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Moira graduated in Classical Piano Performance at *F. Torrefranca Conservatory* in Italy in 2004. Soonafter, she undertook graduate studies at *The University of Tor Vergata* and completed her Bachelor of Arts with an Ethnomusicology thesis on Calabrian folk music and its traditions. Under the tutelage of Oscar award-winning composer Luis Bacalov, Moira studied film scoring at Siena's *Accademia Chigiana*. Looking to develop her ability as a pianist, composer and arranger, she received a scholarship to pursue further studies at *Berklee College of Music* and graduated in 2012. Moira currently sits on the Piano Faculty at Berklee, where she also founded *The Equinox Music Festival* and co-directed it with Stephany Tiernan. Recently, she received the Berklee Faculty Fellowship Grant that allowed her to study the music of Brazilian pianist and composer *Francisca 'Chiquinha' Gonzaga*.

Moira has recorded for *Steinway Spirio* and her solo album **'Imago'** was released in March 2016, produced by Steinway & Sons label (Naxos distribution). In 2013 she released her debut album **'Lunaria'**, featuring Bruno Raberg on double bass and Marcello Pellitteri on drums. She also had the chance to start a workshop series called **Improvisation for Classical Pianists**, focusing on the element of improvisation in classical music. She has enjoyed collaborations with oud and violin virtuoso Simon Shaheen, Global Jazz Institute director Marco Pignataro, Grammy award winning clarinetist Kinan Azmeh (Silk Road Ensemble), among many others. She counts numerous performances between festivals (*Villa Celimontana Festival, Newport Jazz Festival*) concert halls (*Steinway Hall, Bohemian National Hall, Berklee Performance Center*), cultural spaces (*Institute of Contemporary Art, French Cultural Center, Goethe Institut, Italian Cultural Center, Shapshifter Lab*) and clubs (*Regatta Bar, Ryles, Zinc Bar, Rockwood Music Hall, Cornelia Street Café*).

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