

Maya Irgalina

London-based Maya Irgalina is a Belarusian pianist of Tatar origin.

As a soloist she has played with orchestras including City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Manchester Camerata, Belarusian Opera House Orchestra, RNCM Symphony Orchestra, Batumi Symphony Orchestra and others.

Her festival appearances have taken her to Batumi Music Festival, Malta International Arts Festival, Cheltenham Jazz Festival, Machynlleth Festival, Enniskillen Wilde Weekend Festival, Fragments Festival in London, Zürich Piano Express Festival and Rye Arts Festival.

Maya has won numerous prizes in piano competitions, including Dudley, Sydney, Maria Yudina and Scriabin. She is the winner of the RNCM's highest accolade for solo performance, the Gold Medal, and had her Wigmore Hall debut in February as a winner of the Worshipful Company of Musicians auditions. Her playing was broadcast by ABC (Australia), BBC Radio 3 and Belarusian Radio.

As a collaborative pianist Maya has been selected as Britten-Pears Young Artist and was featured in Semyon Bychkov's Beloved Friend project about Tchaikovsky. She regularly performs with such singers as Fleur Barron, Ruby Philogene and Nicola Said; she has received The Paul Hamburger Prize from Graham Johnson and is an alumna of Franz Schubert Institute in Baden bei Wien, Austria.

Maya is a frequent guest in *Piano Week* as a performer and educator. In 2023 Maya became the ambassador of the PH Pianos, recording videos on the Danish design pianos.

Maya is very grateful to her professors Lilia Ter-Minasian, Graham Scott, Ronan O'Hora and Julius Drake. She holds the International Artist Diploma in Solo Performance from the Royal Northern College of Music and the Master's degree in Music from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

