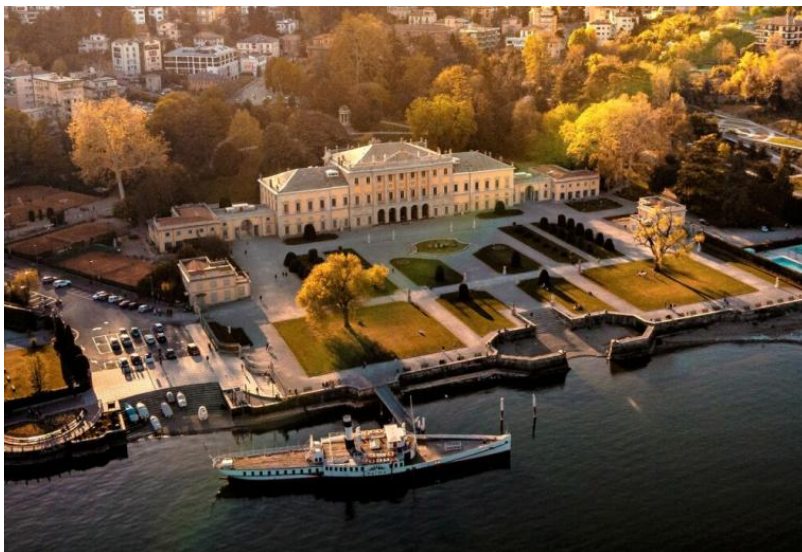
Villa Bernasconi



Villa D'Este – Cernobbio (Co)

Not far from Como and only 40 minutes from Milan, Cernobbio is located by the Lombard Prealps on Lake Como's shores. Its romantic "Riva" offers the chance to stroll on the "lungolago", enjoying the stunning landscapes reflected in the lake's waves. From Cernobbio it's possible to reach Como by boat, by bus, or walking along the lake on a promenade that takes you through the park of Villa Olmo.

The closest airport is Milano Malpensa, connected to Como by train. The closest train stations are Chiasso (CH), Como San Giovanni and Como Lago.



Villa Olmo - Como

### Course details

From 12 to 16 November the lessons with the teacher Pavel Berman will take place in the Sala Polifunzionale at the “Don Umberto Marmori” school in Cernobbio.

There will also be daily group classes focusing on Technique.

On 16 November the lessons will take place at the museum-house of Villa Bernasconi. This day includes open-door lessons dedicated to the solo violin repertoire, there will be then an evening performance by the students at Villa Bernasconi itself.

The program of this day includes the performance of two pieces for solo violin: one of free choice by the performer (maximum duration 6 minutes), plus a short contemporary piece (mandatory), for all the students. At the end of the concert the jury will meet and select the winner of the concert-prize.

The Violin Masterclass is open to a maximum of 10 students, who will be accepted as effective active participants after a video selection (free program, maximal length of 15 minutes).

All students of the Masterclass will also be able to access for free, upon reservation, to the concerts of **Como Contemporary Festival 2023**, that will be held at Villa Olmo in Como from 4 to 26 November 2023.



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## **Regulation**

Art.1 Polifonie International Music Masterclass is addressed to young talented violinists coming from all over the world, or university students, and it will take place from 12.11.2023 to 16.11.2023.

Art.2 To apply, fill the Application Form and send it via email at [info@polifonie.it](mailto:info@polifonie.it) before 10/10/2023, joining a link to your video (max 15') to enter the selection phase. After receiving the selection's result (our office will send an email to each participant) it will be possible to proceed with the real application and to pay the course fee.

Art.3 The total cost of the Masterclass is **690 €** all inclusive, i.e. including: membership fee to the Polifonie Cultural Association, enrollment in the Masterclass, attendance lessons, accompanist pianist, board and lodging. In case you want to participate only at lessons (excluding board and lodging), the cost is € 400 per person.

Art.4 The most deserving student, chosen by a jury chaired by the professor, will be awarded with the **prize-concert**: a Concerto for Violin solo and chamber orchestra offered by Associazione Culturale Polifonie (2024 Season Orchestra Franz Terraneo).The deserving student will receive a cachet for the performance and the accommodation for one night in a hotel provided by the organizing institution. The jury's decision is irrevocable.

Art.5 The application to the Masterclass involves the total acceptance of the present regulation, which Associazione Culturale Polifonie maintains the right to modify for force majeure reasons.

**Application deadline: 10th, October, 2023**



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