

Olga van der Penne was born in Leningrad, the present-day St. Petersburg. She started taking piano-lessons at the age of 5 and from the age of 9 she was taught composition. After her education at the Rimsky-Korsakov Lyceum she was admitted to the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory of St. Petersburg, where she studied composition, musicology and music pedagogy with professor Sergei Slonimsky as her tutor.

Olga writes various kinds of music such as children's ballet and chamber music, and also pop/rock music. In December 1989 Olga settled in Best in Brabant (Netherlands). She has initiated and organized the local concerts "juniors for seniors" in which young musicians offer special performances to older people. In 2009 Olga established the foundation MOB, Musical October Best, aiming to organize an international music festival every two years. The festival's climax is always the Liberation Concert on October 24. www.stichtingmob.nl

Since 2010 Olga has become a member of the Rotary Club Best-Oirschot. Olga is also a member of Rotary ICC The Netherlands-Russia and organizes benefit performances for Rotary International. For the efforts she put in for this purpose she received the Paul Harris Fellowship decoration in 2019. Olga's musical contributions to the community of Best were highly appreciated and in 2019 she was also rewarded with the membership of national Order of Oranje Nassau.