

***Alina Kiryayeva***

***Piano***

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Praised for her powerful command of the instrument, unique interpretations and clarity of sound, Alina Kiryayeva captivates the audiences with her profound philosophical insight and charismatic stage presence.

A native of the Ukraine, Ms. Kiryayeva performed her first solo recital at age 8 and her solo debut with an orchestra at the age of 11. The First Prize winner of the Senigallia International Competition, Italy, Ms. Kiryayeva has also claimed top prizes in several international piano competitions in the USA, including the Grace Welsh International Competition, and the California Young Artist International Competition. She was honored by the Ukrainian President, Leonid Kravchuk, with the State Award for Achievements in Arts. She has also been awarded the Fannie Gottlieb-Harkavi Scholarship and Susan Rose Piano Scholarship.

Ms. Kiryayeva has toured her native Ukraine as well as Russia, Mexico, France Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland, Japan and United States. In recent seasons she has performed with the Kharkov State Philharmonic and State Opera Theatre Orchestras, The Imperial Valley Symphony orchestra and New York Symphonic Ensemble Orchestra.

In an award-winning collaboration with the internationally acclaimed clarinetist Maksim Shtrykov Alina appeared in New York debut recital in Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, participation in Chamber Music Marathon at the Morse Recital Hall, New York, the Concerto Takes Manhattan Series at Yamaha Hall in New York, Young Artist Concert Series in Bergenfield, NJ and the Concert Series at Jefferson's Ferry, NY. This season's upcoming chamber music performances include multiple appearances on stage in USA, Belarus and Ukraine.

Completing her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Degrees as a scholarship recipient at The Juilliard School, where she was a student of Dr. Oxana Yablonskaya and Prof. Jerome Lowenthal, she continues her education on the Doctoral Program at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

