

Intensive Violin Masterclasses “Gaudeamus”

At the Gaudeamus House, Utrecht, The Netherlands

From Tuesday August 18th until Sunday August 23, 2026

The special venue “Huize Gaudeamus”, in the village of Bilthoven near Utrecht, was the house of the Dutch composer Julius Röntgen, a friend of Johannes Brahms and other great composers. In the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam the name of Julius Röntgen is still remembered as one of the “Golden Names”.

The Gaudeamus House is a place where artists still meet. The foundation owning the house is regularly organizing concerts and is now offering, in collaboration with “Friends of the Gaudeamus House”, a week of

Intensive Violin Masterclasses

Two distinguished violin professors, **Kees Hulsmann** and **Ilona Sie Dhian Ho**, will be teaching a maximum of 8 students.

The course is exceptional because of the extensive lesson plan tailored to each student, workshops on posture and the care of host families.

Students that have been accepted to join are offered:

1. A meeting to prepare the work in the masterclass

In this (online) meeting a tailored plan, including exercises and repertoire, is made based on your personal wishes and the evaluation of your application video. A focus will be selected to truly make progress. Repertoire and technical work will be well aligned to ensure an organic way of teaching and practice during the masterclass.

2. Individual exercises to prepare the course

These exercises will be sent 3 weeks before the course and are connected to the selected repertoire and support the technical focus that is chosen

3. Intensive week of masterclasses

90 minutes of individual lessons daily, workshops on posture, individual support on how to practice meaningfully daily

4. Festive Concert on August 23

An experienced pianist will be available for lessons and rehearsals.

How to apply?

Email below information before June 1st to: secretaris@huizegaudeamus.nl :

1. **Name:**
2. **Email address:**
3. **Date of birth:**
4. **Address:**
5. **Country:**
6. **Link to a recent recording of you playing two contrasting pieces**

Further information:

- Applicants that have been accepted will be informed before June 15th
- **Course fee is € 700** including all lessons, room and board
- Breakfast will be at your host family, lunch and dinner at the Gaudeamus House
- You have to organize the transport to the railway station of Bilthoven. Please arrive at the station between 11 and 12 AM on August the 18th from where you will be picked up
- For questions contact: i.siedhianho@koncon.nl