

**Dr. Marina Grozdanovic** is a pianist who is described by critics as 'passionate, intensely introspective and deeply expressive'. Her versatile performing career encompasses solo, chamber and orchestral appearances throughout the United States, France, Norway, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria, Serbia and India. She is a co-founder of the *L'estro armonico piano duo* ensemble in collaboration with Maestro Sasha Zappa Bajcic.

Born in Belgrade, Serbia, Marina Grozdanovic holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of Music Art, Belgrade, a Professional Studies diploma from Mannes College of Music, New York, a Master of Music degree from Indiana University, and a Doctorate degree in Piano Performance from the University of Southern California. Her mentors included highly acclaimed pianists from the legendary Russian school such as Arkady Aronov, Alexander Toradze and Daniel Pollack.

Marina Grozdanovic is a winner of the Pinault International Piano Competition in New York, the Ibla Grand Prize International Piano competition in Italy, the Phi Beta National Professional Association for the Performing Arts competition in Los Angeles, the Yugoslavian National Piano Competition, the Grand Prize winner of the Eleventh Annual Piano Ensemble Festival in Fullerton, California, and a recipient of the Martin Family Scholarship for music at Indiana University.

She is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society as well as the Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC). Dr. Grozdanovic is frequently sought after as a juror and a lecturer in various competitions, festivals and masterclasses in the United States and Europe.

In addition to her performing career, she is an established pedagogue with prize winning students in numerous competitions in the United States. She has served as a faculty member of East Los Angeles College, instructing students majoring in piano performance. Dr. Marina Grozdanovic is the founder and proprietor of the prestigious Virtuoso Piano Studio (<http://www.virtuosopianostudio.com>).