

"Ambassadors of Musical Mastery" will perform in Beijing on the 70th anniversary of the Victory

On August 6 and 7, Thursday and Friday, the St. Petersburg Music House and "Rossotrudnichestvo" present concerts of the "Embassy of Musical Mastery" project that will be held in **China** for the first time. The laureates of international competitions **Tatiana Starkova** (soprano) and **Vladimir Gudozhnikov** (bass-baritone) will perform in the **Russian Cultural Center in Beijing** and in the **Kaisin Concert Hall** on the **70th anniversary of the Great Victory**. The piano part will be performed by the laureate of international competitions Anatolii Kuznetsov.

Selections from the folk drama "**The Enchantress**" and the first-of-its-kind lyric opera "**Eugene Onegin**" will be performed in the year of the 175th anniversary of **Tchaikovsky**. Slavic themes will be continued by an aria from the fantastic "**Christmas Eve**" by **Rimsky-Korsakov** and Cavatina from "**Aleko**", the **Rachmaninov's** first opera. The following European opera "hits" will be performed for the audience: "**Il Trovatore**" by **Giuseppe Verdi**, "**Faust**" by **Charles Gounod** and "**Carmen**" by **Georges Bizet**. The singers will also perform songs by **Rachmaninov**, **Tchaikovsky**, and **Glinka**. The war lyrics - songs to music by **Mark Fradkin**, **Kirill Molchanov**, **Ian Frenkel** and **Matvey Blanter** – will be performed for the Chinese listeners in the year of the 70th anniversary of the Great Victory.

Tatiana Starkova (26 years old). Was born in Novosibirsk. A graduate from the Perm Academy of Arts and Culture (the class of Olga Liyka). 2nd Prizewinner at the All-Russian Review Competition of Music Academies Graduates (St. Petersburg, 2014). The winner of the Rimsky-Korsakov International Competition (2015). A soloist of the Academy of Young Opera Singers of the Mariinsky Theatre.

Vladimir Gudozhnikov (28 years old). Was born in Aktobe (Kazakhstan). A graduate from the N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov St. Petersburg Conservatory (the class of Olga Kondina, the People's Artist of Russia). A vocal artist of the Saint-Petersburg Philharmonic.

Concert on August 6:

Russian Cultural Center in Beijing

Starts at 7 pm

By invitation only

Address: Beijing, Dongcheng district, Dongzhimennei str., 9 (NAGA), building 2
Tel: (8610)84060224

Concert on August 7:

Kaisin Concert Hall

Starts at 2.30 pm

By invitation only

Address: Beijing, Xichen, Chegongzhuang Dajie 4 1949 Art Park 20 Bldg
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Concert on August 7:

Kaisin Concert Hall

Starts at 7.30 pm

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The "**Embassy of Musical Mastery**" is a unique project of the Saint-Petersburg Music House and Rossotrudnichestvo which started in 2012 and includes the away meetings of the leading musicians in Russia, as well as tours and guest performances of the young soloists in the Russian Centers of Science and Culture in Europe.

The St. Petersburg Music House is a federal cultural institution created in 2006 to train young Russian musicians for international competitions and festivals occupying the Palace of Grand Duke Alexei Romanov at 122 Moika embankment.

The Artistic Director is the famous cellist, People's Artist of Russia professor Sergey Roldugin. For more information visit: www.spdm.ru