

## The Saint-Petersburg Music House

The Saint-Petersburg Music House was established in February, 2006 by the Government of Russia and at the initiative of the Ministry of Culture. The main task of the House is to support young Russian soloists at the very start of their solo career, to prepare them completely for international competitions and festivals. In the focus there are 16-30 years old students and graduates of conservatories, the orchestral soloists.

The creation of this new institution was initiated by Professor Sergey Roldugin, the brilliant cellist and conductor, People's Artist of Russia, who was earlier in the head of the Rimsky-Korsakov Saint-Petersburg State Conservatory and now is the artistic director of the Music House. To achieve a success in their creative activity, the young performers should have a great concert responsibility, so meeting with the audience as the "best teacher" makes a radical difference between a training concert and a public one. "Within such events, a young soloist is not a timid student, trying prentice hand, but a full-hearted professional from whom they expect creative achievements", says Sergey Roldugin.

The Saint-Petersburg Music House offers to its programs' participants to play in the best music venues of Russia, to train at master classes of the outstanding masters, to get an experience of playing with a symphony orchestra. Participation is free of charge for young musicians. A significant part of expenses required for the youth projects of the Saint- Petersburg Music House is provided by charity.

**In 2006-2014**, we had **662** concerts. Within the concert programs, about 1,500 performances were made in Russia and in Europe. The auditory knows very well the names of the concert cycles such as "Young Interpreters of Russia", "Musical Team of Russia", "Music of Stars", "River of Talents", "Russian Tuesdays", "Russian Thursdays", "Embassy of Musical Mastery".

The Saint-Petersburg Music House is located in the unique sample of architecture – Palace of Grand Duke Alexey Alexandrovich, brother of the Emperor Alexander III (Moika Embankment, 122, Saint-Petersburg). In the English Hall of the Palace, the concerts take place; excursions are organized to show you the other grand halls.

**"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. **In 2015, the geography of "Embassy of Musical Mastery" concerts will significantly expand to 35 countries** – the young soloists will be welcomed **in Asia, North and South America, Africa, as well as in the capitals of the European countries.**

*For more details, see website: [www.spdm.ru](http://www.spdm.ru)*