

HELEN KRIZOS

Helen Krizos has had a distinguished career as a performer, teacher, examiner and adjudicator. She is now permanently based in Sydney, NSW.

As a performer she enjoyed working in a piano duo partnership for many years which led to recognition within the UK as one of the most sought-after ensembles. She performed regularly on BBC Radio 3, in prestigious venues such as the Barbican, Sydney Opera House and Dvorak Hall of Artists in Prague. The duo made highly praised recordings on the Hyperion label.

For many years Helen was Deputy Head of Keyboard Studies at the Royal Northern College of Music and a professor of piano there for over 30 years. She has for many years taught at one of the leading specialist music schools in the UK – Chethams' School of Music with a stream of young people who have now forged successful performing careers. She has a passionate interest in developing pedagogy to train the next generation of piano teachers and established this programme at the RNCM. Together with this, she has ensured that placements have been found for children who would otherwise not have opportunities to learn an instrument.

Her students have won prizes, nationally and internationally. Successes include winner of the Piano Category BBC Young Musician of the year; first prize in piano, Royal Overseas League competition; first prize Tunbridge Wells International Piano Competition; and first prize in Enschede International piano competition. Most recently students have been semi-finalists in the Geza Anda International Piano competition, Liszt Utrecht and Vigo International Piano competition. One of her young pupils was chosen to be a Lang Lang Scholar and has performed with Lang Lang on several occasions in the last year.

As an internationally recognised teacher Helen has given master classes in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Spain, Italy, Norway, Austria, China and Singapore.

Helen has been proud to be a trustee of Olympias Music Foundation, a charity set up in Manchester to provide free music tuition to young people on low incomes.