

Being born in Komsomolsk-on-Amour (Russia) on February 27, 1996, Julia (Iuliia) had the opportunity to first meet with Latin and Afro-Cuban music while having classes at the dance studio. Then at the age of 8, she was enrolled in the jazz music school in Rostov-on-Don with her major in jazz piano and minor in vocals. While studying, she first tried herself in composition, arrangement, and leading her band.

Being a student at the Russian State Gnesin Music Academy, she became the first female pianist at the Academic Band led by the member of UNESCO and the legend of Russian jazz history Anatoliy Krall. In 2017 leading her Modern Folk Jazz Collective – the band that performed original jazz music based on Russian folk melodies – she became a GRAND PRIX winner of the Gnesin Jazz Voice Competition and got “Discovery Of The Year” Award alongside with the first prize in the solo nomination. In a couple of days, she became a laureate of the Piano In Jazz Competition.

Both with the Academic Band and her band Julia had been playing at the best Russian venues and participated in festivals held in Moscow International House Of Music and Zaryadye Concert Hall.

In 2018 she had a great opportunity to try herself in making a live screen score for “Le Roue” by Abel Gance (1923). She took a part in the competition and got the Cinema Jazz Awards for this soundtrack that year.

The same year St. Petersburg was chosen to be the capital of the International Jazz Day led by UNESCO, Herbie Hancock, and Igor Butman. Julia`s band was selected to perform at the Mariinsky Theatre as a part of the showcase for the panel of judges from the Herbie Hancock Institute Of Jazz and won a studio recording session.

Julia participated at the Summer Jazz Improv Workshop at the NYU (NY, NY) in July 2018 and in November was invited by Igor Butman to take part in his Future Of Jazz project where she shared the stage with Josh Evans, Kyle Benford, Makar Kashitsin and Moscow Jazz Orchestra. She made a big band arrangement of her original tune “Heart`s Whispers”, which was wonderfully performed together with the Igor Butman Orchestra members.

Among other performances, the collaboration with Benny Brown and Evgeny Ring can be also highlighted. Musicians united in 2019 for the Rostov Jazz Invites festival where they played original European jazz compositions of Benny and made a splash.

In June 2018 Julia was invited by the Russian Consulate General to visit Japan, where she gave a concert as a part of the Russian Seasons.

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