

Ina Radeva Mirtcheva started playing the piano when she was five years old. From 1st to 9th grade she attended L. Pipkov Music School in Sofia, Bulgaria studying piano with K. Karadimchev. In 1998 she moved with her family to the United States and was part of the honors program at Levine School of Music in Washington DC. Ms. Mirtcheva earned her Bachelors and Masters of Music in Piano Performance from George Mason University studying piano with Dr. Anna Balakerskaia. She earned a second Masters in Instrumental Collaborative Piano at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where she had a full graduate scholarship and assistantship and studied piano and chamber music with James Tocco and Sandra Rivers.

Currently **Ms. Mirtcheva** is back at George Mason where she is teaching and taking classes towards a Doctorate in Musical Arts, and she is performing in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Ms. Mirtcheva has performed in numerous recitals as a soloist and with chamber music ensembles at venues including the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institute, Werner Recital Hall, Prosels Castle, The Lyceum. Ina Mirtcheva has also performed internationally in Italy, Holland, Poland, Bulgaria and Canada. She is a recipient of a Strathmore Hall Award, J. C. Cook Scholarship, Peterson Award. In 2003 Ms. Mirtcheva was a GMU Concerto Competition winner and performed with the George Mason Symphony Orchestra in the Annual Music Scholarship Concert. During the summers of 2003 and 2004 Ms. Mirtcheva and her trio D'Anciana were Fellowship Artists at the Yehudi Menuhin Chamber Music Seminar in San Francisco, CA. Ms. Mirtcheva has also participated in the Interharmony International Music Festivals in Soesterberg, Netherlands in their 2003 and 2004 season and The Berkshires in 2007.

In 2008 **Ina Mirtcheva** was part of the Opera, Theatre and Music Festival in Lucca, Italy on a full scholarship. In 2007 she won the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs best Collaborative Artist Award.

In August 2009, **Ms. Mirtcheva** won the Schlern International Competition. She was also the College Division Concerto Competition winner of VMTA and, in the Summer of 2010, she performed in Poland as part of the Mozart Plus festival and in Vipiteno, Italy at the Orfeo International Music Festival.

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