

**Want to experience something unusual this fall with music?
Join the VENI ACADEMY!**

VENI ACADEMY is a community of young people who are eager to play music that they don't typically encounter in school. Experienced tutors, especially players from VENI ensemble, share their way of playing with them, taking care of their artistic growth. As part of this project, the ensemble has performed dozens of concerts in Slovakia, Europe, and even in New York. They've recorded and released two CDs and organized academies for more than 330 students from 10 countries worldwide.

In 2023, VENI ACADEMY is coming back to **Banská Bystrica**. We are offering you a unique opportunity to sign up for the autumn academy from **October 8th to 13th, 2023**, in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia.

No matter what instrument you play, we'd love to have you, especially if you are a student from any year of a music conservatory or music university and know your instrument well.

For the VENI ACADEMY 4x4 project, **20 students** will be awarded **scholarships**, selected from all applications.

If you don't receive a scholarship, **you can still be part of the project**. However, you'll need to cover the accommodation costs for 6 nights (October 8th - 14th, 2023) at **90 EUR** (double room) or **180 EUR** (single room).

Tutors and guests of this year's academy:

- Ivica Gabrišová (SK), flute
- Robert Kurdybacha (PL), conductor
- Péter Tornyai (HU), viola, conductor
- David Danel (CZ), violin
- Tibor Feledi (SK), keyboard instruments
- Daniel Matej (SK), artistic director, conductor
- Ivan Šiller (SK), keyboard instruments, guest

We'll also have four composers as guests, featuring their works.

Selected compositions for this year's academy:

Vojtěch Šembera – *S rozvahou a nasloucháním od nikam do nikam*, CZ

Tamás Frank – *Dicey*, HU

Monika Wierbiłowicz – *BUTTERFLY EXTRAVAGANZA*, PL

Adam Štefunko – *Solitarios entre la gente*, SK

Activities:

- creative mornings
- lectures and discussions with lecturers and composers
- workshops
- concert

Locations:

The academy will take place at the Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica, Jána Kollára 22. The concert will be part of the multidisciplinary festival JAMA in the historic town of Banská Štiavnica, near Banská Bystrica.

Conditions:

- participation is possible for a maximum of 30 students
- accommodation in Banská Bystrica will be provided and covered for a maximum of 20 students
- the application must be submitted by filling out the questionnaire by September 15th, 2023
- if you play an instrument that requires amplification, please arrange it yourself (electric guitar, keyboard, etc.)
- if you play the piano, you must bring your own keyboard. No instruments will be available for borrowing.
- you'll receive all further information after submitting the application

As part of the project, we are organizing **introductory workshops** that will take place in the **V4 countries**, and you will have the opportunity to attend them. These workshops **are open** to students who cannot be part of the academy as well. It's a wonderful chance to engage with music enthusiasts and experience the VENI ACADEMY spirit even if you can't participate in the full program.

September 11, 2023 - Konzervatórium Bratislava, Slovakia

September 12, 2023 - Liszt Academy, Hungary

September 12, 2023 - Konzervatórium Kroměříž, Czech Republic

October 2, 2023 - Academy of Music. K. Lipiński, Wrocław, Poland

For VENI ACADEMY 4x4 you can apply here: <https://forms.gle/JCyyoQcNjrU5Exz36>

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