

Class Topics

- ~ *Articulation - technique and application in music*
- ~ *Finger facility - exercises and drills to improve security and agility*
- ~ *Breathing and Blowing - development of breath control and tone*
- ~ *Sight reading and playing by ear - methods and exercises*
- ~ *Keeping Your Place and Rhythm Training - repertoire chosen to fully incorporate these skills into your playing*
- ~ *Consort repertoire and ad hoc playing sessions*
- ~ *Special Topics based on participants' requests*
- ~ *Lecture/discussions on music history and musical forms*

Workshop Location

The Next Level Recorder Retreat will take place at Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts in Carmel Valley, California. Just inland from Carmel by the Sea, Carmel Valley is a quiet village surrounded by wooded hillsides. Hidden Valley's secluded grounds include a dormitory wing with small but comfortable rooms for two, each with its own bathroom. Meals are served in the adjacent dining hall, and classes take place in various class rooms or the theater. Participants may choose between a double room with roommate (we do our utmost to match people well) or a single room (same size room - no roommate). Availability of single rooms is limited. While the class schedule will be intense, there will also be time for hiking and enjoying the surroundings.

Summary of Practical Information to Save

- Check-in: Friday, February 24, 1:00 - 1:30 pm (lunch is not included)
- Classes end: Tuesday, February 28, 12:00 pm (lunch is not included)
- Room checkout: Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 am
- Tuition: \$365
- Room and Board: \$310 (Double) or \$390 (Single)
- Contact: (510) 882-1169 or tishberlin@sbcglobal.net
- Instructors: Frances Blaker and Letitia Berlin (visit www.tibiaduo.com for more information). A third teacher will be added if enrollment warrants.

Process and Application

- Step 1. Rate your playing and musicianship using the Berlin/Blaker Self-Rating Chart (see our website, www.tibiaduo.com)
If you need help with this, send us an e-mail at tishberlin@sbcglobal.net.
- Step 2. Fill out the application on the reverse, including your current rating scores. (Please note that these scores are not a judgment, but a measuring tool to help you work on your music in a focused and rewarding manner.)
- Step 3. Send the application with your deposit* check for \$200 to Tish Berlin, 806 Washington Ave., Albany CA 94706 (make check out to Letitia Berlin). Remainder of tuition and room and board payment is due December 15th, 2016.
- Method of Acceptance: We will compare applications received by December 10th and choose the sixteen best-matched applicants who have compatible areas of interest.

Tuition: \$365

Room and Board: Double room - \$310; Single room - \$390

Please note that in order to cover the cost of our venue with a limited enrollment we cannot accept commuters to this program. If you want to commute you can sign up for the retreat but must still pay tuition and the double room fee.

Arrival and Departure Times:

Check-in will be Friday February 24, 12:00 to 1:30 pm
 (the first class begins at 2:00 pm)

Student performance and party on Monday evening

Classes end Tuesday at 12 pm

Room check-out is 10:00 am, Tuesday, February 28

*Deposit checks will be returned to any applicants not admitted to this workshop. Admitted applicants who cancel will forfeit the deposit. Balances are non-refundable unless a replacement participant is found.

Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone and e-mail _____

Double Room (\$310) _____ Single Room (\$390) _____

Your scores from the Berlin/Blaker Self-Rating Chart

If you have trouble rating yourself send us an e-mail requesting help.

Please rate yourself even if we know you. Your ratings may have changed!

Tone _____; Fingers _____; Tongue _____; Breathing _____;

Intonation/Listening _____; Rec. Sizes _____;

Sight reading _____; By Ear _____; Clefs _____; Rhythm _____;

Phrasing _____; Keeping place _____; Repertoire _____;

Expression _____ Styles/Ornamentation _____;

Total Score _____

Overview: Rate your skills 1 (worst) to 5 (best) in the following areas: reading complicated rhythms __ tone quality __ switching from F to C recorders __ tonguing facility __

Recorder sizes you play and will bring _____

Areas of particular interest*: _____

*We choose topics based on your answers. Possible areas to consider: Baroque ornamentation, Renaissance ornamentation, extended (modern) techniques, improvisation, impossible rhythms, ensemble-leading, etc

Deposit check enclosed: \$200 _____

Do you need information on the Jeanne Lynch Scholarship? _____

Climb to the...



Next Level Recorder Retreat

February 24 – 28, 2017

A retreat for intermediate and up recorder players who want to work intensively on technique and musical skills

Instructors: Frances Blaker, Letitia Berlin

This retreat will use topics from the Berlin/Blaker Self-Rating Chart (see www.tibiaduo.com).

Enrollment is limited to 16 participants. In the event of sufficient enrollment we will accept up to 22 students and add a third instructor.

The Jeanne Lynch Scholarship pays partial tuition, room and board for one participant. Please inquire for more information.