The "maturity" of Indian-American pianist Lara Saldanha's performances has been praised as "hugely impressive" (Navhind Times.) Lara is currently in the Professional Studies program at the Mannes School of Music, having completed her M.M. at Mannes studying with Vladimir Valjarević. Lara received her B.M./B.A. in Piano Performance and Economics from Northwestern University, studying with Alan Chow. Past teachers include Serguei Milstein at the Geneva Conservatory in Switzerland, Inna Terekhov, and Neya Korsantia.

Lara has been a prizewinner at the 2019 Mannes Piano Concerto Competition, 2018 Metropolitan International Competition, and 2010 and 2011 Geneva Conservatory Competitions, among others. Lara has performed in the DiMena Center, German Consulate, Bohemian National Hall, and World Trade Center Plaza in New York and made her Indian debut in 2017 at the National Center for the Performing Arts.

Lara is passionate about making music accessible to all, playing in the “Neighborhood Concerts” series in NYC public schools, Groupmuse house concerts, retirement communities, and passing on her love for music to her 15 students.