



## Biography Judy Ruks

I was born in Oosterbeek, The Netherlands in 1980 and began playing the piano at the age of seven. From 1998 to 2004 I studied Classical piano at the *Hogeschool voor de Kunsten* in Arnhem with Frank Peters and Frank van de Laar, where I graduated with *Bachelor* and *Master* degrees. During my Classical studies I specialised in song accompaniment.

From 2002 to 2006 I studied Argentine tango at the *Academy for World Music* in Rotterdam with Wim Warman and Gustavo Beytelmann. At this time I was pianist in *Orquesta Típica OTRA*, with whom I performed in The Netherlands, France, Germany, Belgium and in 2006 on the *8th Buenos Aires Tango Festival*.

Lessons and workshops that I had with Cristián Zaráte, Coco Nelegatti, Victor Hugo Villena, Ramiro Gallo, Andrés Linetzky and Adrián Enriquez were very important for my development as a tango-pianist.

Currently I play in *Cuarteto Rotterdam*, *Orquesta Típica Guardia Cadenera*, *Luis Borda Cuarteto*, *Locas x el Tango* (Stuttgart) and the *Café Tango Orchestra* (Stuttgart).

I also play in a duo with Soprano Murni Suwetja.