



Irena Kosíková

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Czech organist and composer Irena Kosíková was born in Prague into the intellectual family of the prohibited philosopher Karel Kosík and literary scientist Růžena Grebeníčková, the Herder prize laureate.

She began her organ studies with Prof. Jan Hora, together with piano lessons given by Prof. Eliška Kleinová and Prof. Arnoštka Grünfeldová. Irena Kosíková studied organ performance (Prof. Jaroslava Potměšilová) and conducting (with Prof. Karel Fiala) at Ježek's Conservatory. She was refused to further her studies for political reasons. She took private composition lessons with Prof. Miroslav Raichl.

Finally after the Velvet Revolution she was accepted at the Janáček Academy of Music (JAMU) in Brno into the organ class of Prof. Alena Veselá and Prof. Kamila Klugarová. She graduated at the Academy of Music (HAMU) in Prague, under the guidance of Prof. Josef Popelka.

Irena Kosíková now gives organ concerts and is also intensively composing.

Her works have been performed in the Czech Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Israel, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Sweden and the United Kingdom. As an organist she specialises in the interpretation of organ works written by Johann Sebastian Bach: including performances of the complete Organ Toccatas, Voluntaries, Leipzig Chorals, The Art of Fugue, Organ Mass. For more information visit <http://www.iKosik.com> .