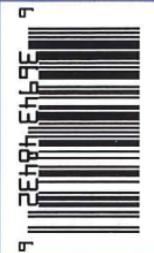


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This recital brings together some of the best loved as well as little-known tenor arias from nineteenth century Russian opera, interspersed with orchestral excerpts adding to the dramatic atmosphere. The arias from Tchaikovsky's ever-popular masterpieces *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.

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Vladimir Grishko, Tenor

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

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