

IV International Piano Week

Cushing Academy

July 26 – August 1, 2026

The Return of an International Tradition

We are delighted to announce the return of the **IV International Piano Week** at the prestigious Cushing Academy. This unique event, scheduled from **July 26 to August 1, 2026**, continues its tradition of musical excellence and international exchange.

Our previous three editions were highly successful, featuring talented young pianists who forged creative connections across continents, representing nations such as **Brazil, Italy, Korea, China, and the USA**.

A Setting of Natural Splendor and Tranquility (Ênfase na Natureza)

Cushing Academy is situated in the charming town of Ashburnham, central Massachusetts. Our venue offers participants an unparalleled experience in the **beautiful and tranquil setting of New England**. Surrounded by **splendid nature**, the Academy provides an ideal retreat where **artistic focus meets natural serenity**. This environment fosters deep concentration, inspiring students both musically and personally.

Program & Faculty

The program gathers an experienced group of acclaimed **faculty-artists** representing the USA, Brazil, South Korea, and Russia. Driven by a spirit of shared music, camaraderie, and dedication to the piano, this week promises to be truly memorable.

Participants will have the valuable opportunity to network, observe peers in group settings, attend workshops and masterclasses, and engage closely with our expert faculty.

Tuition and Registration Details

Deadline	Tuition Fee	Details
Enrollment Fee	\$100 (Non-refundable)	Secures your place in the program.
Early Bird (Until Jan 31, 2026)	\$1,800	Best value for registration.
Standard Rate (Until Apr 30, 2026)	\$2,100	

Late Registration (Until May 30, 2026)	\$2,200	
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Inclusions

The tuition fee provides comprehensive coverage for the week, ensuring a focused and comfortable experience:

- **Instruction:** All workshops, masterclasses, and **two private lessons**.
- **Accommodation:** Furnished dormitory room, linens, and supplies (room and board included for boarding students).
- **Meals:** **All daily meals** are included, **excluding lunch on the excursion day**.
- **Practice:** Dedicated practice pianos available for a minimum of two hours daily.
- **Cultural Access:**
- **Free entry to all IPW concerts by guest artists and faculty.**
- **Opportunity to perform in masterclasses/workshops and the final recital.**
- **A visit to the Frederick's Historical Piano Museum in Ashburnham: <https://www.frederickcollection.org>.**
- **Transportation & Excursion:** Bus transportation for all off-campus activities, events, and excursions.
- A full-day excursion to a notable area of interest is planned. The final destination will be determined by weather conditions and participant preference, selecting from the options below:
 - **Tanglewood** (The summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra): <https://www.bso.org/tanglewood>
 - **Groton Hill Music School:** <https://grotonhill.org/>
 - **Boston** (e.g., historical sites and museums)
 - **Merrimack Premium Outlet:** <https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=101>

Registration must be done through the online form available on the website. (Link here?)

Your registration will only be validated after payment confirmation. Participants coming from abroad should wait for IPW to contact them to confirm their participation before purchasing airline tickets. Payments can be made by direct bank deposit into IPW's account or by personal check (request the mailing address if this is your preferred option). If your registration is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, your payment will be fully refunded. The number of places is limited. Registrations remain open until this number is reached.

Payment must be made by bank transfer to the following account:

- International Piano Week
- Athol Savings Bank, 388 Main Street, Athol, MA 0133, USA • Account No. 971446547
- TAB No. 211370998

Bank transfer fees are not included in the registration fee and are the sole responsibility of the participants. (The bank typically charges US\$15 to receive and credit the payment to the account. This amount will be the participant's responsibility.)

Please mention "International Piano Week" and the participant's name in the transfer.

If participants prefer to pay by personal check or any other method, please mention this in your registration.

Com certeza. Aqui está o texto em inglês, enfatizando que a taxa de matrícula deve ser paga, independentemente do resultado da solicitação de bolsa:

Scholarships and Registration

Limited Scholarships: Scholarships are limited. Interested candidates must contact us directly to initiate the application process, which is subject to the final review and approval of the festival coordination.

Please Note: The **Enrollment Fee must be paid to formalize the application** and is non-refundable, regardless of whether a scholarship is granted.