

Mira Mlotok's Student Ticket Of The Kiev Conservatory



My student ticket of the Kiev Conservatory. It was issued in Sverdlovsk (in evacuation).

When the Conservatoire returned to Kiev I was living in a dormitory. There were no windows after the war; all windows were blocked with boards. It was very cold; we had to play piano in gloves. We died from cold and hunger. There was also a band of gangsters at the time called "Black Cat". They killed and robbed everyone. After every murder or robbing they left a sign - a black cat. They came to us as well, but then saw that they could not take anything from us, students, and left. They did not each touch us. We shook from fear and cold. My friend Sofa and I slept together in one bed and covered ourselves with our two coats over the blanket. When we had to practice singing we went to the Conservatoire because they had some heating there. It was a horrible time.