

Norwegian Academy of Music - Traditional Norwegian Folk Music

Course in Traditional Norwegian Folk Music

The Norwegian Academy of Music offers a one week course in Norwegian Traditional Folk Music. Students will learn to play traditional songs and to dance traditional folk dance. There will be lectures highlighting the map of Norway with the different traditions, the history of the folk instruments including the fiddle, Hardanger fiddle, different traditional wind instrument and of course the rich vocal tradition including the use of micro tonality. Lectures include Steinar Ofstad, Unni Løvlid and Håkon Høggemo.

Organization

In the practical part of the course, students will be put in groups with the regular bachelor students at the Academy, giving an excellent opportunity to get in touch with Scandinavian students. In groups, the students will learn Norwegian tunes by ear and perform them at the dance on the last day of the course. The students will also learn how to dance the traditional dances, a fun way to get to know local students.

The lectures will be offered in English to accommodate the international students.

Activities

On the last day of the course, a dance will be held with the folk music students form the band. There will be food, music and dancing.

All international students are welcome to join the sledding trip. Forest and mountains surround Oslo and a very short metro-ride from the Academy brings you right into the woods. Cross country skiing is the national sport of Norway, but it is not for beginners. We have therefore chosen the other Norwegian winter tradition - sledding, and if the weather allows we will arrange a proper winter experience for you.

Practical

Bring your instrument and your dancing shoes! Warm winter clothes are recommended.

About the Norwegian Academy of Music

The Norwegian Academy of Music (NMH) is the main institution for higher music education in Norway offering programs on bachelor, master and PhD level. NMH is located in Norway's capital, Oslo.

NMH has 650 students, 25 research scholars, 120 teaching staff members and 40 members of the administrative staff. The Academy offers a wide range of study programs. Bachelor programs are offered in music performance, music education, church music, conducting and composition. The music performance and music education programs are offered in both classical genres, improvised music/jazz and folk music. The master programs include music performance in several genres, music technology, conducting, composition, church music, applied music theory, music education and music therapy. On PhD level, NMH offers programs in performance practice, music education and music therapy. NMH is also a partner in the Norwegian Artistic Research Fellowship Program.