

## SANDRA STEFANOVA

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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMERY**

A professional international performing artist (pianist & singer) with over 12 years of experience in the events industry. A well-known name in the UAE & GCC entertainment scene. An arranger and educator with  $1^{\rm st}$  place prizes from international music competitions such as the GEMS 'Young Musician of the Year'.

## **EDUCATION**

2000 - 2005

School of Music "Panayot Pipkov"

Pleven, Bulgaria

Artist, Musician and Pedagogue Diploma

Subject - Piano

2005 - 2010

State Academy of Music "Prof. Pancho Vladigerov"

Sofia, Bulgaria

Batchelor Degree Faculty – Instrumental

Specialty - Concert Pianist, Piano

Pedagogue

Master Class Participations

2008

**Prof. Milena Mollova** 

Sofia, Bulgaria

2015

**Prof. Yovcho Krushev** 

Sofia, Bulgaria

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

## **Teaching**

Jan

2019 - present

**Conducting private** piano lessons

Sep Jun **2017 - 2019** 

**Horizon International School** 

Dubai

Piano teacher

Jun Sep

2014 - 2018

**Ovidio Music Institute** 

Dubai

Master piano instructor



# **Performances at Festivals**

2018

**WOW JBR Festival** 

Dubai

2016

Formula 1
Abu Dhabi

2015

**Mother of The Nation Festival** 

Abu Dhabi

Played with the Emirates Youth symphony orchestra conducted by Mr. Riad Kudsi.

2014

**SiKKA festival** 

Performed with the band Ziryab.



## Residencies

Sep

2018 - present

Palazzo Versace

Dubai

Oct

2021 - present

**Seafire Restaurant** 

Atlantis Hotel, The Palm

Dubai

Oct Jan

2020 - 2021

**Hendricks Bar** 

Four Seasons Hotel, Jumeirah

Dubai

Oct Feb

2020 - 2021

**CeLaVi Restaurant** 

Address Sky View Hotel

Dubai

Sep Dec 2019 - 2019

**Library Bar** 

The Ritz Carlton JBR

Dubai

Dec

2019

**'White Nights' Street Performance** 

DIFC, Dubai

Sep Jan

2018 - 2019

**Noir Bar** 

Kempinski Hotel MOE, Dubai

May Jun

2016 - 2017

**Cleveland Clinic Hospital** 

Abu Dhabi

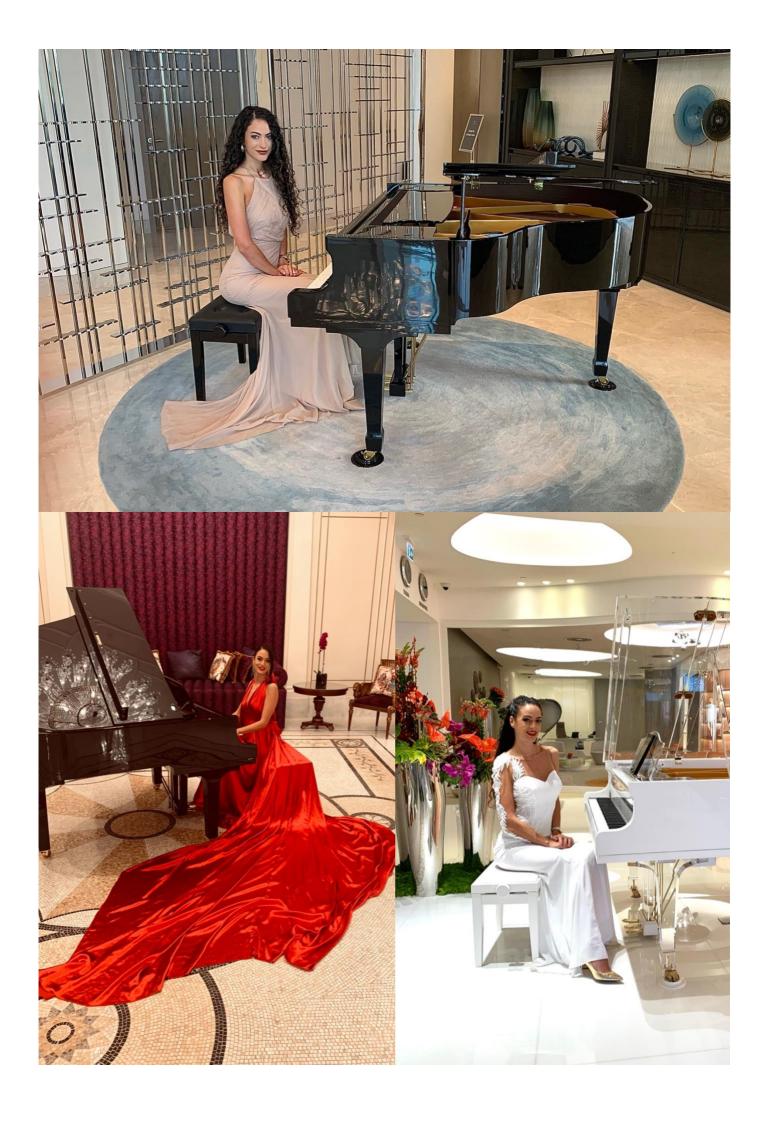
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2010 - 2015

**Sacoor Brothers Store** 

Dubai

Resident Pianist

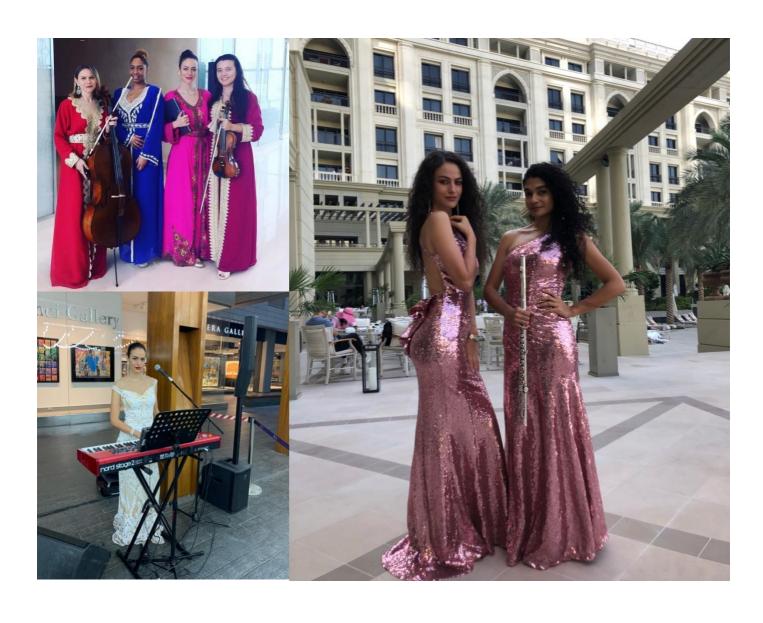


## Performances at private events

in some of the most luxurious hotels and venues across Dubai

Palazzo Versace Hotel
The Address Hotel Downtown
One & Only Hotel Palm Jumeirah
Atlantis Hotel
H Hotel
JW Marriot Marquise Hotel
Mandarin Oriental Hotel
JITEX private terminal
NAFCOO Annual trade center
exhibitions in 2017, 2018,
2019,2020

Dubai World Cup
Dubai Opera
Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi
Bulgari Hotel
Zaabil Saray hotel, The Palm
Private event for Zaabil, private
island
Performances for brands such as
Cartier, Louis Vuitton, JaegerLeCoultre, Mercedes and Volvo



# COMUNNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Jun Mar **2017 – 2019** 

Participation at non-profit concerts organized by the Bulgarian Consulate in the UAE to support the Bulgarian culture and community in the country.

May Jun 2017 - 2018

I personally organized and sponsored two nonprofit concerts for my students, their families, and friends. The aim was for the children to gain experience in on-stage performance, meet one another and share their passion for music.

Apr 2020

I conducted a free online seminar session with my students to discuss transitioning our classes online in order to maintain safety during the global pandemic. We talked about ways to stay productive and motivated and how to successfully prepare for their exam programs efficiently and independently.

Jul 2020

I was invited to be part of an online concert initiative created by Platinum List UAE in collaboration with House of Pianos to support the music industry during the challenging times of a global pandemic.

#### **PUBLICITY AND MEDIA PRESENCE**

May 2018

Abu Dhabi TV had an amazing initiative to create short movie series about successful female musicians in the UAE. I was fortunate to be chosen as one of the participants and perform Arabic music, as well as my own arrangements of famous classical pieces and talk about my life, experiences, and opportunities as an artist here in the UAE.

## Watch here:







Video 1

video 2

video 3

Mar **2014** 

I was invited to perform live at the MBC TV morning show 'Good Morning Arabia'

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

I am very proud of my student Amber Wait, who I had the pleasure of teaching for about 8 years. She participated and won the prestigious international competition **GEMS 'Young Musician of the Year' 2018.** She continued pursuing her passion in music in Oxford University, England.



### **SKILLS**

- Teaching children from five years of age to adults.
- Performing classical and jazz music at an academic level as a solo musician or in duos, trios, bands, and orchestras.
- Working with Sibelius (a software for composing music).
- Accompanying students during their performances with other instruments such as violin, flute, saxophone, and clarinet.
- Composing music.
- Creating music arrangements for different bands and formations.
- Helping children develop their musical talent encourage them to explore their musical abilities beyond playing the piano, such as singing and taking part in school concerts, competitions, and school bands.
- Helping students with their GCSE and A levels in music by guiding them through the musical program, creating compositions, and working with music software together to achieve a deeper understanding of the music theory and music components.
- Helping children achieve their musical goals taking ABRSM and Trinity exams.

#### **LANGUAGES**

Bulgarian

Native

English Fluent