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Milena Apić finished her primary and high music education at the Isidor Bajić Music School, class of Professor Lidija Nikolić. She completed her undergraduate and graduate studies under Professor Rita Kinka at the Academy of Arts in Novi Sad. She won many first prizes at national competitions. She performed as a soloist and had accompanied the oboist Borislav Čičovacki and the flutist Višnja Kosanović. She recorded for the Radio and Television stations of Novi Sad and Serbia. She attended numerous master classes held by eminent teachers such as Arbo Valdma, Rita Kinka, Konstantin Bogino and Kemal Gekić. Her pupils won numerous awards on national and international competitions. She taught as a Piano Assistant at the Academy of Arts in Novi Sad in the class of Rita Kinka and Dušan Trbojević. She teaches piano and works as a Head of the Piano Division at the Isidor Bajić Music School. Milena Apić took part many times as a member of juries in the categories of soloists and piano duos. She is a member of EPTA Serbia, and one of the founders of both the Vojvodina Piano Teachers Association and the Isidor Bajić Piano Memorial. She is Co-Head of the Isidor Bajić Piano Competition.

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Music Starter (Book Presentation): A New Method of Learning How to Read Music

Music Starter has been described as "A first-rate music tool that would greatly enhance the way we approach beginners' music instruction" (Dr. Dorian Lejnak, WPTA President), "A wonderfully unique book with all the elements to ultimately instill a lifelong love of music!" (Dr. Maria Kotitsa, C Psychol, Regent's College, London, UK), "One of the nicest and most significant achievements of our piano pedagogy" (Rita Kinka, Academy of Arts, Novi Sad). The book is designed to help children learn basic symbols of music notation through playing games (including stickers, cards, a board game, etc.), solving logic problems, reading stories, etc. It encourages children to *discover* the meaning of each symbol of music notation, enabling them to acquire elemental music literacy in a meaningful, creative, and exciting way. The tasks are carefully organized so that a child gradually moves from what is known to him/her towards the unknown. Mechanical repetition is avoided since each task in a lesson is unique, which helps children gain a more profound understanding of the concepts presented, while maintaining their concentration levels and interest in the book. With each problem solved and game finished, children take one step closer to understanding the essential music parameters and their symbols (rhythm, meter, pitch, registers, etc.).