

## HERMITAGE ENSEMBLE PROGRAMME

*Items will be introduced in English and selected from the following Russian Orthodox Church Music works, (a cappella Slavonic).*

The concert includes a short interval during which the CDs, which Ensemble recorded just before leaving St Petersburg for this UK tour, will be for sale.

### ***Russian Orthodox Church Music(a capella Slavonic)***

1. ***Blessed is the Lord***( Blagoslaven gospod') - Degtyarev
2. ***My Soul, send my blessing to the Lord*** (Blagoslovi, dusha moja, Gospoda) -**Michael Ippolitov- Ivanov**

Bless the Lord, O my Soul

Bless the Lord, O my Soul .O my God thou art very great .Blessed art thou, Lord ,who hast clothed thyself with beauty .The waters stood above the mountain.

Lord, how manifold are thy works. The springs run among the hills. All the earth is full of the riches. Glory to thee, Lord, who in wisdom hast made them all.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

3. ***We resort to your Protection, Mother of God*** - (pod tvoji milost) - Tkachenko

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Don't reject our Prayers and Deliver us from Evil.

4. ***Thy lips*** (Ust tvoix) - **Balakirev**

5. ***Nunc heavenly hosts*** (Nine sili nebesniya) - **L'vovskii**

6. ***Extol the Lord's name – Merciful Christ*** (*Xvalite imja Gospodne*)- Dobri Xristov

7. ***People, raise the anthem (Vospoite, ludie)*** - **Dimitry Bortnjansky** (1752 – 1825) born in Glukhov, Ukraine. Studied at both Moscow and St Petersburg under the Italian, and then followed him to Italy in 1768. He continued his musical studies at Bologna, Rome and Naples, composing and operas in Venice and Modena in 1778. He returned to Russia and in 1779 was appointed director of the Imperial Church Choir, which eventually became the Imperial Chapel. Beside his extensive religious music, which included 45 sacred pieces for choirs, he also wrote operas and instrumental pieces.

8. ***Body asleep*** (Plotij usnjv) - **Ionafan**

9. ***God's Own Son*** (Edinorodnij Sine)- Turchaninov

10. ***G.Caccini - Ave Maria***

11. ***Many years for the Russian Tsar.***

Many years for the Russian tsar,

This Song was sung a long time ago

And now all Russia repeats it amicably and loudly

The Name of the Tsar is thundering around whole the World.

***Russian Folk Songs (a cappella Russian)***

1. ***A solemn hymn dating back to Peter-the-Greats' time*** (Raduisja Petre)
2. ***Venice at night*** - Taneev
3. ***Say your prayer, lad- Vertinskii***
4. ***The Song about Prince Oleg***
5. ***The Urals song***
6. ***It's a real pleasure, dear brothers***
7. ***Nightingale, the little birdie***
8. ***Abt- Night's serenade***
9. ***The song of the Russian snow storm.***

The blizzard is winding along the street. A young man is walking and is saying to his fiancée: "Wait, please, my beloved! Let me have a look at your beauty, at your flourishing face! I am getting crazy from your beauty, and am losing my mind. Wait, please, my beloved! Let me have a look at your beauty!"

10. ***Ballad about Stepan Rasin – a famous brigand in old Russia***

His brightly painted boats appear from behind an island. Stepan Rasin is in the front one, celebrating his marriage to an abducted Persian princess. His mates are grumbling – he swapped us for a woman! Just spent one night with her and became a woman himself. Stepan hears that and to prove his mates wrong, grabs the poor girl and throws her overboard.

11. ***Three harnessed horses racing with jingle-bells***

Long runs the road

12. ***Those Evening Bells*** -Lyrics by Thomas Moore

Youth comes to the end and then life comes to the end. Only bells can be heard as before.

**Thank you for your support. The programme can be changed.  
We apologise if tonight's programme varies from the above list.  
All items will be introduced in English.**