

Darina Švárna



She received her music education at the Conservatory in Žilina in the piano class of Elena Pittnerová. She is a graduate of JAMU in Brno, where she completed her studies with a prominent piano soloist and pedagogue Jan Erml. She performed in concert in a piano duet with Svatava Střelcová, while they also made recordings on Brno radio. In 1973 she was accepted as an accompanist and piano teacher at the Conservatory in Žilina. She took piano lessons with Tatiana Nikolaeva in Bern, Switzerland. As a teacher, she led a piano workshop in Dolný Kubín and numerous methodical days throughout Slovakia. Her students perform in Slovakia and abroad as soloists, chamber musicians and teachers. In national and international competitions she is the chairwoman or member of piano jury (Košice, Dolný Kubín- Piano Orava, Jeseník for piano duos, Beethoven Hradec and other). Among several awards, the most significant is the awarding of the Grand Medal of St. George in the year 2008.