



# Alpine Cello Academy

Organised by **Machinchouettes** at Alpe Bognago, Valle Cannobina, Italy  
*In collaboration with Scandinavian Cello School*

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A UNIQUE CHANCE TO ATTEND  
A FULLY IMMERSIVE RESIDENCY IN THE ITALIAN ALPS

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Picture this: pristine nature. An entourage of majestic mountains. And... your cello?

In April 2025, „Machinchouettes” (in collaboration with Scandinavian Cello School) invites you for a residency in Bognago, an isolated and picturesque mountain hamlet in the heart of the Lepontine Alps (Valle Cannobina, Italy).

The residency takes place approximately forty-minutes hike away from civilization - offgrid and detached from society – accessible only by foot, in a once abandoned secret mountain retreat.

Leave the distractions of modern, urban life behind and hone your cello playing with 5 lessons under the guidance of Prof. Jacob Shaw assisted by Johannes Gray.

Connect with other talented cellists from all over Europe and, together, feel your inspiration reawakened amongst an unforgettable alpine scenery and the unique educational ethos of Scandinavian Cello School.

**Join the Alpine Cello Academy now and make music in the land of fairies!**

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**Professor Jacob Shaw:** Founder, Scandinavian Cello School / Professor of Cello at the Royal Northern College of Music

**Johannes Gray:** SCS Young Artist / 2nd Prize (with two additional special prizes) at the International Bach Competition, Winner Pablo Casals Award, Gold Medal Fischhoff Competition & APCAV Prize Verbier Festival

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### First call - 25 day residency

Date of residency: 7th April - 1st May 2025

A 25 day EU sponsored residency, including all travel costs & all accommodation costs: 100% SCHOLARSHIP !

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- You are an EU-country legal resident</li><li>- You are emerging culture professional in the field of classical music</li><li>- You are a cellist or have a specific link to cello repertoire</li></ul> | <p>Submit an artistic portfolio including but not limited to - an artistic statement, a project plan, several audio-visual examples on a YouTube link to <a href="mailto:lesmachinchouettes@gmail.com">lesmachinchouettes@gmail.com</a></p> |
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Deadline: **25th May 2024** (no application fee required) // Notification of selection: **1st June 2024**



### Second call - 7 day residential masterclass

Date of residency: 7th April - 14th April 2025

100% Scholarship for Tuition: 5 lessons are included, plus group classes & other activities including 2 lessons with Prof. Jacob Shaw & 3 lessons with Johannes Gray

#### Full board and lodging fee: 750 euro

*Some part-scholarships & full scholarships for accommodation are available!  
Please include an additional letter explaining why you need a scholarship.*

Includes pick up/drop off from Malesco station (exact arrival time tbc after acceptance to Alpine Cello Academy).  
Breakfast, lunch and dinner (including refreshments) is served at the location.  
Accommodation is simple single or double rooms, with ample space for practicing provided.

Additionally, the hosting location offers you an option of prolonging your stay after the masterclass in a form of artistic retreat.  
**Please indicate in your application whether you would like to benefit from this opportunity.** Costs of such a retreat are calculated individually.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- You are between 16-30 years old</li><li>- You are a cellist, either studying full time or a young professional</li></ul> | <p>Submit a letter of motivation, CV, several audio-visual examples on a YouTube link to <a href="mailto:lesmachinchouettes@gmail.com">lesmachinchouettes@gmail.com</a></p> |
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Application deadline 1: **November 1st** (no application fee)

Application deadline 2: **December 1st** (25 euro non-refundable fee - link for payment will be sent via PayPal)

Notification of selection & payment of full board & lodging fee: **10th December 2024**