

Piano at Tigh na Breac 2024

**9th to 14th October 2024 and
16th to 21st October 2024**

Arrive: Wednesday afternoon.

Depart: after breakfast, Monday morning.

Annie Hind and Diane Baxter are again offering two piano workshop courses for eight intermediate or advanced participants.

Designed with creativity, beauty and camaraderie as the backdrop, this inspirational workshop will promote development and confidence in your piano performance.

By incorporating teaching and performance, with tools for reducing anxiety, we provide a personalized experience for each player.

Our workshops will be held at Annie and Andrew Hind's home 'Tigh na Breac' near Oban in Argyll.

Enjoy wonderful supportive and inspiring teaching from Dr Diane Baxter, Professor Emerita of Music at Western Oregon University.

You will learn in both masterclasses and individual lessons, enjoy a lecture by Diane on 'Performance Anxiety and how to Manage it', and play in the end of course concert. Juliet Bruce will provide some additional supportive teaching to each pianist.

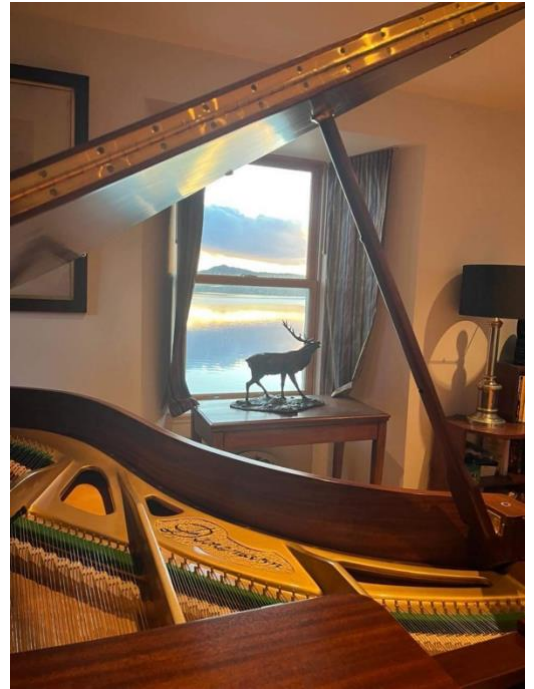
There will be carefully scheduled practice times for all, time for group discussion and socialising at mealtimes.

For those who like the outdoors you could not wish for a more inspiring place to walk, run or 'wild swim' in Loch Etive. For those who would rather stay in the warm and dry, the house has been described as "the most expensive and luxurious, wildlife and bird-watching hide - ever!"

The house party format of the weekend means you don't have to worry about meals or refreshments, with home cooked meals provided. Share conversation and the love of music with your fellow pianophiles.

This will leave you inspired and refreshed to enjoy the stunning scenery and light and spacious surroundings.

There is an impressive Danemann grand of 6' 6", a great quality British made piano from the 1970's and a lovely tropicalised Chappell upright. We have a variety of digital pianos/keyboards with headphones for practicing undisturbed.



Over the weekend each pianist will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have individual private lessons.• Participate in group classes.• Have ample scheduled practice time.• Enjoy a lecture on Performance Anxiety, and discuss in the group• Enjoy and concert on Wednesday evening• Perform in the Sunday afternoon concert	Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A five-night stay at Tigh na Breac• All meals and refreshments including wine at dinner• Transfer to and from house and Oban Station <p>£900 for Pianists £375 for Partners - when sharing a room</p>
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Travel advice:

It is possible to get from Glasgow to Oban *Direct* on the train but not from Edinburgh - you must travel to Glasgow first, then on to Oban.

We will collect you from Oban Station around mid-afternoon. Train times: usually arrive in Oban late morning, around lunchtime and mid-afternoon. There are not that many trains per day - and it is wise to book a seat, or you may find yourself without one, the trains are usually quite short! You can look up train times on www.trainline.com

The drive and the train journey are through beautiful landscape and a pleasant experience!

We can supply exact driving directions or use your SatNav to PA37 1RL.
The full address is:

Tigh na Breac
Bonawe
North Connel
Argyll
PA37 1RL

Annie's Mobile 07885 620823

From the Connel Bridge on the A83, Tigh na Breac is about 8 miles along the side of Loch Etive. You can see driving instructions on the website, under About.

A two-and-a-half-hour drive from Glasgow International Airport, a distance of about 97 miles. From Edinburgh, it is about a 2.5 - 3.5-hour drive depending on traffic.

Oban Station is about thirty minutes' drive from Tigh na Breac.

You can find out more about the house at www.tighnabreac.com.

Trains to Oban go from Glasgow Queens Street.

Arrival and Departure times:

For each course, we hope you will be able to arrive on the Wednesday afternoon, when we will have a welcome tea prepared for you. There will be a concert followed by supper, once we are all together. Any latecomers will have a meal kept ready for them.

We will say farewell to guests after breakfast on the Monday morning. We can take you to the train station if required.

Oban is a nice town, and you may want to visit the Distillery before you head off home!