

Gayane Avakian

Piano & Organ Teacher

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An accomplished pianist and organist, **Gayane Avakian** began her musical education at the age of three under her mother's guidance, who was also a pianist, and at the age of seven, started to perform solo and with the Philharmonic Orchestra. She earned Masters' and Doctorate degrees in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the Komitas State Conservatory in Yerevan, Armenia (USSR), where she later became a faculty member.

Ms. Avakian is a winner of several competitions: Third Prize in The I Trans-Caucasian Chamber Music Competition, Second Prize and Special Prize of Press in The IX International Chamber Music Competition in Trapani, Italy. She has appeared on radio and television in Armenia, Russia, Italy and the USA. From 1992 until 2004, Gayane lived in New York, performing and teaching extensively. In June, 1993 she was a

member of the Jury at The Sixth Annual Youth Piano Competition of New York Performing Arts, Carnegie Hall.

She has performed in Weil Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Juilliard School, Staller Center for the Performing Arts of Stony Brook University, Harry Chapin Lakeside Armenian Church, Bayside, St. Vartan Cathedral and St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, Lanterman Auditorium in La Cañada, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach, Temple Mount Sinai, Los Angeles, Northridge University, Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, and the Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel. In August, 2010 she appeared as a guest artist at the Beverly Hills International Music Festival.

Ms. Avakian was a faculty member at Yerevan State Conservatory, Armenia (1981-1992), New York Conservatory of Music (1993-1995), Long Island School of Music (1995-2001), Tchaikovsky Music School, Walnut, CA (2005-2007). From 2002-2004 she was involved in Piano Performance Studies with Liz Huang at The Juilliard School, New York.

Currently Gayane resides in La Crescenta, California. In addition to her extensive performance schedule, she maintains a very busy private piano studio and is the organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Altadena. She is a member of the Music Teachers' Association of California, the National Federation of Music Clubs, the American Guild of Organists and the Tuesday Musicales of Pasadena, California.

Testimonials from Gayane's Students

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"Gayane is a very warm and caring person who loves teaching piano. She has a lot of experience teaching both Adults and Children. Her students really appreciate her, and her studio has a very nurturing and positive atmosphere. Gayane is very attentive to her students needs, you would be delighted to work with her. Her piano lessons are high quality and very affordable."

-Erika L.
Tujunga, CA

"I have been taking lessons from Gayane for 3+ years now and have really enjoyed each session. Gayane's patience and wonderful teaching techniques have guided my rapid progress from once a week beginner piano lessons to twice a week recital preparations and music theory teaching. She has been very accommodating with my schedule and a joy to work with."

-Gevorg S.
Los Angeles, CA

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