

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MEDFORD

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CCLASSICAL **V**VESPERS

Iryna Kudielina



In the Gallery, the Paintings of Ted Killian

Bio

Iryna Kudielina was born in the Stakhanov, Lugansky region of Ukraine and started playing the piano when she was six years old. She began music lessons at a music school in Stakhanov, then later specialized in music at a prestigious boarding school in Kharkiv where she graduated with honors and a silver medal.

Iryna went on to attend the Kotlyarevsky Kharkiv National University of Arts and studied under Professor Anna Sagalova, where she graduated with honors and was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance.

In 2019 Iryna was offered a position as a collaborative pianist at Kharkiv Music School No. 13 in Ukraine and took part in the Erasmus+ Project Competition.

In September 2019 she won the Erasmus+ Project Competition and then moved to Porto, Portugal, to study piano under Constantin Sandu at the Superior Conservatory. During her studies she took part in numerous master classes given by professors from Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Germany and Ukraine. Upon completion of her term in Portugal, Iryna returned to the Ukraine and accepted the position of the staff accompanist at I. P. Kitlyarevsky Kharkiv National University of Arts. She also became a piano instructor at the Kharkiv College of Arts and worked as an accompanist at the Kharkiv Secondary Specialized Music School.

In 2022 Iryna was invited to return to Portugal to pursue her Master's degree in Piano Performance at the Conservatory Superior. While studying there, she also worked as an accompanist at the Music Conservatory in Gaia, Portugal and ARTAVE in Famalicao, Portugal. She has performed a series of solo recitals at Teatro Nacional São João in Porto, Portugal. In June of 2022 Iryna was awarded the First Prize at the 16th Concurso Internacional de Piano do Alto Minho and the First Prize at the Premio Elisa de Sousa Pedroso in Vila Real, Portugal.

Currently, Iryna is a graduate student in Piano Performance at SOU studying under Dr. Alexander Tutunov.