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PROFILE

Armenian-American composer, pianist, and educator whose work spans chamber, choral, and orchestral music. Known for a distinctive visual-arts-inspired approach, treating sound as “paint” to create expressive and colorful musical textures. Her compositions have been performed internationally, including in the United States, Russia, Belgium, and Greece. Experienced in collegiate instruction, curriculum development, and mentoring emerging musicians.

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Piano & Composition Instructor**

Musicologie Cleveland Heights • Cleveland, OH — 2006–Present

- Teach private and group lessons in piano performance, music theory, composition, and improvisation.
- Develop and deliver instruction on technique, interpretation, literature, music fundamentals, theory, and creativity.
- Prepare students for recitals, competitions, and evaluations with individualized training plans.
- Promote a supportive and inspiring learning environment for students ages 6–adult.

Freelance Music Composer

Cleveland, OH — 1994–Present

- Compose original works for solo instruments, chamber ensembles, choir, and orchestra.
- Arrange, orchestrate, and prepare professional scores and parts.
- Collaborate with performers, ensembles, and arts organizations on commissions and performances.
- Manage production of recordings and oversee rehearsal preparation for premieres.

Graduate Assistant

Cleveland State University • Cleveland, OH — 2007–2011

- Provided administrative support to the School of Music faculty.
- Assisted in the planning and execution of concerts, masterclasses, and guest artist events.
- Supported departmental operations, communication, and student services.

EDUCATION

Master of Music, Composition — Cleveland State University, 2018

Master of Music, Piano Performance — Cleveland State University, 2011

Bachelor of Music, Music Theory — Stavropol State College of Arts, Russia, 1998

HONORS & AWARDS

- Winner, HerVoice Composition Competition, Chicago (2022)
- Bain Murray Endowment Scholarship, CSU (2017)
- Grand Prize, KatePublishing Composition Competition (2010)
- Joan Terr Ronis Scholarship Award, CSU (2008)
- Multiple composition awards, Stavropol State Composition Competitions, Russia (1995–2000)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASCAP

Cleveland Composers Guild

American Composers Forum

International Alliance for Women in Music