

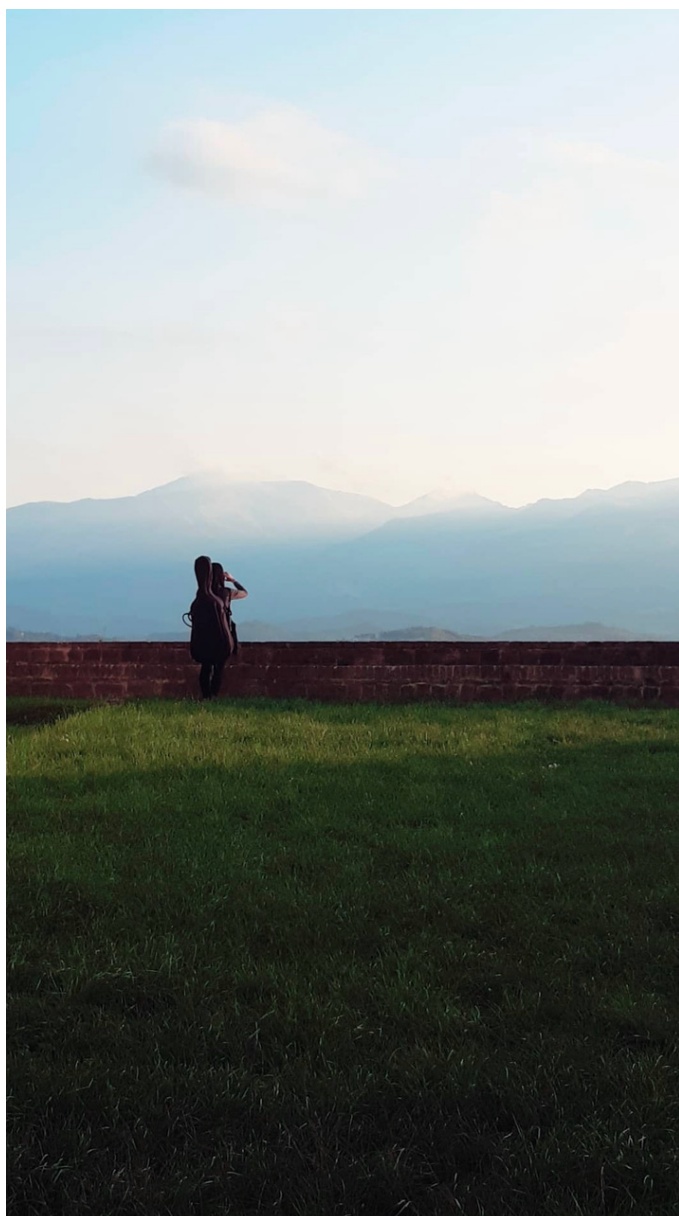
MARIO BRUNELLO
CELLO MASTERCLASS – 8th Edition

SAN GINESIO, 3–8 August 2026

Application deadline: 30 June 2026

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MARIO BRUNELLO MASTERCLASS – GENERAL INFORMATION



Mario Brunello will hold a masterclass from 3 to 8 August 2026 in San Ginesio, Marche, in the province of Macerata.

The masterclass is part of the project “*I Suoni dei Borghi*”, promoted by the Pro Loco Association of San Ginesio and the Municipality of San Ginesio, with the support of the Marche Region.

It was born from Mario Brunello’s innovative educational vision, where music meets the discovery of a territory deeply affected by the 2016 earthquake.

The lessons will revolve around three key concepts that will guide an intensive week of study:

Method – how to practice

Form – how to play

Nature – as a source of inspiration



MARIO BRUNELLO MASTERCLASS – TWO TYPES OF MASTERCLASS

There are two different types of masterclass:

Advanced Masterclass

Availability: 3 places (or more at the discretion of Maestro Brunello)

Selected cellists will each receive **3 individual lessons**, each lasting **1 hour and 30 minutes**. Pianist **Maria Semeraro** will be present.

Total fee: €700

The fee includes:

- Individual lessons
- Full board and accommodation in a double room (from 2 to 8 August, 7 nights)
- Participation in all weekly activities

- Concerts
- Full access to the complete educational experience

"9–99 Years" Masterclass

Open to participants of all ages and levels: students, professionals, and non-professionals.

Total fee: €600

- **The fee includes:**

- 2 individual lessons with Mario Brunello (duration at the Maestro's discretion)
- Chamber music sessions with **Sanne de Graaf**
- Full board and accommodation in a double room (from 2 to 8 August, 7 nights)
- Participation in all weekly activities
- Concerts
- Full access to the complete educational experience

CHAMBER MUSIC

All active participants have free access to chamber music lessons led by cellist Sanne de Graaf, assistant to Maestro Mario Brunello.

Lessons for the "9–99 Years" Masterclass will be based on Mario Brunello's book **"24 giorni di studio" (24 Days of Practice)**

(for those who do not already own it, copies will be available on site at a cost of €30).

Auditors are also welcome. Anyone wishing to attend as an auditor and receive further information may write to: masterclassbrunello@gmail.com

MARIO BRUNELLO MASTERCLASS – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



For the Advanced Masterclass

Admission is subject to selection based on video submission.

Applicants must provide:

- Standard application form (link below)
- Link to a video file of one or more performances (maximum 15 minutes, repertoire of choice, excluding J. S. Bach)
- Short Curriculum Vitae (maximum 1 Word page)
- Copy of an identity document
- Bank transfer receipt for the first installment of **€40.00** (non-refundable), required to access the selection process
- List of the pieces intended to be performed during the masterclass

For the “9–99 Years” Masterclass

Applicants must provide:

- Standard application form (link below)
- Short Curriculum Vitae with a brief motivation letter (maximum 1 Word page), indicating your favorite musical theme
- Copy of an identity document
- Bank transfer receipt for the first installment of **€30.00** (non-refundable)

For both masterclasses

Bank transfer for deposit and final balance payable to PRO LOCO SAN GINESIO

Reason for payment: Masterclass Mario Brunello

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Link to download application forms

The deadline for final payment, which must be completed before arrival in San Ginesio, will be communicated after the selection process.

MARIO BRUNELLO MASTERCLASS – WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, 2 August

Arrival (recommended)

Monday, 3 August

“9–99 Years” Masterclass lessons

Tuesday, 4 August

Morning: **Method** – visit to an example of high local craftsmanship

Afternoon: Advanced Masterclass lessons

Wednesday, 5 August

Morning: **Form** – visit to an example of the region’s artistic heritage
Afternoon: Advanced Masterclass lessons

Thursday, 6 August

Nature – nature excursion in the Sibillini Mountains

Friday, 7 August

Full day of Advanced Masterclass lessons

Saturday, 8 August

“9–99 Years” Masterclass lessons

Sunday, 9 August

Departure

CONCERTS

Monday, 3 August

Mario Brunello, cello

Thursday, 6 August

Small concert in the mountains

Friday, 7 August

Musical event with the chamber music group

Saturday, 8 August

Concert by the Advanced Masterclass cellists

ACCOMMODATION AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The fee includes accommodation in a double room.

Participants requesting single-room accommodation will be required to pay the difference between the shared-room fee and the total single-room cost.

Participants will be hosted in facilities that will be communicated after the selection process.

Each participant may be accompanied by **one accompanying person only**, to be declared at the time of application. Food and accommodation costs for accompanying persons will be at their own expense.

The entire group, including participants from both masterclasses (and any registered accompanying persons or auditors), will take part in all activities throughout the duration of the project.

Lessons will be held in the **Auditorium of the Church of Sant'Agostino**.

HOW TO REACH SAN GINESIO

San Ginesio is located within the Sibillini Mountains National Park, at an altitude of 700 meters.

Awarded the **Orange Flag**, it is one of *"The Most Beautiful Villages in Italy"*, and in 2021 it received the **UNWTO Best Tourism Village Award** from the United Nations World Tourism Organization.

Participants are encouraged to travel by car, which will be useful for the discovery routes around the area that form an integral part of the masterclass.

<https://www.sanginesioturismo.it/contatti/>

By train / bus

The nearest railway station is **Tolentino**.

From there, take the bus to San Ginesio (stop: **Porta Picena**).

Bus timetables are available on the **Autolinee Sasp** website (+39 0733 663137) or by consulting the official timetable table.

By plane / ferry

The nearest airport is **Ancona/Falconara Airport**, approximately 90 km from the village.

The nearest port is **Ancona Port**, approximately 80 km away.

(Links to official websites)

By car

From the **A14 motorway**, whether arriving from the north or south, take the **Civitanova Marche** exit and follow the **SS77** to the **Macerata Ovest–Sforzacosta** exit.

From there, continue on the **SP78** toward **Passo San Ginesio**.

Parking

Free parking is available in the parking area marked with the **P** symbol on the map, or in the adjacent high-quality camper parking area.

The organizing body will contact admitted candidates indicating place and time.

All details contained in this announcement may be subject to change due to unavoidable technical, artistic, organizational, health-related, and/or force majeure reasons. Any such changes will be promptly communicated to selected participants.

MASTERCLASS PROJECT TEAM

Annalisa Pavoni – Project Manager and General Director

Sanne de Graaf – Chamber Music Coordinator and Musical Assistant

Maria Semeraro – Pianist

Bianca Ottaviani – Organization and Logistics

Leonardo Damen - Social media manager

Implementing organization details

Instagram: Masterclass Mario Brunello

Facebook: I Suoni dei Borghi

ADVANCED MASTERCLASS ALUMNI 2019–2025



2019

Filippo Boldrini • Luca Colardo • Mauro Paolo Monopoli

2020

Luca Giovannini • Enrico Mignani • Ettore Pagano
Joseph Reynolds

2021

Luca Giovannini • Ettore Pagano • Marina Pavani

2022

Ettore Pagano • Margherita Succio • Eleonora Testa • Ella Wimbiscus

2023

Luca Giovannini • Ettore Pagano • Maria Salvatori • Eleonora Testa

2024

Francesco Angelico • Davide Cellacchi • Lorenzo Lomartire

Ettore Pagano • Maria Salvatori • Eleonora Testa

2025

Francesco Angelico • Stefano Bruno • Paolo Tedesco

Eleonora Testa