

# Sophia Pileggi

An accomplished pianist, pedagogue, and collaborator, Sophia Pileggi began her piano studies at the age of nine with Janice Morris Puckett. Realizing a lifelong passion, she continued her music education at The Catholic University of America under the tutelage of Dr. Nikita Fitenko and later studied there under Dr. Ivo Katchev for her Master's degree. She has completed her Artist Diploma in Keyboard Performance at the University of Miami under the instruction of Santiago Rodriguez. She expanded her breadth as an artist and a private teacher; maintaining a small private studio while gaining valuable performing opportunities.

She has performed at such venues as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Amalfi Coast, Xi'an, China, and Lisbon, Portugal where she made her debut with the Lisbon Chamber Orchestra performing Haydn's D Major Keyboard Concerto in 2014. She is a recipient of the Italian Cultural Society Music Award, the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music Distinguished Service Award, and the Presser Music Award.

In Spring, 2016 Ms. Pileggi was awarded First Prize in the Cosmic Symphony's Young Artist Competition where she was featured performing Schumann's A Minor Piano Concerto. She was also awarded an Honorable Mention in the Lancaster International Piano Competition and Second Place in The Silk Road: The Sound of Piano Strings and Voice International Piano Festival and Competition in Xi'an, China in the summer of 2016. She was awarded First Prize at the Washington International Piano Festival Competition in July, 2017 and most recently performed at the Kaleidoscope's 2018-2019 concert series hosted in Coral Gables, FL.

When she is not performing or managing her active piano studio, Ms. Pileggi also enjoys singing, yoga, Pure Barre, Italian food and Russian Literature.