# 2026 Important Festival Dates

## Application/Payment/Refund Schedules

| | |
|---|---|
| January 31 | Scholarship/early application deadline 1 ($75) |
| February 28 | Application deadline 2 ($100) |
| March 31 | Application deadline 3 ($150) |
| April 1- | *Late applications will be accepted with $200 fee until all spaces are filled |
| June 1 | All remaining balance due; No refund of deposit after this date |
| July 1 | Last day for cancellation with full refund of remaining program fees |
| July 20 | Last day for 50% refund of the remaining paid program fees; cancellation after this date does NOT entitle to refund of any kind |

## Festival Calendar

| | |
|---|---|
| August 7 | Arrival & Hotel check-in; Festival Registration |
| August 8-16 | Full BIMFA schedule in session<br>▪ Daily Master Class Series<br>▪ Daily Individual Lessons & Chamber coaching<br>▪ Artist-faculty Concert Series<br>▪ Piano Solo Competitions (Junior & Senior Divisions)<br>▪ Chamber-Ensemble Competition<br>▪ Student Performance/Showcase/Award Concerts |
| August 14-15 | Young Artists Concerts (Solo & Ensemble) |
| August 16 | Closing Ceremony; followed by a Banquet Lunch<br>BIMFA Gala Finale Concert |
| **August 17-19** | **3-day Beijing Cultural Excursions** |
| August 20 | Hotel check-out and departure for all |

# Sample Day's Schedule

**Morning**

| | |
|---|---|
| 8:00-9:00 AM | Breakfast |
| 8:30 AM | Practice Rooms Open* |
| 9:00-12:00 PM | Individual Lessons |
| 10:00-12:00 PM | Master Classes/Lectures*** |

**Afternoon**

| | |
|---|---|
| 12:00-1:30 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00-2:00 PM | Performance Showcase**; Noon Rest Period |
| 2:00-5:00 PM | Individual Lesson/Chamber Music Coaching/Orchestra Rehearsal*** |

**Evening**

| | |
|---|---|
| 5:30-7:00 PM | Dinner |
| 7:30 -9:30 PM | Festival Concert Series/Performances/Events/Activities |

* Practice rooms are available daily for the duration of the festival

** Performance Showcases and student recitals take place several times during the festival at the discretion of the BIMFA committee and faculty; all festival participants are welcome and encouraged to perform

*** Individual lessons and chamber music coaching are scheduled throughout the day according to each teacher's timetable

*NOTE: Festival and daily schedules are subject to change without notice. Please contact for the most-updated festival information