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This recital brings together some of the best loved as well as little-known tenor arias from nineteenth century Russian opera, interspersed with orchestral excerpts adding to the dramatic atmosphere. The arias from Tchaikovsky's ever-popular masterpieces *Eugene Onegin* and *The Queen of Spades* offer unique psychological insights into the characters. Less familiar but equally beautiful are the arias from Rimsky-Korsakov's magical opera *May Night*, which evokes the unique atmosphere of summer in Russia, and from Mussorgsky's *Sorochintsy Fair*, an unfinished comedy which makes extensive use of Ukrainian folk melodies.

## RUSSIAN OPERA ARIAS, Vol. 1

Vladimir Grishko, Tenor

TCHAIKOVSKY (1840-1893)			⑨ Lensky's Aria (Act I)	3:19
The Queen of Spades			I love you, Olga	
① Overture	3:55	⑩ Polonaise (Act III)		4:38
② Hermann's Arioso (Act I)	3:32	⑪ Lensky's Aria (Act II, Scene 2)		6:12
I do not know her name		Where, o where have you gone?		
③ Hermann's Arioso (Act I)	2:45	⑫ Ecossaise (Act III)		1:55
Forgive me, heavenly creature		MUSSORGSKY (1839-1881)		
④ Hermann's Arioso (Act III)	2:27	Sorochintsy Fair		
What is our life? A game!		⑬ Gopak		1:43
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV (1844-1908)		⑭ Grits'ko's Song (Act I)		4:34
May Night		Why, o heart, do you sob and groan?		
⑤ Overture	8:03	ARENKY (1861-1906)		
⑥ Levko's Aria (Act I)	3:00	Dream on the Volga		
The sun is low		⑮ Overture		6:33
⑦ Levko's Recitative & Song (Act III)	5:31	Raphael		
Sleep, my beauty		⑯ Song of the Off-Stage Singer		2:19
TCHAIKOVSKY (1840-1893)		My heart quivers		
Eugene Onegin				
⑧ Waltz (Act II)	6:24			

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine • Theodore Kuchar (tracks 1, 5, 8, 10, 12-13, 15)  
Ukraine State Radio Symphony Orchestra • Vladimir Sirenko (tracks 2-4, 6-7, 9, 11, 14, 16)

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