

## Pelin Ece Acar

She was born on January 18th 2003 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She started her piano education at the age of 4 in Tashkent. She continued her piano education with private lessons while she lived in Tashkent, Ankara-Turkey, Konya-Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.



She began taking private lessons from Rauf Kasimov in TRNC in 2015. Then she participated in the following international piano competitions and festivals.

- Second prize at Age Category 12-14, Mozart Academy II. International Piano Festival & Competition, İzmir, Turkey, June 4-6, 2016,
- Third prize at Age Category 12-14, Nilüfer International Piano Festival & Competition, Bursa, Turkey, December 10-14, 2016,
- First prize at Age Category 15-19, Mozart Academy IV. International Piano Festival & Competition, İzmir, Turkey, June 16-18, 2018,
- Second prize at Age Category 15-17, Tadini International Piano Music Competition, Lovere, Bergamo, Italy, July 20-22, 2018,
- Jury Special prize at Age Category 16-20, I. International Rhapsody Piano Festival & Competition, Adana, Turkey, April 1-3, 2019,
- Second prize at Age Category 15-18, 14. International Pera Piano Competition, İstanbul, Turkey, May 4-12, 2019,
- First prize (Jale Derviş Prize), I. Gülsin Onay International Piano Festival & Competition, Famagusta, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, July 4-6, 2019,
- Second prize at Age Category 15-18, International Viva Music Competition, Alanya, Antalya, Turkey, October 19-20, 2019,
- First prize, Florida Keys International Music Competition held online, Florida, USA, February, 2020,
- First Prize, Music Without Borders International Piano Competition, held online by New York Gould Academy, July 4, 2021,
- Second prize, The Eighth Gavrilin Governor's International Competition for Young Musicians, which was held between 18 February and 30 April 2022 and consisted of three rounds. (17-21 age category)
- won the "Shining Stars 2024" auditions, organized by T. İş Bankası and selected by the jury chaired by İstanbul State Opera and Ballet Conductor Mr. Serdar Yalçın, and gave a recital at the İş Sanat Concert Hall in İstanbul İş Bankası Towers on 11.03.2024.

Pelin Ece Acar, who was invited to the USA three times with the last three awards she won, could not take advantage of the chance to give a concert in Miami and Carnegie Hall, as the events were cancelled due to the pandemic.

After graduating from Nicosia Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School, she successfully passed the Akdeniz University State Conservatory Piano Department talent exams in September 2021 and continues her education in this department as a student of Associate Professor Yuriy Sayutkin.

Pelin Ece Acar can speak English and Russian fluently as well as her native language Turkish.