

BILJANA GORUNOVIĆ

was born in 1968. in Belgrade. During her primary and secondary studies in Serbia she won several first prizes at state and federal competitions.

She continued her schooling in Moscow at the *Tchaikovsky State Conservatory*, starting with preparatory courses under professor Larisa Mohel and afterwards completing undergraduate and graduate studies in the class of professor. Gleb Akselrod.

She also obtained a master's degree at the *Faculty of Music* in Belgrade, in the class of professor Jokut Mihailović. She defended her doctorate and received her PhD degree in art on April 18th 2016.

She won the *Diploma of Honors* at the *Maria Canals International Competition* in Barcelona 1991.

She was the winner of the *Second International Competition* in Chopin's music in Göttingen (Germany), 1993.

She has been a long time member of the *Orpheus Ensemble* of the *Jeunesses Musicales* of Belgrade. As a soloist or member of various chamber ensembles she took part in numerous concerts in Serbia. She appeared with the *Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra*, *Stanislav Binički Symphony Orchestra of the Yugoslav Army Artistic Ensemble* and with *St. George Strings*.

She performed with the *State String Quartet „Glinka“* Moscow, and with the singers Ludmila Gros, Mirjana Savić, Sanja Kerkez, Jelena Vlahović, Katarina Jovanović, and the clarinetist Aleksandar Tasić. She worked with the conductors Uroš Lajovic and Dorian Wilson.

She gave numerous recitals in Russia and the former USSR, also appearing with the singer Ludmila Ivanova. She performed in Greece, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, Norway, Denmark. To commemorate 50 years from the death of the composer Miloje Milojević, she gave the premiere performance of his cycle *Cameos* op. 51, recorded a CD for the national record company *PGP RTS*.

She is a member of the *Union of Performing Musicians* and the winner of the prize of the Union for the best concert in 2006. She is engaged as a professor at the Piano Department of the *Academy of Arts* in Novi Sad. She was Department Head in period 2012-2018.

Her students also achieve pedagogical results in the country and abroad (Belgium, Russia, China, Austria).