

Grigori Frid

- Biography -

Born on 22 September, 1915 in St. Petersburg, the composer **Grigori Frid** is the son of a literary journalist father and a pianist mother; due to the civil war, the latter fled again and again, settling in various Russian cities.

The family even head for Siberia in 1927 where the father had been banished. A large number of Grigori Frid's relatives were killed under Stalin's terrorist regime. After moving to Moscow, Frid completed his music studies, begun in Irkutsk, at the Conservatory in the composition class of G. Lilinsky and V. Shebalin.

From 1936 until 1939 he taught music theory there and composition from 1947 until 1961 at the Music School of the Conservatory. He simultaneously worked as a composer at the radio. During the war, Frid was in the music corps and worked driving an ambulance.

In 1965 he founded the Moscow Youth Music Club, organising and leading it since then. Seminars and concerts take place regularly there. Frequently, the Club unofficially introduced works of Sofia Gubaidulina, Edison Denisov and Alfred Schnittke.

Frid is a Creative Artist of Merit (1986) and a winner of the Moscow Prize (1996). He has also made a name for himself as a writer and painter.