

Profile Mamiko SUDA

Mamiko SUDA was born in Tokyo, where she began her musical studies from an early age. At the age of 12, she won a major piano competition in Japan and gave performances throughout the country, which were broadcast both on national radio and television.

She continued her studies at the Toho High School of Music in Tokyo. After graduating with highest honours, she received a French Government Scholarship with a recommendation from Vlado Perlemuter to enter the Paris Conservatoire. In 1972, she graduated as Premier Prix Première Nommée and also received the "Prix spécial Roger Ducasse" for piano and chamber music.

She was awarded a prize at the "Premio Jean International Competition" in Spain and also at the "A. Casagrande International Competition" in Italy. She was a finalist at the "F. Busoni International Competition" in Italy and at the "Clara Haskil International Competition" in Switzerland. In 1980, she won first prize at the "Mozart Memorial International Competition" in London. She then performed with the London Mozart Players, as well as in solo at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. Around the same time, she had the privilege of studying with Annie Fischer in Budapest.

In 1985, renowned for her outstanding interpretation of Chopin's works, she was awarded the "Chopin Prize" by the Chopin Society in Japan. Since then, she has toured Asia and Europe extensively and has performed with leading orchestras. She has also played in concerts and festivals with artists such as Lorand Fenyves (former concert master of the Suisse Romande Orchestra), Philippe Graffin, Zvi Harel (solo cellist of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra), Fritz Dolezal (solo cellist of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra), Toby Hoffman, Nobuko Imai (viola), Daniel Schott-Muller, Quatuor Via Nova, the Vienna String Quartet, the NHK String Quartet, the Czech Philharmonic Sextet and others.

Currently, she is professor at the Toho University of Music in Tokyo and is often invited to give master classes and to sit on juries for international piano competitions around the world.