

Yuri Slesarev – professor of the Moscow Conservatory, laureate of All-Union and International Competitions, the Dean of pianoforte faculty (1997 - 2000).

Yuri Slesarev was born in Eupatoria, Crimea (August 22, 1947). He studied in Eupatorian musical school and his teacher was a wonderful schoolmaster Valentin Teplov. After school graduation he enrolled in 8th grade of Moscow central musical school. He was taught by Victor Merzhanov, who was his teacher and tutor while Yuri studied in Moscow Conservatory and postgraduate studentship.

First success appeared to be in 1969, when Yuri Slesarev won the Golden medal at the All-Union Competition of musicians in Tallin. In 1972 Yuri Slesarev won the 1st award at the International competition of pianists in Montevideo.

Yuri Slesarev performs with high success and gives a master class in greatest halls of the world. He was on tour in England, Germany, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, South Korea, Japan, countries of North and South America.

Yuri Slesarev – is a juror of many international competitions. Yuri Slesarev has a long-term experience (45 years) of teaching practice in Moscow Conservatory. His students won international awards many times. He is a powerful pianistic force of nature. Professor's master classes in cities of Russia, Europe, Korea, Japan and USA generate considerable and vivid interest of professionals. He is a high professional himself, a supreme virtuoso, who has a romantic impulsion, a red-blooded vision of life; a real talent with an ability to bring out moving emotions from ordinary melodies, who has an improvisatory freedom of performing – this is all about a wonderful personality of a pianist Yuri Slesarev.