

2nd London Festival of Bulgarian Culture

1 - 30 November 2012

Programme

Thursday, 22th November 2012, 7.30pm St. James's Piccadilly, 197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL

Eastern and Western passionate melodies

Dimitar Burov - violin Mina Miletic - piano

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Eastern and Western passionate melodies

L. V. Beethoven

Sonata for Violin and Piano Op. 23 in A minor

- 1. Presto
- 2. Andante scherzoso, piu Allegretto
- 3. Allegro molto

Igor Stravinsky

Suite Italienne

- 1. INTRODUZIONE Allegro moderato
- 2. SERENATA Larghetto
- 3. TARANTELLA Vivace
- 4. GAVOTTA con due Variazioni
- 5. SCHERZINO Presto alla breve
- 6. MINUETTO e FINALE Moderato, Molto vivace

INTERVAL

Dmitri Shostakovich

Sonata for violin and piano, Op.134

- 1. Andante
- 2. Allegretto
- 3. Largo, Andante

Pancho Vladigerov

Chant, from the 'Suite Bulgare', Op21/2



Dimitar Burov comes from a musical family where he began violin lessons at the age of six with his mother, a distinguished violin teacher. Later he attended the State Music School in Varna studying under Dimitar Raychev. During this time he won second prize at the National Violin Competition "S. Obretenov" and first prise at the "National Festival for Young Talents" in Sofia. He made his debut as a soloist with the Varna Philharmonic Orchestra under Ivan Marinov playing Mozart's Violin Concerto in A-Major and also recorded a live broadcast for Varna Radio.

In 1984 he was accepted at the National State Conservatoire in Sofia where he studied violin with Professor Anton Hadjiatanassov and chamber music with Professor Zeni Zaharieva. During his studies there Dimitar gave many concerts and represented the Conservatoire in venues both at home and abroad, including visits to France, Germany, Hungary, Finland and Russia. He performed as a soloist with many of the major orchestras throughout the country and recorded for Sofia Radio. His recording of the Chausson's "Poème" was hailed as "highly expressive and powerful".

In 1987 he won first prize at the National Violin Competition "N. Simeonova". He obtained Bmus with distinction following which he was invited to perform Mozart's Violin Concerto in G-Major with the Sofia Radio Orchestra under Plamen Dzurov.

In 1988 Dimitar was awarded a full scholarship from the British Council to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama with Professor Yfrah Neaman. During his time at the Guildhall he also participated in master classes with distinguished musicians such as Georgy Pauk, Rosa Fine, Ida Haendel, Erich Gruenberg, David Takeno and others. He completed the Advanced Solo Study Course in 1991 with distinction.

Since then Dimitar has established a busy career as a performer and a teacher.

As a soloist and chamber musician he is highly in demand and has performed in major venues and festivals throughout the UK and abroad, including Wigmore Hall, Kings Place, St. John's Smith Square, St. James's Piccadilly, St. Martin in the Fields, Windsor Music Festival, Chichester Music Festival, Varna Summer Festival, Istanbul Spring Festival and many others.

His international engagements have taken him to France, Germany, Finland, Italy, Switzerland, Hungary, Slovakia, Turkey, Malaysia, Hong Kong and he regularly performs in his home country Bulgaria. He is particularly inspired by violinist Mincho Minchev with whom he sat as a member of the jury for the First Varna Summer Violin Competition.

Dimitar has collaborated with many fine musicians including pianists Zeny Zaharieva, Marta Deanova, lan Brown, cellists Mat Lindstrom and Leonid Gorohov, violinists Jack Libeck, Krzysztof Smietana, Andrew Haveron and chamber groups like the Chillingirian String Quartet, Molto Musica Ensemble, Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the London Mozart Piano Trio with whom he recorded the Shostakovich Piano Quintet, a CD whish was selected as the CD of the month by Classic Music Magazine in June 2008.

As a teacher Dimitar has taught at Lancing College, North London Collegiate School, Purcell School (from 1994 to 1998) In1998 he was appointed as a full time Head of Strings at Harrow School, a busy and dynamic position which occupies him teaching violin and viola, coaching chamber music and conducting a string orchestra. He has given master classes in Bulgaria, Malaysia, Turkey and Hong Kong.

ARTISTS

Mina Mlletić – piano

Mina Miletić, UK Young Artist of the Year 2007 and prize-winner of many awards, was born in Belgrade to parents of Serbian and Bulgarian heritage. She established her career regularly appearing in recital, as a chamber musician and concerto soloist at major musical venues and festivals throughout Europe, Asia, Central America and the USA.

She performed at the 30th BEMUS, ex-Yugoslavia's most prestigious festival, recorded for Serbian National Radio and TV (RTS) and has given many RTS live broadcasts.

Mina recently completed her doctoral thesis on 'Interpretation of Impressionistic Piano Music'. For five years (2004-2009) she was the Honorary Secretary of the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe.

She has been a visiting piano teacher at Harrow School since 2003, and Wellington College since 2012. She is also active as a contributor and reviewer for the 'Arietta' Journal. Mina has given master-classes in Armenia, Bulgaria and Serbia and is increasingly engaged as an adjudicator for festivals and competitions.

For two consecutive years (2008 and 2009) she was in the jury of the International Piano Competition 'Davorin Jenko' in Belgrade.

Further details may be found on her web-site: www.minamiletic.co.uk



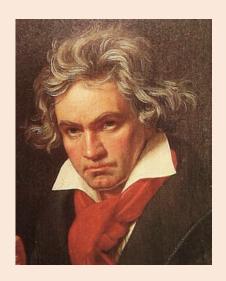
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Sonata for Violin and Piano Op. 23 in A minor

The A-Minor Violin Sonata was composed in 1800 and published a year later as Op23. It was dedicated to the Director of the Austrian National Bank in Vienna, Count Moriz von Fries who was a prominent patron of the arts and a generous admirer and supporter of Beethoven.

This is a truly turbulent, vibrant and engaging work. Both the first and last movements are in 6/8 time, full of vigour and potent inner drive. They are unified by a strong rhythmical, compact pulse, sudden changes of mood and a certain austerity of texture. The middle movement is an ingenious and clever mixture of a lyrical Andante and a whimsical Scherzo combined together.



Igor Stravinsky - Suite Italienne

Stravinsky's Suite Italienne is a charming and witty reworking of characters from the composer's own ballet "Pulicinella" adapted for violin and piano. His great friend the violinist Samuel Dushkin offered his technical and instrumental assistance in order to produce this brilliant showpiece for the two instruments.

This is music full of humour, vitality and joy. It is highly declamatory and makes a most interesting and spirited raucous tableau of different characters and emotional conditions.



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Dmitri Shostakovich - Sonata for violin and piano, Op.134

Shostakovich wrote the Violin Sonata Op 134 in 1968 to commemorate the sixtieth birthday of his close friend, the legendary violinist David Oistrakh. The sonata was given a private hearing in January 1969 by the dedicatee and the great pianist Sviatoslav Richter. Five months later, on May 2nd, at the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatoire the two outstanding musicians gave the premier of this sonata.

It is a truly remarkable work incorporating twelve tone system in a most free, imaginative and expressive manner. The meditative and pastoral first movement, though lyrical in character, is also tinged with hair razing, spooky moments of incredible neurotic tension. The second movement is a wild, aggressive, ruthless Allegro, full of terror and anger. It is a non stop aural assault on the listener with no time for respite!

The last movement is a passacaglia, a theme with 14 variations. It is Shostakovich's most eloquent statement on the human condition but it can also be viewed as an edifice digging at its own foundations, culminating in the two stunning cadenzas for both instruments. The end of the sonata is enigmatic, mysterious, spiritual, undefined by words.

Pancho Vladigerov - Chant, from the 'Suite Bulgare', Op21/2

Pancho Vladigerov is amongst the most loved, influential and important composers to emerge during the course of the twentieth century. His successful and well fused combination of Bulgarian folk music and the West European music tradition is masterfully crafted and blended.

In his compositions the attentive listener hears immediately the intonations and melodic peculiarities of his native folk tradition combined ingeniously with the lyricism and his individual harmonic language which reminds one of Rachmaninov, Szymanowski and Debussy.





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Ivo Stankov – Organiser of LFBC

Classical Concerts Productions is a company operating in the field of arts, with particular focus on music. Director of the company is Ivo Stankov - Bulgarian born and currently living in London. Being an active performer himself, Ivo combines his artistic experience with managerial skills to present a number of successful cultural projects in the capital such as 'London Festival of Bulgarian Culture (LFBC)', for which he was awarded a Silver Medal from the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Teodora Ruseva – Events Manager LFBC

Having lived in Bulgaria, The Netherlands and the U.S., Teodora Ruseva is currently studying TV & New Broadcasting Media and English Literature at Kingston University - London.



Svetla Dionisieva – Director of BCI London

Svetla Dionisieva is the Director of the Bulgarian Cultural Institute London, and has been so since its creation in 2010. She has an extensive cultural background, including degrees in theatre direction and acting from universities in Prague and Sofia, and numerous years of experience in the industry. Svetla has always had a passion for Bulgarian culture, and it is her mission for the Bulgarian Cultural Institute London to share the treasures of the country and its culture with others, especially those outside of Bulgaria, in order to both bring out a similar passion in them and show the true significance of Bulgaria's heritage to as wide an audience as possible.



Evgeni Vasilev – Graphic & Web Designer

With more than 12 years of professional experience in graphic and web design, Evgeni is highly dedicated and strongly driven individual. His key qualities are the excellent design skills, combined with his passion for new technologies and everything digital. Graduated as cinema & television director, and having worked as multi-media artist at InterSpace New Media Arts Centre, Evgeni possesses the skills & qualifications necessary to make significant contribution to any digital art project.



Lyudmil Karavasilev – Public Relations – Bulgaria

Lyudmil Karavasilev is experienced marketing communications and PR professional currently working for a large international bank as a brand manager. He took part in the development of some of the most exciting art and sports sponsorships and CSR campaigns in Bulgaria, and in a number of award-winning advertising & PR campaigns. For him the partnership with the LFBC could be the start of an exciting adventure worth taking.



Evgeni Dimitrov - Bulfoto - Public Relations - Bulgaria

Evgeni Dimitrov is a photographer and founder of the leading Bulgarian photo agency Bulphoto. His pictures often appear on the front pages of Bulgarian news media and in Internet. His agency is a partner of a number of international media – both European and American ones. Mr. Dimitrov is a member of the jury of the prestigious BG Press Photo Awards and organizer of several visual projects in cooperation with Sofia Municipality, EU representative office in Bulgaria and the Office of the European Parliament. Mr. Dimitrov is among the founders of the Days of the Bulgarian Culture in Rome in 2006, as a part of the Bulgarian Cultural & Informational Center in Rome, together with the La Fenice association.



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Artists

West London Philip Devorina
Sinfonia Hesketh Gamalova
conductor violin/viola

Programme

Alexander Borodin - In The Steps of Central Asia lan Schofield Concerto for violin/viola and orchestra (World premiere) Marin Goleminov Concerto for violin and orchestra (UK Premiere) Petr Ilych Tchaikovsky Symphony No.5 in E major, Op.64





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Artists

Mundi

Arcadia George Ivo Stankov violin Hlawiczka

violin/conductor

Programme

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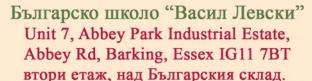


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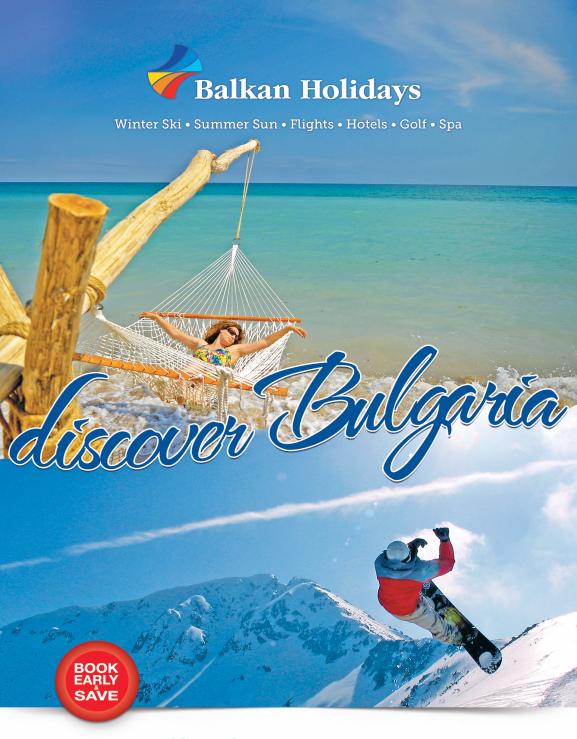
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Jazz Music	Alexandra Jekova Jazz Trio	8 Nov
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Pop Music	Filip Avramov & Milena Avramova	21 Nov
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