

SARA KOTHARI

Curriculum Vitae:

- ✚ Sara started studying piano at the age of 6. She finds immense pleasure in learning new musically and technically challenging pieces. She absolutely loves the works of Sergei Rachmaninoff, Franz Schubert, Franz Liszt, Claude Debussy and Frédéric Chopin's "noble, poetic and dramatic" music. Sara aims to build virtuosity through her commitment and love for music.
- ✚ She is currently a student of Prof. Heribert Koch.
- ✚ Sara gave her first public recital at the age of 9 at the India International Center, New Delhi.
- ✚ She obtained her Associate of Trinity College London and Licentiate of Trinity College London Diplomas at the age of 13 and 15 respectively.
- ✚ She was one of the three musicians across India selected to perform in the 32nd Stop-Gaps Young Talent Series organised by National Centre of Performing Arts.
- ✚ She was also accepted into the Curtis Mentor Network Program and the Summer Performing Arts with Juilliard Program in 2021.
- ✚ Sara won the first prize in Category A of the International Brillante Piano Competition 2021.
- ✚ Winner of 2nd Prize in the 15-16 age category in the 5th Edition of the 'Nouvelles Etoiles' International Piano Competition.

- ✚ Sara has performed at the India International Centre (IIC), Korean Cultural Centre, and the residence of Mr Conrad Turner, the erstwhile US Counsellor for Cultural Affairs (American Embassy, Delhi) to name a few. She has also performed at the several monthly and annual student concerts held at the Delhi School of Music, Chanakyapuri.
- ✚ Sara has also been awarded several scholarships by Delhi School of Music. She was selected to participate in 'Dream Project' for music education held at Korean Cultural Centre, New Delhi in 2015.
- ✚ She was awarded the 'Hall of Fame' honour by her school in 2014 for excellence in music.
- ✚ She is currently a student of Prof. Heribert Koch who works internationally as a performer, lecturer, adjudicator and pedagogue. Member of Presidium of EPTA Germany (European Piano Teachers Association). EPTA European President 2012/13, 2019/20. Piano professor at Musikhochschule Münster.
- ✚ Sara has earlier learned from the Director of Delhi School of Music, Late Mr. John Raphael, Ms. Neena S Roy, and the Director of NEEMRANA Foundation Mr. Phillippe Engel
- ✚ Sara has had the opportunity to participate in several masterclasses and interact with maestros and virtuoso pianists from all over the world including Tianxu An (finalist at International Tchaikovsky competition 2019,) Amy Yang, Pallavi Mahidhara , Vivian Chang, Mika Sasaki, Marouan Benabdallah, Anna Lipiak, Sandra Chamoux, Jean-Yves Aizic and Steinway Artist Rafael Lustchevsky all of whom praised her for her outstanding piano skills and musical expression.