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BORODIN: Prince Igor (Highlights)

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*Prince Igor*, a vast nationalist epic which describes the clash of cultures between the Russians, symbolised by Prince Igor, and the Tartar Polovtski tribe, led by Khan Konchak, is one of the greatest of all Russian operas. This disc of vocal and orchestral highlights features several evocative arias as well as the famous *Dance of the Polovtsian Maidens* and the choral *Polovtsian Dances*. The 'musical picture' *In the Steppes of Central Asia* is a vivid evocation of an oriental caravan crossing the central Asian plains, escorted by Russian troops.

Alexander Porfir'yevich

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(1833–1887)

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(Completed and edited by Rimsky-Korsakov and Glazunov)

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| 1 | Overture  | 10:18 | 6 | There is neither sleep,<br>nor rest <sup>3</sup>   | 7:03  |
| 2 | I don't like boredom <sup>4</sup><br>(Galitzky's Recitative & Aria,<br>Act I) | 3:58  | 7 | Choral version of the<br>Polovtsian Dances, Act II | 10:43 |
| 3 | Dance of the Polovtsian<br>Maidens, Act II                                    | 2:19  | 8 | Polovtsian March, Act III                          | 4:59  |
| 4 | Daylight is fading <sup>1</sup><br>(Konchakovna's Cavatina, Act II)           | 5:38  | 9 | In the Steppes of<br>Central Asia                  | 7:32  |
| 5 | Slowly the day was fading <sup>2</sup><br>(Vladimir's Cavatina, Act II)       | 5:07  |   |  |       |

Angelina Shvachka, Mezzo-Soprano<sup>1</sup> • Dmytro Popov, Tenor<sup>2</sup>  
Mykola Koval, Baritone<sup>3</sup> • Taras Shtonda, Bass<sup>4</sup>  
Kiev Chamber Choir (Mykola Hobdych, Chorus-Master)  
National Radio Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine  
Theodore Kuchar

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