

Ilya is 13 years old and lives in Tallinn. This year, he is graduating from music school, majoring in piano under the guidance of his teacher, Sofia Nesterova. Over the years, he has successfully participated in numerous competitions and festivals across Estonia:

- **“Joyful Piano” Competition 2021** – Grand Prix and a special award for the performance of a piece by an Estonian composer
- **“Joyful Piano” Competition 2023** – 1st place and a special award for the performance of a piece by an Estonian composer
- **“Sound of Estonia” Piano Competition 2022** – 2nd place
- **“Sound of Estonia” Piano Competition 2024** – Diploma
- **Rudolf Tobias Piano Competition 2020** – Diploma
- **Rudolf Tobias Piano Competition 2022** – Diploma
- **“Best Young Instrumentalist” Competition 2025** – 3rd place in the regional round and Diploma in the national round

Ilya has also participated multiple times in the piano duet festival "Allegro" and the "Children's Classical Festival" held in Tallinn.

In addition to his musical achievements, Ilya is also a dedicated figure skater. He enjoys spending his free time actively and is passionate about reading, listening to music, and building model airplanes.