

Memorable melodies and a descriptive sense of place mark out Alexey Shor's two concertos. The *Cello Concerto* juxtaposes styles across the epochs in pursuit of a unique 'musical pilgrimage', while in the *Violin Concerto No. 3* his focus is on 'seasonal' Manhattan, as he adds a contemporary vision to the historical precedents set by Vivaldi and Piazzolla. *Phoenix* is a rhapsodic fantasy, lyrical and full of variation, which evokes a sense of renewal and transformation, while *Schubertango* offers a celebration of playful contrasts.

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Playing Time  
68:50

Alexey  
**SHOR**  
(b. 1970)

## Composer's Notebook • 4

### Cello Concerto No. 1 'Musical Pilgrimage' (2018, arr. 2019)

21:04

① I. Allegro  
② II. Adagio  
③ III. Ritmico

9:31  
7:14  
4:13

### Violin Concerto No. 3 'The Four Seasons of Manhattan'

21:13

(2020, arr. 2021)  
④ I. Summer: Allegro  
⑤ II. Autumn: Andante lacrimoso  
⑥ III. Winter: Andante lacrimoso  
⑦ IV. Spring: Allegro

6:29  
6:04  
4:28  
5:05

⑧ Phoenix – Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra (2021, arr. 2022) 13:01

⑨ Crystal Palace – Frozen Garden Waltz (2017, arr. 2022) 3:24

⑩ Saint Elmo Barcarolle (2015, arr. 2022) 5:11

⑪ Schubertango (2013, arr. 2022) 3:33

All works are performed in the composer's arrangements with string orchestra

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Kyiv Virtuosi • John Warner ①-③

Massimiliano Caldi ④-⑦ • Dmitry Yablonsky ⑧-⑪

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