

Ukraine has a long and vibrant tradition of Christmas carols, whose melodies and meaning – now, more than ever – hold an important place in the hearts of the country's people. Some carols date back centuries and cover a wide variety of themes, but they are united by a common thread – an appreciation of the beauties of heaven and earth, and the coming of the Saviour. The Ukrainian violin virtuoso Solomiya Ivakhiv is the soloist in Bohdan Kryvopust's imaginative arrangements, which bring out the variety and beauty of the carols. Kryvopust's own *Fantasia* is a delightful festive montage.

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS

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| Traditional Ukrainian carols | 8 | A peacock strolls | 5:06 |
| 1 All around the world, good tidings | 3:10 | 9 Malanka | 3:28 |
| 2 Good evening to you! | 2:45 | | |
| 3 How wondrous this is | 5:07 | Bohdan Kryvopust (b. 1975) | |
| 4 God is born | 3:27 | 10 Fantasia (2023) | 9:33 |

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| Vasyl Zhdankin (1958–2019) | | Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863) | |
| 5 On a sleigh, God was born (1988) | 4:13 | 11 Silent night (1818) | 3:34 |

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| Traditional Ukrainian carols | | Traditional Ukrainian carol | |
| 6 New joy has arisen | 4:37 | 12 Evening of plenty,
evening of goodness | 4:59 |
| 7 Glory to God in the highest | 2:45 | | |

All works arranged by Bohdan Kryvopust (2023–24)

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

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Lviv National Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra

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A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet

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