

*“...Like a storyteller, Iva Jovanović led her audience through a dazzling array of pianistic expressions. With acrobatic skill and sensitivity, Jovanović produced a multitude of musical colours...”*

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Iva Jovanović has won many prizes on national and international competitions, i.e. First prize at the prestigious *Nikolai Rubinstein* International Piano Competition for young pianists in Paris (1998) and First prize at the *Zlatko Grgošević* Competition in Zagreb (2008). She has also repeatedly won awards at various national competitions in Piano and Chamber music categories in Serbia and Montenegro.

Iva studied piano under Prof. Arbo Valdma and Prof. Pavel Gililov at the *Hochschule für Musik und Tanz* in Cologne, where she was awarded a Performer's Diploma in 2013. Upon completing her studies in Cologne, she enrolled in a Master's Degree program in *Professional Performance* at the Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen, in the class of the renowned pianist Prof. Hisako Kawamura, which she finished in 2016.

Jovanović is a two-time stipendiary of the Werner Richard - Dr. Carl Dörken Foundation. First in 2011 in the Piano category and in 2016 in the Chamber music category alongside German violinist, Ana Wunsch. For the 2012/2013 season Iva was selected to perform in the *Best of NRW* recital series for the most promising young students from North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). As a result of the success of this series, WDR Radio 3 (Westdeutsche Rundfunk) documented one of her performances for broadcast.

Intensive studies as well collaborations with eminent pianists and professors such as Dirk Mommertz, Wolfgang Manz, Henri Sigfridsson, Bernd Götzke, Paul Badura-Skoda and Robert McDonald provided her with valuable input and great inspiration which is reflected in her strongly expressive and individual style. Inspired by the dedicated educational work of her mentors she has also been a passionate educator of young instrumentalists.

Since the season 2018/19 Iva Jovanović works as a répétiteur and pianist at the Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach, as well as at the Robert Schumann Hochschule in Düsseldorf. In addition, she performs on regular base concerts with the mezzo-soprano Valerie Eickhoff and soloists of the Niederrhein Sinfoniker.