

Tuuli Rähni, piano

Pianist Tuuli Rähni was born in Tallinn, Estonia.

She began her musical studies at the age of three. From 1975 to 1986, she studied piano at Tallinn Music High School under Ülle Sisa, and graduated with honors under the guidance of Ivo Sillamaa.

From 1986 to 1991, she studied at the Tallinn State Conservatory (subsequently renamed the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre) under the guidance of Prof. Peep Lassmann, who trained at the Moscow Conservatory under Emil Gilels. Tuuli graduated Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre cum laude.

During her studies at the Tallinn State Conservatory, she also worked there as a piano accompanist for singers.

In 1990 Tuuli was a finalist in Maria Canals International Piano Competition in Barcelona.

In 1991, she began to further her piano studies as a postgraduate student in Germany at the Musical University of Karlsruhe under Prof. G. Hauer and Prof. Werner Genuit, where she was a student until 1997.

She graduated with two master's degrees: as a piano soloist and as a piano chamber musician.

Tuuli won scholarship awards from Germany, Sweden, and Estonia.

After graduation with honors in 1997, she moved with her husband, the clarinetist Selvadore Rähni, to Kyoto, Japan, where she lived until 2005. There, as a piano teacher in high demand, Tuuli taught at the Kyoto Conservatory of Music.

Valued as a soloist and ensemble partner, she has performed in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, the former Yugoslavia, Estonia, Iceland, and Japan. She has recorded for German and Estonian Radio and for Estonian State Television.

Currently, Tuuli lives and works with her family in Iceland as a piano teacher, organist and choir director and teaches a pop singing class.

In Iceland, Tuuli studied at the Icelandic Academy of Sacred Music and graduated as organ soloist and cantor. Tuuli regularly gives concerts as chamber musician, organ soloist and pianist.

Recent organ recitals were in Tallinn, Reykjavik, Hannover, Lüneburg and Bremerhaven.

With her husband, clarinetist Selvadore Rähni, Tuuli has played together for over 30 years.

In 2015 was highly successful CD released with Brahms Sonatas and Schumann Fantasy Pieces. The critic says: "... As far as it comes to rock-solid and accurate intonation in every register, sumptuous phrasing, and impeccable co-operation, I recall no recording that could beat the present release by Selvadore and Tuuli Rähni".

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The next chamber music CD with French Clarinet Music was released in 2019 by ERP Music in collaboration with Naxos.