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Puerto Rican pianist Elena Hammel, who has been described by the press as "a pianist of great talent and sensibility" (*El Nuevo Día*, San Juan PR), has also been praised by critics from *The New York Times* and *The Boston Herald* for her performance of György Ligeti's music.

She obtained a Bachelor in Music Degree with Honors from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston in 1995, where she studied with Stephen Drury, and went on to get a Master in Music with High Honors from the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin, studying with Dr. John O'Connor. While in Dublin, she won the top awards in Ireland for both solo and duo piano performance at the Feis Ceoil Music Competition. Other teachers have included Joaquín Soriano, Aquiles Delle Vigne and Patricia Zander.

Winner of a number of awards in her native Puerto Rico, she has performed as guest soloist with the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra, the Padre Antonio Soler Chamber Orchestra, and the Puerto Rico Chamber Orchestra. She has also performed recitals in New York, Boston, Seattle, Italy, Austria, Holland, Germany, Ireland and Spain, and has been coached by Joaquín Achúcarro, Christopher Elton, Fanny Waterman, Pnina Salzman, Andzrej Jasinski, Ann Schein, Vladimir Ovchinikov and Ferenc Rados, among others.

Her performances have been recorded for broadcast on radios Duinrand (Holland), WGBH (Boston), WIPR (Puerto Rico), WSKG and WAMC (New York) and for TU- TV television (Puerto Rico). Along with her career as soloist she also forms part of the *Dúo Scarbó*, which is dedicated to promoting the repertoire for piano four hands and two pianos.

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- EDUCATION** Master in Music with High Honors, concentration in Piano Performance, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin, 1998
Bachelor in Music with Academic Honors, concentration in Piano Performance, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, 1995
- TEACHERS** Ferenc Rados, Joaquín Soriano, Aquiles Delle-Vigne, John O’Conor, Patricia Zander, Stephen Drury, Cecilia Talavera, Helen Dajer
- SOLO CONCERTS** *Spain*: Teatro Manuel de Falla, Conservatorio Superior de Música de Madrid
Ireland: National Gallery of Art; John Field Room; Royal Dublin Society; Dublin City University; Goethe Institut; Alliance Francaise, 1996-98
Salzburg: Mozarteum Grosses Studio; Leopold Mozart Saal; Wiener Saal, 1996-98
Puerto Rico: Teatro Tapia; Performing Arts Center; University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras, Ponce, Aguadilla and Mayagüez; Ponce Art Museum; Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music, 1990-1998
Italy: Teatro Massari de San Giovanni in Marignano; Claustro Santa Caterina de Finale Ligure, 1996
Holland: Ruinekerk in Bergen
Boston: Jordan Hall; Adams House, Harvard University; MIT, 1995-96
New York: Christ and St. Stephen’s Church, 1995
- SOLOIST WITH ORCHESTRA** *Dúo Hammel– Sánchez* performance with Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra, 2004
Soloist with the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra, 2000
Soloist with the Puerto Rico Chamber Orchestra, 1990 and 1996
Soloist with Padre Antonio Soler Chamber Orchestra–Puerto Rico, 1991
- DÚO HAMMEL/ SÁNCHEZ** *Germany*: Hochschule für Musik, Mannheim and Detmold, 2003
Salzburg: Wiener Saal, 2001
Spain: Auditorio Nacional de Música- Madrid; Festival de Málaga; Fundación Juan March – Madrid; Auditorio Los Jameos del Agua -Lanzarote; Teatro San Bartolomé – Lanzarote; Sala Mozart, Palacio de Congresos - Zaragoza; Museo Reina Sofía – Madrid; Teatro López de Ayala -Badajoz; Gran Teatro – Cáceres; Teatro Cine Festival - Villafranca de los Barros; Centro Cultural de la Villa – Madrid; Polimúsica - Madrid; Centro Asociado de Música Soto Mesa -Madrid, 2000-2001
Puerto Rico: Tour of University of Puerto Rico campuses in San Juan, Bayamón, Arecibo, San Germán, Cayey and Aguadilla; PR Conservatory of Music; PR Museum of Art; Interamerican University, Performing Arts Center 2000-2003
USA: Hyde Collection, NY; Town Hall, Seattle; Sembrich Opera Museum, NY; Hotel des Artistes, NY; Ho nest Brook Music Festival, NY, 2003-2004
- Music Festival Performances:**
Festival de Málaga (2006); Music Week (2005); Emilia Romagna Festival (2005); Festival Interamericano de las Artes – Puerto Rico (2003); Honest Brook Music Festival -New York (2003-04); Festival Casals – Puerto Rico (2003); Festival de Música Contemporánea – Puerto Rico (March and November 2001)
- RECORDING/ BROADCASTS** Live studio performance WAMC (New York), 2005
Live Broadcast of PR Symphony performance on TU-TV (Puerto Rico), 2004
Broadcast on WSKG (New York), 2004
Live studio performance WAMC (New York), 2004
Television Broadcast of *Dúo Hammel - Sánchez* concert on TU-TV (Puerto Rico), 2003
Concert broadcast on Radio Nacional Clásica – Spain , 2002
Dúo Hammel– Sánchez CD release, works for one piano four hands, Spain, 2002

Television Broadcast of *Dúo Hammel - Sánchez* concert on TU-TV (Puerto Rico), 2001
CD recording "For Your Ears Only"- Miami, 1999
Live Radio Broadcast for Radio Duinrand, Holland, 1995
Recordings for WGBH-Radio – Boston, 1993 and 1996
Live Radio Broadcast for WIPR – Puerto Rico, 1990

**ENSEMBLE
AND CHAMBER
EXPERIENCE**

Dúo Hammel – Sánchez Performances (see above)
Performances with Piano Quintet in Dublin and Belfast, 1997-98
Performances for Piano Duo in Dublin, 1997-98
Accompanist for vocal studio and voice recitals in Dublin, 1996-98
Performances with piano Trio in Boston and New York, 1995
Ensemble pianist for New England Conservatory Wind Ensemble, 1994-95
Pianist for various New England Conservatory ensembles dedicated to performing new music, 1993-95
Accompanist for New England Conservatory Children's Choruses, 1995-96

**AWARDS/
SCHOLARSHIPS**

First Prize, *Dúo Hammel – Sánchez* in the IX Gaetano Zinetti International Chamber Music Competition Italy, 2004
First Prize, *Dúo Hammel – Sánchez* in the Piano Duo category at the XX Torneo Internazionale di Musica Competiton - France, 2002.
First Prize, *Dúo Hammel – Sánchez* in the 2nd Guadamora International Chamber Music Competition - Cáceres, Spain, 2001
"Prize for Best Performance of Spanish Contemporary Work", *Dúo Hammel – Sánchez* in the III Certamen para Jóvenes Intérpretes of Villafranca – Spain, 2000
"Outstanding Puertorican Youth" Prize given by the Puertorican Youth Comission – San Juan, 1998
Feis Ceoil National Music Competition, Ireland:
Winner of Morris Grant Piano Scholarship, 1997
Winner of Hamilton Harty Piano Concerto Category, 1997
First Prize, Piano Duo Category, 1998
First Prize, Luis A. Ferré Piano Competition – Puerto Rico, 1990 and 1996
Second Prize, Jesús María Sanromá Piano Competition – Puerto Rico, 1991
Full Scholarship for Complutense University Interpretation Course, Spain, 1998
Scholarship to the Mozarteum Sommerakademie, Salzburg, 1997-98, 2001

COURSES

Piano Duo Interpretation Course at the University of Alcalá – Spain, 2000-03
Schubert's Music for one piano four hands, with Charles Rosen - Spain, 2001
Piano Interpretation Course Sponsored by Complutense University – Spain, 1998
Mozarteum Summer Academy – Salzburg, 1995-98, 2001
Festival Internazionale di interpretazione Pianistica – Italy, 1996
Corso Internazionale di Interpretazione Pianistica – Italy, 1996
Holland Music Sessions – Holland, 1995
Eastern Music Festival - USA, 1991
Boston University Tanglewood Institute – USA, 1990

**MASTER-
CLASSES**

Imre Rohmann, Alfons Kontarsky, Pnina Salzman, Andzej Jasinski, Fanny Waterman, Anne Schein, Joaquín Achúcarro, Lee Kum Sin g, Christopher Elton, José Feghali, Gustavo Romero, Mikael Eliassen, Vladimir Ovchinnikov

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ONLY SOLO PERFORMANCES

August 11th, 1991
Ponce Museum of Art, Puerto Rico
Guest performer for Mostly Mozart Series

November 10th, 1991
Interamerican University, Ponce, Puerto Rico
Guest pianist for Sanromá Memorial Concert

November 11th, 1991
University of Puerto Rico Concert Hall,
main campus
Guest pianist for Sanromá Memorial Concert

June 13th, 1992
Sanromá Hall, Puerto Rico Conservatory
Piano Recital

January 25th, 1994
New England Conservatory of Music, Boston
Performance in French Piano Music Festival

May 30th, 1994
Sanromá Hall, Puerto Rico Conservatory
Piano Recital

January 20th, 1995
New England Conservatory of Music, Boston
Performance in Beethoven Piano
Sonata Festival

February 12th, 1995
Christ and St. Stephen's Church, New York
Piano and Chamber Music Recital
Part of the "Música de Cámara" Series

February 25th, 1995
New England Conservatory of Music, Boston
Piano Recital

June 25th, 1995
Sanromá Hall, Puerto Rico Conservatory
Piano Recital

July 21st and 26th, 1995
Leopold Mozart Saal, Hochschule für Musik
"Mozarteum", Salzburg

August 12th, 1995
Ruinekerk in Bergen, Holland
Performance in Closing Gala Concert for

Holland Music Sessions

February 11th, 1996
Ponce Art Museum, Puerto Rico
Luis A. Ferré Competition Prizewinner's Concert

February 19th, 1996
Festival Hall, Performing Arts Centre, Puerto Rico
Luis A. Ferré Competition Prizewinner's Concert

April 4th, 1996
Jordan Hall, Boston
Guest performer for *Enchanted Circle*
new music concert series

May 26th, 1996
Interamerican University Amphitheatre
Aguadilla, Puerto Rico
Piano Recital Sponsored by the Institute
of Puertorican Culture

June 2nd, 1996
Ponce Museum of Art, Puerto Rico
Piano Recital Sponsored by Museum

August 1st, 1996
Wiener Saal, Hochschule für Musik
"Mozarteum", Salzburg
Performance in Academy Concert

August 12th, 1996
Teatro Massari di San Giovanni, Marignano, Italy
Performance in Closing Gala Concert for
Festival Internazionale di Interpretazione Pianistica

August 20th, 1996
Claustro Santa Caterina, Finale Ligure, Italy
Performance in Closing Gala Concert for
Corso Internazionale di Interpretazione Pianistica

November 11th, 1996
Goethe Institut in Dublin, Ireland
Performance in German Music Concert Series

March 15th, 1997
Larkin Theatre, Dublin City University, Ireland
Gala Concert of Students of the Royal Irish
Academy of Music

March 24th, 1997
Goethe Institut in Dublin, Ireland
Performance in German Music Concert Series

Belfast, Ireland
Chamber Music Concert

June 20th, 1997

John Field Room of the National Concert Hall
Dublin, Ireland
Pianist for Voice Quartet Concert

July 22nd, 1997

Leopold Mozart Saal, Hochschule für Musik
“Mozarteum”, Salzburg
Performance in Academy Concert

July 25th, 1997

Wiener Saal, Hochschule für Musik
“Mozarteum”, Salzburg
Performance in Academy Concert

August 24th, 1997

Sanromá Hall, Puerto Rico Conservatory
Piano Recital

October 1st, 1997

John Field Room of the National Concert Hall
Dublin, Ireland
Feis Ceoil Prizewinners' Concert

October 14th, 1997

Royal Dublin Society Library, Ireland
Luchtime Piano Recital for
“Spotlight on Youth” Concert Series

November 8th, 1997

St. Mary's Church, Athlone, Ireland
Guest Pianist at Benefit Concert for
the John McCormack Fund

November 1st, 1997

National Gallery of Ireland
Piano Duo Concert

December 12th, 1997

National Gallery of Ireland
Chamber Music Concert

March 3rd, 1998

University of Puerto Rico in Cayey

March 4th, 1998

University of Puerto Rico in Ponce

March 5th, 1998

University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez

March 6th, 1998

University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras
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March 12th, 1998

Ulster Museum, Queen's University

March 18th, 1998

Goethe Institut in Dublin, Ireland
Chamber Music Concert

April 7th, 1998

Alliance Française in Dublin, Ireland
Pianist for Concert of French Songs

May 26th, 1998

Alliance Française in Dublin, Ireland
French Piano Music Concert

May 27th, 1998

Larkin Theatre, Dublin City University, Ireland
Gala Concert of Students of the Royal Irish
Academy of Music

July 24th, 1998

Grosses Studio, Hochschule für Musik
“Mozarteum”, Salzburg
Performance in Academy Final Concert

April 8th, 1999

Manuel de Falla Hall,
Real Conservatorio
Superior de Música, Madrid
Piano Recital

April 27th, 1999

Amphitheatre of the University of P.R.
in Aguadilla

April 28th, 1999

Theatre of the University College in Bayamón

May 4th, 1999

Tapia Theatre in San Juan

May 5th, 1999

Auditorium of the University College
in Mayagüez

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October 25th, 2000

Performing Arts Center
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Soloist with PR Symphony Orchestra