



Very young and extraordinarily talented Georgian piano prodigy Beka Gochiashvili was born in Tbilisi, Georgia in 1996 and is currently based in New York, USA.

Beka started playing piano at just two and a half years old, first beginning with Scott Joplin ragtime. At ten he had already undertaken extensive classical piano training and was performing in jazz clubs around his hometown.

As the youngest participant at the prestigious Montreux Jazz festival, Beka won first prize in the Bosendorfer Solo Jazz Piano competition. In 2009 he won a full scholarship at New York's Juilliard School. He has since played jazz clubs and festivals throughout the US.

Among his noted fans is former US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who said about just 12 years old Beka: *"Beka is one of the best jazz pianists I've heard anywhere."*

Once Lenny White described the young pianist as *"an old soul in a very young body"* and this phrase truly depicts Beka's musical matureness in his early twenties. His each rhythmic pulse is fully aged in his individuality.

It was his energy that amazed Stanley Clarke so much, saying: *"It's exciting to see the energy he has and he wants to tell you all about it..."*

