

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.

# Alexey SHOR

(b. 1970)

## Composer's Notebook • 4

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| <b>Cello Concerto No. 1 'Musical Pilgrimage'</b> (2018, arr. 2019)             | <b>21:04</b> | <b>8 Phoenix – Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra</b> (2021, arr. 2022) | <b>13:01</b> |
| <b>1 I. Allegro</b>  | <b>9:31</b>  | <b>9 Crystal Palace – Frozen Garden Waltz</b> (2017, arr. 2022)       | <b>3:24</b>  |
| <b>2 II. Adagio</b>  | <b>7:14</b>  | <b>10 Saint Elmo Barcarolle</b> (2015, arr. 2022)                     | <b>5:11</b>  |
| <b>3 III. Ritmico</b>  | <b>4:13</b>  | <b>11 Schubertango</b> (2013, arr. 2022)                              | <b>3:33</b>  |
| <b>Violin Concerto No. 3 'The Four Seasons of Manhattan'</b> (2020, arr. 2021) | <b>21:13</b> |   |              |
| <b>4 I. Summer: Allegro</b>  | <b>6:29</b>  |   |              |
| <b>5 II. Autumn: Andante lacrimoso</b>   | <b>6:04</b>  |   |              |
| <b>6 III. Winter: Andante lacrimoso</b>  | <b>4:28</b>  |   |              |
| <b>7 IV. Spring: Allegro</b>   | <b>5:05</b>  |   |              |

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

**Alexander Chaushian, Cello** **1–3** • **Zia Hyunsu Shin, Violin** **4–7**  
**Dumitru Pocitari, Violin** **8** • **Kristóf Baráti, Violin** **9–11**  
**Kyiv Virtuosi • John Warner** **1–3**  
**Massimiliano Caldi** **4–7** • **Dmitry Yablonsky** **8–11**

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