

The songs on this album are not as well known as other works by these three composers, but this more intimate form of expression often goes straight to the heart and soul of their work. Tchaikovsky wrote songs throughout his life, and it is easy to find autobiographical parallels in his chosen themes of love and longing. Rimsky-Korsakov's songs are characterised by tender lyricism, while Rachmaninov's wordless *Vocalise* has become one of his most famous melodies.

## RUSSIAN SONGS

CO-PRODUCTION  
WITH

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KLASSIK

Pyotr Il'yich TCHAIKOVSKY  
(1840–1893)

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| 1 I wish I could take all my sadness<br>(1875)         | 1:46 |
| 2 Those were the first few days of<br>spring (1878)    | 2:45 |
| 3 And was I not once a little blade of<br>grass (1880) | 5:18 |
| 4 Lullaby (1872)                                       | 4:27 |
| 5 By chance at a ball I did see you<br>(1878)          | 1:49 |
| 6 If I'd only guessed (1880)                           | 4:36 |
| 7 No, only he who knew (1869)                          | 2:37 |
| 8 Not one word, not one sigh, oh my<br>friend (1869)   | 2:41 |
| 9 My genius, my angel, my friend<br>(1857/58)          | 2:01 |

Margarita Gritskova,  
Mezzo-soprano  
Maria Prinz, Piano

Nikolay Andreyevich  
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV (1844–1908)

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| 10 'Twas not the wind that lightly<br>brushed (1897)                 | 1:49 |
| 11 The flying wisps of clouds are<br>thinning, scattering far (1897) | 3:21 |
| 12 In the west the pale rose sunset's<br>darkening (1897)            | 2:40 |
| 13 A rose has charmed a nightingale<br>(An Eastern Romance) (1866)   | 3:10 |
| 14 Upon the Georgian hills there lies<br>the haze of night (1866)    | 2:02 |
- Sergey RACHMANINOV  
(1873–1943)
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| 15 I wait for you (1894–96)                        | 1:37 |
| 16 Oh, I fell in love, to my own despair<br>(1893) | 2:16 |
| 17 Oh beauty, do not sing to me<br>(1893)          | 4:41 |
| 18 How good 'tis here (1900)                       | 1:44 |
| 19 Vocalise (1912)                                 | 5:20 |
| 20 The Waters of Spring (1894–96)                  | 2:09 |

Sung in Russian. A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet.

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