

## MASTERCLASS

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### INTERNATIONAL PIANO MASTERCLASS 2026

**AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 18, 2026**  
**WITH PROF. GRIGORY GRUZMAN &  
OLGA CHELOVA**

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#### MASTERCLASS PROGRAM:

- **TWO INDIVIDUAL LESSONS WITH  
PROF. GRIGORY GRUZMAN  
(UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC FRANZ LISZT  
WEIMAR)**
  - **ONE INDIVIDUAL LESSON WITH  
OLGA CHELOVA (STEINWAY ARTIST)**
  - **DAILY INFORMAL CONCERTS AND  
PERFORMANCE TRAINING**
  - **GRAND FINAL CONCERT FEATURING  
ALL PARTICIPANTS**
- PARTICIPATION FEE: 320 EUR**



Experience the Musical Highlight of Summer 2026:  
Exclusive Piano Masterclass in Greece!  
Immerse yourself in a highly efficient, intensive piano training led by the legendary "Pedagogue of the Century" Prof. Grigory Gruzman (unanimously elected former Head of the Keyboard Department at the University of Music Weimar) and the visionary Steinway Artist Olga Chelova.  
Celebrated by the Frankfurter Presse for their "nearly magical spiritual kinship," this exceptional piano duo invites you on an intensive artistic journey. Refine your technique, deepen your musical interpretation, and master daily stage performance training through exclusive individual lessons.  
All of this takes place in the inspiring atmosphere of breathtaking Greek nature. Situated right by the sea, surrounded by idyllic landscapes, you will find the ultimate conditions to fully dedicate yourself to your art and elevate your performance. The grand final concert will be the crowning highlight of this premium masterclass.  
Secure your place for this extraordinary musical experience!

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Prof. Grigory Gruzman

Concert pianist and piano pedagogue Prof. Grigory Gruzman (University of Music Weimar) is an internationally renowned figure in the classical music world. Born in Saint Petersburg, he attended the prestigious special music school for highly gifted children, performing over 300 times during his school years. He completed his academic studies at the Jerusalem Academy of Music and with Prof. Vitalij Margulis at the University of Music Freiburg. In a testament to his exceptional leadership and pedagogical stature, he was unanimously elected Head of the Keyboard Department within the University of Music Weimar in 2013.

As a soloist, chamber musician (including membership in the famous Shostakovich Trio), and masterclass professor, he has performed over 1,000 times worldwide since 1974. The legendary Herbert von Karajan once invited him to Salzburg, stating: "I have waited my whole life for such an interpretation of the Rigoletto Paraphrase." The Shostakovich Trio was praised by international critics as one of the finest contemporary ensembles. Around 100 of his performances have been broadcast on television and radio globally. His arrangement of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" for piano trio achieved worldwide acclaim, alongside his CD recordings of Chopin's Etudes and works by Bach, Gershwin, and Gulda. From 1998 to 2006, Gruzman taught as a professor at the University of Music and Theatre Hamburg, and in 2006 he was appointed professor at the University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar. He served as President of the International Rachmaninov Society, chaired numerous youth piano competitions, and has led the International Liszt Competition for Young Pianists in Weimar since 2006.

Olga Chelova (Steinway Artist)

Olga Chelova, born in Odessa, combines technical brilliance, profound emotional depth, and poetic imagination in her playing. She began playing the piano at the age of four and was educated at the legendary Stolyarsky School in Odessa. At seventeen, she graduated with honors, performing Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 at her final concert—an event that launched her international career. Following her studies in Hanover and Salzburg, Prof. Grigory Gruzman in Weimar became her decisive artistic mentor.

Chelova has won prizes at more than twenty international competitions. The legendary conductor Philippe Entremont remarked: »Olga – without any doubt – is a great talent«. Her concert engagements have taken her to the most prestigious venues in Europe, including the Alte Oper Frankfurt, Grosses Festspielhaus Salzburg, Tonhalle Zürich, Liederhalle Stuttgart, and Auditorium Parco della Musica in Rome. Her debut album was nominated for the Opus Klassik in three categories in 2022. Critics praise her "extraordinary maturity, inner fire, and metaphysical poetry" (Musique Classique). Since 2024, she has regularly performed as a piano duo with Prof. Gruzman across Europe, praised by the Frankfurter Presse for a musical dialogue of magical intimacy. Olga Chelova is the founder and artistic director of the Mörfelden Music Festival. Committed to humanitarian causes, she donates her festival fees to children's hospices. She is also a successful composer, known for a minimalist opera and a cantata addressing bullying. Her artistry has been recorded for NDR Kultur, OFTV, and Radio X. Her latest album fulfills a childhood dream: recording all 27 Chopin Etudes as a complete cycle on a Steinway D grand piano.