

Riad Mammadov is a prodigy pianist, accomplished in Classical and Jazz and also known for beautifully combining various styles and genres of music. He is well known in Russia, Azerbaijan and other areas around the world.

In 2014 Riad was appointed special musical advisor for the 1st European Games Ceremonies under Musical directors, Maestro Teodor Currentzis, Vangelino Currentzis and Artistic Director Dimitris Papaioannou.

Riad Mammadov was born into a family of artists. He graduated from the Moscow conservatory postgraduate program with a degree in "piano" under the supervision of Professor K. Knorre, an Honored Artist of Russia. He also graduated from the academic postgraduate program as a music expert directed by Professor V. Kholopova. He was a student of such prominent music teachers as V. Merjanov, A. Bonduryanskiy, M. Lidskiy, E. Nazirova, S. Beybutova and others. While studying, Riad became a scholarship holder of the Azerbaijan H. Aliyev Presidential Fund. Upon graduating he was invited as guest artist to the Tchaikovsky Opera and Ballet Theatre (Artistic director T. Currentzis).

Mammadov has performed with the Azerbaijan State Symphony Orchestra, G. Garayev State Chamber Orchestra, "MusicAeterna" orchestra, "Veritas" Moscow Youth Chamber Orchestra, "Niagara Silkway" Canadian Chamber Orchestra, New Munich Orchestra and the State Academic Chamber orchestra of Novosibirsk Philharmonia, headed by famous conductors T.Kurentzis, R.Abdullayev, M. Emelyanychev, A. Skoryer, T.Geokchayev, E.Kuliyev and others. Riad has also played with Belgian, US and Hungarian jazz "Big Bands".

Riad has performed in over 15 countries around the world, highlights include the Grand Hall of the Moscow State Conservatory, the Alexandriyskiy Theatre, the M.Magomayev Azerbaijan State Philharmonia, the Grand stage of the P.I.Tchaikovsky Theatre of Opera and Ballet, Sante-Chantier Castle and the Concert Hall of Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts.

As a pianist he has been a participant of such music festivals as Niagara Music festival (Canada), Diaghilev festival (Russia), Primavera Classica festival (Russia), Music ark project by V.Martinov (Russia), Summer jazz festival in the Grand Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, the U. Hajibeyli International festival (Azerbaijan), Caspian Jazz and Blues Festival, International Baku Jazz Festival (Azerbaijan), International music festival in Gabala (Azerbaijan), Electro Jazz Festival in Electrotheatre named after Stanislavsky and others. Riad's performances have

been broadcast on television and radio in Russia, Azerbaijan, Canada, Belgium and the U.S.A.

Riad has extensive teaching experience and is an author of a number of scientific articles on classification of genres in Azerbaijan modern music. Riad is considered a founder of the new term "hybrid genre" in modern music.