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**Serafym Ivanov** was born on December 21, 1997, in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, into a musical family. He displayed an early interest in music and began attending music school at the age of 4, quickly participating in concerts. Known for his ability to improvise, compose melodies, and play them by ear, Serafym won a regional piano competition at the age of 8, becoming the youngest participant. He later competed in several international competitions, including the "Ascension" piano competition in Yalta, Crimea, where he won 3rd prize, and another competition in Ukraine, where he took 2nd prize.

Serafym continued his studies at the High College of Music in Mykolaiv, focusing on piano, composition, and conducting. During his time in college, he performed in various cities across Ukraine, won prizes at competitions, worked as an accompanist in an opera studio, and began teaching. His passion for Chopin led him to organize a student theater in college, where he played the main role in a musical and dramatic performance based on Chopin's letters.

In 2018, Serafym graduated with honors from college as a pianist, composer, and conductor of a chamber orchestra. He went on to attend the Odessa National Academy of Music, studying with renowned professors Anatoly Kardoshev, Tatiana Shevchenko, and Alexei Botvinov. In 2021, he performed the premiere of Airat Ichmourtov's concerto with the Brussels Chamber Orchestra in Odessa as part of the 7th International Festival "Odessa Classics."

In March 2022, Serafym moved to Germany, where he became a guest student and later a master's student at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg (HFMT Hamburg), studying piano with Professor Hubert Rutkowski and Carolin Weichert and composition with Professor Gordon Kampe. He has performed in various venues in Hamburg (Tonali Saal, Körber Stiftung, Schnittke Akademie, Alte Druckerei Ottensen, Polish Consulate, Schloss Reinbek) and other cities in Germany, Italy, Poland, Ukraine, France, and Switzerland.

In 2022–2023, he was a composer-in-residence at festivals in France and Belgium. In July 2024, he participated in master classes and concerts at the Telemasterclass festival in Orto, Italy. In November 2024, he gave five solo concerts aboard the cruise ship *Sea Cloud Spirit*.

Serafym has been teaching piano for more than 10 years.

Other accomplishments.

2019 - II prize at Tchaikovsky-fest (Ukraine)

2019 - III prize at Gloria Artis Chopin Competition (Vienna, Austria)

2023 - III International Polish Music Competition - finalist

2024 - Elise Meyer Competition - finalist.

2024 - Chopin Competition Granada - finalist



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