ZODIAC

MUSIC ACADEMY & FESTIVAL

CHAMBER MUSIC

ON THE

FRENCH RIVIERA

13th Season July 2-15 2026

Côte D'Azur

FRANCE



Sebastian Casleanu Nuremberg State Philharmonic,

concertmasteR

Vanessa Mollard Zodiac Trio

VIOLA **Francis Kefford** Fitzwilliam String

Ouartet

CELLO

Ariel Barnes Nüremberg Symphony Orchestra

Principal Cello

CHAMBER MUSIC Zodiac Trio

CLARINET Kliment Krylovskiy Zodiac Trio

FLUTE

Sergio Pallottelli Conservatorio A. Vivaldi Alessandria

PIANO Francine Kay **Princeton University**

Riko Higuma Zodiac Trio, Manhattan School of Music

COMPOSITION **Robert Paterson** Mostly Modern Projects

MASTERCLASS ARTISTS Members of the Cannes **National Orchestra**









Apply: www.zodiacfestival.com

Application Deadline: April 1st, 2026 (early bird: February 15th, 2026)







INSTRUMENTAL

Private Instruction:

Each instrumental student will have four, onehour, individual lessons with the professor of their choice.

Chamber Music Coaching:

Students will be assigned to at least one chamber music ensemble, which will meet and rehearse daily. Each ensemble, will receive daily coachings from the Zodiac Trio and the attending faculty.

Performance:

Each student is guaranteed to give at least one solo performance, and to participate in a chamber music performance. The Zodiac Music Academy & Festival is engaged by various venues on the Côte D'Azur, which provide students with opportunities to perform throughout the region. All performances are video and audio recorded, and are made available to the students at the end of the session, free of charge.

Specialized Classes, Clinics, and Seminars: Alongside clinics and studio labs led by the attending faculty, the Zodiac Music Academy & Festival will offer educational clinics open to all students.

Excursions: Beyond concerts showcasing both students and faculty, the Festival will arrange an excursion to the Cap of Nice.
Participants will explore Old Nice, Nice Castle, the Promenade des Anglais, and, of course, enjoy time at the beach!

COMPOSITION



Chamber Music Ensemble Collaboration Each composer will collaborate with a chamber music ensemble (or students musician), as they work together to prepare the commissioned work for a performance.

Daily Composition Seminars

Composition students will meet with Mr. Paterson every morning as a group to discuss a myriad of topics and review works in progress as a group.

Three One-Hour Lessons

Each student will receive private instruction in the form of three one-hour lessons.

Performance of Commissioned Work Participating composers will be commissioned to write an 8-minute work, which will be performed at the end of the Festival.

Composer/Performance Seminars with the Zodiac Trio and Attending Faculty

Daily visits from the Zodiac Trio and other attending faculty to the composition seminar to discuss their instruments and experiences working with composers and new music in general.