

Tuuli Rähni

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, and she graduated cum laude.

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

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 Solo-pianist 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 clarinettist 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.

Tuuli has performed chamber music with her husband Selvadore Rähni for over 30 years and recorded 2 highly successful CDs with him. The recent CD with French clarinet music was released by ERP and Naxos.

Tuuli moved to Iceland in 2005 and has been working as organist and piano teacher since.

Additionally she studied organ at Icelandic Church Music Academy with Professor Björn Steinar Sólbergsson and finished her studies there both as Cantor as well as Organ soloist.