



Iswargia R. Sudarno was born and raised in Bandung, Indonesia, where he started his piano lesson at the age of eleven. After gaining a bachelor degree in architecture, from Bandung Institute of Technology, he decided to continue his musical education at the Manhattan School of Music in New York (USA), and completed his study with a Master of Music degree, under the guidance of the legendary pianist and pedagogue Karl Ulrich Schnabel.

During summers he also works extensively with Bela Siki, Rita Sloan, Gabriel Chodos, and Robert Levin consecutively at the Johannesen School of the Arts (Canada), Aspen Music School (USA) and International Summer Academy Mozarteum in Salzburg (Austria). Mr. Sudarno also received a full scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Services to study as an exchange student at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Freiburg, Germany, under the guidance of Hansjörg Koch. Other awards received include the Aspen Music School Scholarship and Stanley Norman Smith Award from the Manhattan School of Music (for the best achievement in piano pedagogy learning).

Mr. Sudarno has appeared as a soloist with leading Indonesia's orchestras, and has performed in many countries in Asia, America, Europe and Africa. Aside his performing activity, Mr. Sudarno is also a passionate pedagogue. Beside appointed as the director of Jakarta Conservatory of Music, he is also on the faculty of the Jakarta Conservatory of Music, University of Pelita Harapan Conservatory of Music and Indonesian University of Pedagogy and Education Music Department.

He is continuously in frequent demand of giving master-classes in Indonesia's major cities. His students have won many national and international piano competitions.