

Minae Kim, an up-and-coming pianist from South Korea, has lived in Germany since she was 16 years old. Born in 1987, she graduated from the Seoul Arts High School, having won several top prizes in national piano competitions for students, including first prize in both the Seoul Music Competition and the Mozart Piano Competition.

She arrived in Mannheim in 2003 and passed the entrance exam for the Mannheim Music High School the following year achieving maximum points. Minae Kim then studied with Professors Ok-Hi Lee and Rudolf Meister, was awarded various scholarships, attended master classes with Professors Paul Badura Skoda, Sergei Dorensky and Leonid Margarius, and graduated with top-grade diplomas, plus soloist, music teacher and artistic achievement awards in master class examinations.

Minae Kim has taken part in various international piano competitions and her successes include winning second prize at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama's International Piano Competition, Glasgow (2006), second prize at the international piano competition in Amalfi, Italy, first prize at Richard Laugh's Mozart competition (2011), and third prize at the International Piano Competition "Ennio Porrino", Italy (2014).

From 2007-2014, Minae Kim took part in Live Music Now, an organization founded by Yehudi Menuhin, to bring music to people who, because of their life circumstances, are unable to go to concerts.

Minae Kim has a wide repertoire including works by Liszt, Chopin, Mozart, Ravel, Debussy, Haydn and Scarlatti.

Besides solo work, Minae Kim also plays in piano quartets and quintets, and with orchestral line-ups.