

## **Biography**

An up-and-coming young pianist from Turkmenistan (former USSR), Dr. Maya Tuylieva was described as swift, yet emotionally sensitive and elegant by audiences around the world. Maya's talent for music was discovered very early. She won her first competition at the age of six and made her national debut with a live performance on Turkmen National Television at the age of eight. She then entered the Turkmen State Special Music School, where she became the winner of numerous state competitions. Among those was the 1999 Turkmen National Young Artist Competition.

Upon graduating from the Special Music School, Maya entered the Turkmen National Conservatory, where she worked and performed with the Turkmen Philharmonic Orchestra and the orchestra of the Turkmen National Conservatory.

In 2001 Maya got an opportunity to study in the US. She received a full scholarship to study at The University of Kansas, where she got her Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. While studying in Kansas the young pianist won several national competitions, including Crescendo Young Musician's Guild Competition and Naftzger Young Artists Competition. Maya was also selected to perform with University of Kansas Symphony Orchestra for their concerti series at Lied Center of Kansas for Performing Arts.

In the spring of 2008, while earning her Master's degree at Arizona State University, Maya Tuylieva won the Cosmo and Buono International Piano Competition in New York, NY. Consequently, she performed in Carnegie Recital Hall at the Winners' Recital Gala Concert in May, 2008. Maya's current performances include Young Artist Tour around Italy and concert series in Japan.