MOSCOW STATE RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1978 as an outgrowth of the need for the symphonic repertoire of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries to be broadcast throughout Russia. It was decided that the Orchestra should broadcast performances on a weekly basis.

The Orchestra expanded its activities into Russian television, including projects with Korean KBC and German ZDF. In 1980 the Orchestra created a major subscription series in Moscow’s Tchaikovsky Hall and Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory. The Orchestra’s first music director was Alexander Mikhailov. He headed the Orchestra until 1996 before Anatoli Nemudrov (a disciple of Danila Tulin) assumed the music directorship.

Presently the Orchestra follows the European music tradition and does not have a permanent Chief Conductor. Music Director Alexei Kornienko invites maestros from Russia and abroad in order to facilitate the continuing development and mastery of the musicians.

In addition to the Orchestra’s extensive work for television, radio and film soundtracks, the Orchestra has performed at the Kremlin Palace with the Moscow Classical Ballet in performance of The Nutcracker, Giselle, Don Quixote, Cinderella and Firebird. The Orchestra was featured in a concert on the Sobor Square in the Kremlin in 1998 with Monserrat Coballiet.

The Orchestra has given performances in: Munich, Stuttgart, Rome, Naples, Milan, Florence, Madrid, Barcelona, Saragossa, Seoul, Pussan, Peking, Shanghai, Hong Kong, New York, Chicago, Fort Worth, Los Angeles and others. In 2004 Columbia Artist Management organized the Orchestra’s most recent tour of the United States. The Orchestra gave 42 concerts in 22 states. Programs including Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, and Rimsky-Korsakov were presented.

The Orchestra records the Golden collection of classic music (Russian and European together with the State Television and Radio Foundation). From 1995 until 2006 the Orchestra issued 32 CDs together with Mediafon Hanssler, Santec Music and other firms.