



# Hitting the right notes



## THE HUMAN

**Anna Demchenko**

**Age:** 33

**Pursuit:** Pianist

**Salary:** Undisclosed

**In UAE:** Since 2013

**Hometown:** Nikolaev, Ukraine

**Marital status:** Single

**Family:** Parents, sister

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‘My mother started teaching me piano when I was three. I had a very busy childhood, engaged in various activities including painting, theatre and choir singing. I didn’t have the time to play with other kids. I hope I am able to make my parents proud and become a world renowned pianist.’

Demchenko says she enjoys classical and popular music, and she even composes original covers. She dreams of not only becoming a globe-trotting pianist but also performing at big events as a DJ, saxophonist and percussionist all at once. She loves when happy people come to her and compliment her music and beauty. “That’s what I want to deliver – smiles, beauty and positive emotions,” she adds.



She was born in Kiev but after the Chernobyl disaster, her family moved to Nikolaev where she trained at music schools. She only hit the ground running as a pianist after moving to the UAE in 2013.



Anna’s parents and sister left Ukraine and moved to Manhattan in New York three years ago. They urge her to join them but she insists Dubai is her city for all the opportunities she gets here.

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Born to eminent pianists in Kiev, Anna Demchenko grew up in a musical family. She felt she was immersed into the world of music even before she was born because her mother attended choir lessons while she was pregnant with her. After studying at a musical arts school in Nikolaev and attending a conservatory in Kiev, she started working as a piano teacher. Six years ago she moved to Abu Dhabi to make her dream of travelling the world and performing on big stages come true. Now she works in Dubai as a freelance musician, spreading smiles, positivity and her immense charm through the music she creates every day.



The 33-year-old prefers cooking all her meals. While her breakfast is usually just eggs, she makes traditional Ukrainian borscht, a hearty soup with chunks of vegetables, for lunch.



Demchenko never misses a yoga session organised at her community. An amateur singer, she also loves to hit the gym, swim and plunge into water sports like diving and snorkeling.



The pianist says she grew up in Nikolaev in the lap of nature. Her family had a big house with a lush garden where she fondly remembers growing strawberries. As a nature lover, she enjoyed going for long walks amid forests, climbing trees and spending time with animals.