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PROKOFIEV: Alexander Nevsky • Lieutenant Kijé

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Composed as a soundtrack for Eisenstein's film of the same name, *Alexander Nevsky*, a dramatization of the thirteenth-century conflict between the Russian people and Teutonic invaders, struck a resounding chord in the Soviet Union at a time when war with Hitler's Germany seemed inevitable. In 1939 Prokofiev re-arranged the score as a cantata for concert performance, and the work soon established itself as one of the most popular Russian choral works of the twentieth century. Perhaps Prokofiev's most popular work, the Suite from *Lieutenant Kijé* is taken from incidental music for a satirical film which follows the fortunes of a fictitious officer, the creation of a bureaucratic blunder.



Sergey  
**PROKOFIEV**  
(1891-1953)



	<b>Alexander Nevsky, Op. 78</b> (Cantata for Mezzo-Soprano, Chorus and Orchestra) <b>38:35</b>		<b>Lieutenant Kijé, Suite, Op. 60</b> <b>19:45</b>
1	<b>Russia under the Mongolian Yoke</b> <b>2:53</b>	8	<b>The Birth of Kijé</b> <b>4:17</b>
2	<b>Song about Alexander Nevsky</b> <b>2:50</b>	9	<b>Romance</b> <b>3:57</b>
3	<b>The Crusaders in Pskov</b> <b>6:34</b>	10	<b>Kijé's Wedding</b> <b>2:44</b>
4	<b>Arise, Ye Russian People</b> <b>2:22</b>	11	<b>Troika</b> <b>2:46</b>
5	<b>The Battle on the Ice</b> <b>12:49</b>	12	<b>The Burial of Kijé</b> <b>6:01</b>
6	<b>The Field of Death</b> <b>6:25</b>		
7	<b>Alexander's Entry into Pskov</b> <b>4:42</b>		

**Ewa Podleś, Mezzo-Soprano** 6 • **Latvian State Choir** 1-7  
**Orchestre National de Lille-Région Nord/Pas-de-Calais**  
**Jean-Claude Casadesus**

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