

Elena Bobrovskikh, pianist

Elena Bobrovskikh was born in 1980 in Voronezh, Russia. She began playing the piano at the age of six, and in 1990 she entered the Voronezh Central School of Music. In 1992 she won the second prize of the "All-Russian Piano Competition" in Vladimir (Russia) and the same year began her studies with Professor A. Ryabov at the Central School of Music of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Moscow.

During her studies, she performed in numerous concerts in Russia and Ukraine, in solo recitals and chamber music concerts, with the "New Names, "Spivakov" and "Krainev" foundations. In 1993-1994, she toured Argentina with a series of six solo recitals and seven concerto concerts with orchestra.

In 1994 Elena Bobrovskikh won 1st prize at the Vladimir Krainev Young Pianists Competition in Kharkov. Following this success, she was regularly invited by such renowned festivals as the Colmar International Festival (France) in 1994 and 1995, the Braunschweig Classix Festival (Germany) in 1994 -1999, and the Vladimir Krainev Festival in Kiev (Ukraine) in 1997 - 1999.

During the 1997-98-99 seasons, she performed recitals at the Musikverein of Vienna, at the Grand Hall and Rachmaninov Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Moscow, at the Alexander Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, and at the Small Hall of the St. Petersburg Philharmonic. She also performed as soloist with such orchestras as Gnessin Virtuosi, Karelia Symphony Orchestra, Nizhny-Novgorod Philharmonic Orchestra, Voronezh Philharmonic Orchestra, Ukrainian Philharmonic Orchestra, Kharkov Symphony Orchestra, and Orquesta Nacional of Buenos Aires at the Teatro Colon. Her concerts brought her to many different countries : Germany, the Netherlands, France, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Austria, Malaysia, Argentina and Switzerland.

In 1999, having finished her studies at the Central Music School of Moscow, she was admitted to the Hochschule of Music and Theater in Hanover, Germany, in the class of Professor Vladimir Krainev, with whom she completed her studies in solo performance.

During her studies in Hanover, she was a prizewinner at several international competitions : at the International Durler Piano Competition (Anvers, Belgium, 2002), the International Seiler Competition (Kitzingen, Germany, 2003), and the International Piano-Duo Competition (San Marino, Italy, 2004).

From 2005 until 2012 Elena Bobrovskikh was a grant holder of the Yehudi Menuhin Foundation "Live Music Now", playing regularly in chamber music concerts and song recitals organized in Germany by the foundation. She also participated in benefit concerts in Germany organized by UNICEF in 2007 and 2008.

Elena Bobrovskikh now devotes herself primarily to chamber music. In 2010 she founded a duo with the French pianist Valentine Buttard, with whom she performs regularly in four-hands recitals in France and Germany. They have performed in major venues including the International Festival of Besançon and, in June 2014, the Lille Piano(s) Festival. Elena Bobrovskikh lives in Hanover, Germany where, in addition to her concert performances, she teaches the piano.