



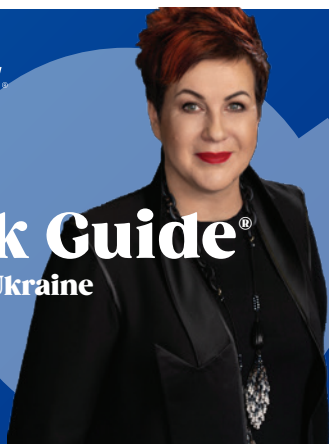
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Dvořák and the Music of Ukraine

Sat 1/24/26 at 7 pm

Performance #320 Season 11, Concert 13
Fisher Center at Bard Sosnoff Theater



TATIANA KALINICHENKO *conductor*

CONCERT TIMELINE

2 hours



Brief remarks by Shawn Thoma *cello*



Victoria Poleva

Born 9/11/1962 in Kyiv

Nova

U.S. PREMIERE

Written 2022, at age 59

Premiered 7/10/2022 at Adam Mickiewicz University
in Poznan, Poland; Warsaw Philharmonic
Orchestra; Andrzej Boreyko *conductor*



Antonín Dvořák

Born 9/8/1841 in Nelahozeves, Czech Republic

Died 5/1/1904 at age 62 in Prague

Violin Concerto

Allegro ma non troppo (fast, but not too fast) *11 min*

Adagio ma non troppo (slow, but not too slow) *10 min*

Finale: Allegro giocoso, ma non troppo (happy and
fast, but not too fast) *11 min*

no pause between first two movements

DMYTRO TKACHENKO *violin*

Written 1879, at age 38; revised in 1880 and 1882

Premiered 10/14/1883 at the National Theatre
in Prague; Mořic Anger *conductor*;
František Ondříček *violin*

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Brief remarks by Yuchen Zhao violin



Levko Kolodub

Born 5/1/1930 in Kyiv

Died 2/23/2019 at age 88 in Kyiv

Ukrainian Carpathian Rhapsody No. 1

Andante maestoso (moderately slow and majestic)

Moderato (at a moderate tempo)

Andante—Larghetto (moderately slow, then fairly slow)

Allegro molto (very fast)

no pause between movements

Written 1960, at age 30



Yevhen Stankovych

Born 9/19/1942 in Svalyava, Ukraine

The Vikings Suite

Spring Dance

Monastery

Attack

Elisabeth, the groom, Harald

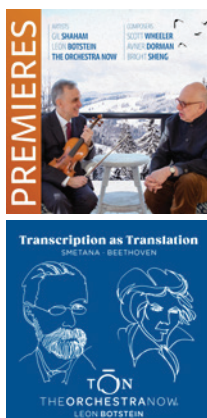
Finale

no pause between the first four movements

U.S. PREMIERE

Written 1999, at age 57

Premiere 1999, National Opera of Ukraine



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The Music

VICTORIA POLEVA'S NOVA

Notes by TÖN bassoonist Shelby Capozzoli

Nova is a dramatic yet minimalist tone poem written by Victoria Poleva in 2022 and dedicated "To the courage of Ukraine". Poleva was born to a musical family in Kyiv, where she studied and later worked in the composition department of the Kyiv Conservatory. As her compositional style developed, she began writing pieces in the style of "sacred minimalism", a framework that uses simple, transparent melody and harmony within a holy context. *Nova* fits within this genre both by its simplicity and with its reference to English Baroque composer Jeremiah Clarke's *Trumpet Voluntary*.

Clarke's *Trumpet Voluntary*, otherwise known as the *Prince of Denmark's March*, was written around 1700. He was the organist at St. Paul's Cathedral at the time, and therefore greatly influenced by sacred music. But this piece's impact was felt most notably during World War II. It was often radio broadcast to occupied Denmark, reminding them of their solidarity with England and their combined opposition

to the Nazi attack. Poleva begins *Nova* with an imitative trumpet call that is made up of overlapping snippets of Clarke's *Voluntary*. Her direct reference of this piece calls back to the English people's resistance against Nazi Germany and compares it to Ukraine's current resistance against Russia.

But perhaps what is most essential to the piece's message is its title. A nova is "a star showing a sudden large increase in brightness and then slowly returning to its original state over a few months". Unlike a supernova, which is an event so sudden and catastrophic that it always leads to the death of a star, a nova is a brief, dramatic period of change that allows the star to return (more or less) to where it started. I believe Poleva's intention in naming this piece is to imply that all of this chaos and destruction of war is but a brief blip in Ukraine's history, and as soon as we know it, the country will be at peace again. This message of hope can be heard in the very structure of *Nova*. The opening trumpet call could be seen to represent the harmonious existence of Ukraine before the war. Then, a driving rhythmic theme is introduced in the piano and percussion,

oppressively encroaching and unceasing in its crescendo, much like the Russian attack on Ukraine. The middle of the piece is met by a huge, triumphant full orchestra sound, like the crux of a war when you finally see the light on the horizon. And from there, the piece descends back into the driving rhythm, but this time with the trumpet voluntary overlaid, illustrating that although the country will hopefully return to where it once was, the echoes of the pain of war will remain.

DVOŘÁK'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

Notes by TŌN violinist Luca Sakon

Dvořák's violin concerto is now a core part of the violin repertoire, but it was an unusual concerto for its time and only spread globally decades after it was written. Dvořák wrote his concerto for the famed Austro-Hungarian violinist Joseph Joachim at the suggestion of his publisher, Fritz Simrock. Joachim was an important figure as a violinist and interpreter of music. He had direct contact with leading composers like Brahms, who greatly supported Dvořák and connected him to Simrock and Joachim. Joachim soon also became one of Dvořák's supporters and often performed his chamber works. However, his advice on the concerto involved so many changes that Dvořák destroyed the original version and changed the "whole concept of the work." After sending this revision, he waited two years for Joachim's reply. Joachim finally reviewed and revised the solo part, but he never performed the concerto.

The premiere came in Prague in 1883 with Czech violinist František Ondříček as soloist. His performance dazzled audiences, and he increased its popularity by presenting the concerto at his concerts. However, it had limited international circulation and was not established in the concert repertoire until the mid-20th century.

The concerto has many elements that set it apart from others and made it new for both violinists and listeners. It is in a traditional three-movement structure with the outer two movements fast and the inner movement slow and lyrical. However, the first movement goes straight into the second movement without the typical expansive, grand endings of most first movements. In the beginning, the solo violin introduces the thematic material with virtuosic flare, without a customary orchestral exposition, and there are various sections where the violin part sounds improvisatory. The concerto is also filled with Czech folk rhythms and syncopations common in Czech dance music, which was unusual in virtuosic concertos at the time. The finale is inspired by the *furiant*, a Czech folk dance, and Dvořák brings out his instrumental mastery by filling in such energetic and joyful musical expression. Whilst highlighting the violin's virtuosity, Dvořák incorporates his distinct compositional writing, drawing from his Czech background, and creates memorable lyrical lines throughout the concerto that leave a lasting impression.

LEVKO KOLODUB'S UKRAINIAN CARPATHIAN RHAPSODY NO. 1

Notes based on materials by Ukrainian musicologists Anton Mukha and Iryna Sikorska

Levko Kolodub was born in Kyiv in 1930 and graduated from the Kharkiv Conservatory in 1954. His first big success was with his Ukrainian Carpathian Rhapsody No. 1, completed in 1960. The rhapsody became a milestone and indicative of the stylistic direction of the composer's work at the time. With its richness of orchestral colors, appeal to folklore sources, and elastic rhythm, it evokes the style of Ravel and Enescu.

The musical language of Kolodub's rhapsody is modern in the best sense of the

word. Various means of thematic development are skillfully used: both folk-variational and complex polyphonic techniques. It has both an overall joyful and bright mood, as well as a sincerity and immediacy of the feelings expressed.

The work consists of four parts, performed without a break. While the development is similar to a symphonic cycle, it is precisely a rhapsody, the typical features of which are the display of pictures of nature and folk life, the inventive development of folk melodies, and the general mood of exaltation and cheerfulness.

The first movement begins with a short introduction, imitating the sound of the trembit, an alpine horn invented by the Ukrainians living in the Carpathian Mountains. The next section evokes a poetic picture of the morning awakening of nature. The following full-sounding chord theme is based on the intonations of a real Transcarpathian song. The dramatic tension gradually subsides as the movement concludes.

The second movement, gentle in character, is built on melodies from the Ukrainian city of Kolomyia, sometimes ironic and solemn, sometimes more lively and defiant. The third movement is the lyrical center of the rhapsody. A melody sounds in the oboe, tonally close to the trembit leitmotif, but here it acquires pastoral features. After a small development and a flexible waltz-like theme, the initial lyrical melody is set in a powerful anthemic tutti orchestra. The movement is completed by soft, increasingly quiet phrases in the strings.

The final movement is a picturesque scene of a joyful folk holiday where a truly exciting dynamic "electricity" begins. Here one can hear the march of a solemn procession, cheerful echoes of voices, and incendiary dance tunes. The intonations of the trembit

leitmotif are skillfully transformed, and the real folk melodies of the Kolomyia themes are played in the strings. In the end, the march theme of the rondo appears, and the initial trembit leitmotif again sounds triumphantly.

YEVHEN STANKOVYCH'S THE VIKINGS SUITE

Notes by TŌN violist Casey Lebkicker

Yevhen Stankovych is a Ukrainian composer born in 1942. He attended the Kyiv Conservatory from 1965 to 1970, where he studied composition under Borys Liatoshynsky, whose third symphony TŌN performed at Carnegie Hall this past October. Stankovych wrote 12 symphonies, five ballets, a folk opera, instrumental concertos, film scores, and chamber music.

Stankovych's ballet *The Vikings* (1999) begins on the North Sea in Norway, where people are celebrating the arrival of spring by singing and dancing. While I first thought this was another Disney Princess setting (*Frozen* with Anna and Elsa), it deviates away from an evil prince trying to come and steal the beautiful princess away. Instead, the courageous Viking yearns to conquer new lands and territories. Because all good stories have memorable songs, the Vikings set off on their journey and break into song: "We are the Vikings!" They arrive in Kyiv and are not greeted with friendly citizens, but rather Ruthenian warriors pressuring the Vikings into battle. A daughter of Grand Duke Yaroslav, Elisabeth, comes to separate the parties, and the Viking Harald becomes instantly entranced by her. The Vikings are then welcomed as honorable guests. Harald asks for Elisabeth's hand in marriage, but her parents say she is too young for marriage and send Harald to conquer the kingdom in order to earn the right to marry their daughter. As Harald embarks on another journey, Elisabeth waits for him,

but grows uncertain of his return to Kyiv. After her 22nd birthday, many foreign kings and princes compete for her hand in marriage, but she still remains loyal to Harald. After Harald's return from Byzantine, they receive a blessing for their marriage and start their life together in Oslo.

The orchestral suite consists of five parts: Spring Dance; Monastery; Attack; Elisabeth,

the groom, Harald; and a Finale. Stankovych stated that his ballet was not just about war, but also about love. Whether it is dancing, the midst of a heroic battle, or the love story between the prince and princess, the suite takes the audience through the many different emotions and scenes from the ballet, as each instrument evokes a specific character.



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The Artists

TATIKA KALINICHENKO conductor



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Only a few years after founding the New Era Orchestra in 2007, Tatiana Kalinichenko set out to build international bridges that would raise the orchestra's profile far beyond Ukraine. Under her leadership, the orchestra welcomed world-renowned soloists such as Joshua Bell, Gautier Capuçon, Sarah Chang, Avi Avital, and Kit Armstrong. She also spearheaded Ukrainian premieres of works by contemporary composers including John Adams, Philip Glass, Michael Nyman, John Tavener, Max Richter, Avner Dorman, and Iannis Xenakis. She also made it a priority to showcase outstanding Ukrainian soloists and composers. Her clear vision and innovative approach drove the orchestra's rapid growth. A milestone came in 2018, when their debut at the Septembre Musical Montreux & Vevey Festival marked the launch of an ambitious international development campaign.

Ms. Kalinichenko was born into the family of a military officer, she grew up moving between cities and countries. Yet two Ukrainian places proved pivotal: Odesa, where her parents met, and Chernivtsi, where in 1992 she encountered her conducting teacher, Andriy Kushnirenko. He recognized her gift and invested in shaping the young conductor—a mentorship without which her path to the podium might never have taken place. After graduating

from the Petro Tchaikovsky National Music Academy of Ukraine in 2003, she served from 2004 to 2011 as a conductor with the National Presidential Orchestra and as guest conductor of the Dnipro Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre.

Many of the New Era Orchestra's achievements have been unprecedented for Ukraine, blazing new trails in both artistic quality and global recognition. The year 2022 was meant to mark the orchestra's 15th anniversary, with celebratory concerts planned long in advance. Instead, it became the year when musicians joined their nation's heroic struggle for freedom and democracy—on the cultural front. Their first performance after the full-scale invasion was a benefit concert with Joshua Bell at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., which raised over \$350,000 for UNITED24, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's global initiative to support Ukraine. Through these efforts, Ms. Kalinichenko has affirmed the role of music not only as an art form, but as a force for resilience, solidarity, and hope.

DMYTRO TKACHENKO *violin*



Ukrainian violinist Dima (Dmytro) Tkachenko started playing the violin and piano before the age of 6. He studied at the Lysenko Music School in Kyiv, graduating to the National Music Academy of Ukraine studying under Bogodar Kotorovych and Yaroslava Rivniak. In 1998 he was invited to London to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

under Yfrah Neaman. In 2002 he was made a fellow of the Guildhall School and until 2008 was working with Krzysztof Szmetana and David Takeno. He was awarded the Guildhall School Concert Recital Diploma (Premier Prix) and was a prize-winner at several international violin competitions including the Carl Nielsen, Lysenko, and the Wronski Solo Violin Competitions.

Mr. Tkachenko has toured extensively throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas and has been broadcast on Ukrainian and Polish radio and TV, Danish and Latvian radio, and on BBC Radio 3 in the U.K. He has performed at such venues as London's Wigmore Hall, Barbican, and Cadogan Hall; Amsterdam's Concertgebouw; Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall; Cologne Philharmonie; Tokyo Opera City; Teatro La Fenice; Liszt Academy Hall in Budapest; Berlin Konzerthaus and Philharmonie Chamber Music Hall; Megaron in Athens; Palau de Musica in Barcelona; and Auditorio Nacional in Madrid.

Mr. Tkachenko's recent performances include appearances with the MAV (Budapest), Bilkent (Ankara), Presidential (Ankara), Chile, and Qingdao Symphony Orchestras, Athens State Orchestra, the Istanbul, Liepaja (Latvia), and EuroAsia (Astana) Symphonies, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London, the Warsaw and Cracow Philharmonics, tours in Spain and Germany, and recitals in the U.K., Ukraine, France, Japan, Singapore, the U.S., Italy, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, and North Macedonia. He performed Stankovych's Concerto No. 2 throughout the U.S. and Canada in a tour with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine.

Apart from his busy concert career, Mr. Tkachenko teaches at the National Music Academy of Ukraine, gives masterclasses (recently in Japan, Korea, Singapore, China, Turkey, Malta, Poland and Lithuania), goes on jury to several international competitions,

was the co-founder and artistic director of the Benjamin Britten International Music Competitions in London and the artistic director of the Lysenko International Music Competition in Kyiv, and since 2023 serves as the artistic director of the National Chamber Ensemble Kyiv Soloists.

VICTORIA POLEVA *composer*



Victoria Poleva is a Ukrainian pianist and composer. Born in Kyiv to a family of musicians, she studied at the Kyiv Conservatory, where she taught composition from 1990 to 2005. Her earlier works—such as the ballet *Gagaku*, *Transform* for large orchestra, and *Anthem* for chamber orchestra—favor avant-garde and polystylistic aesthetics. In the late 1990s, she became ever more drawn to spiritual themes and musical simplicity, developing a style that has since been called “sacred minimalism.”

In 2022, the Warsaw Philharmonic gave the premiere of Ms. Poleva's *Nova* under the baton of Andrey Boreyko. Her Symphony No. 3, “White Interment”, was toured by the Bayerische Staatsoper and conductor Vladimir Jurowski. In the summer of 2023, *Bucha. Lacrimosa* was performed in five world capitals by the Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra under the direction of Keri-Lynn Wilson. She has been recognized with the Shevchenko National Prize of Ukraine. Her recordings are available on Naxos, and her scores are published by Donemus.

YEVHEN STANKOVYCH *composer*



Yevhen Stankovych is one of the central figures of contemporary Ukrainian music. A prolific composer, he has, since 1966, authored six symphonies; operas *When the Fern Blooms* and *Rustici*; six ballets; a large number of works in the oratorical, vocal, and instrumental chamber genres; as well as incidental music to six music theatre plays and over 100 films. Born in 1942 in the city of Svaliava, he studied at the music institute of Uzhhorod. He began his university studies at Lviv Conservatory and, following his first year, transferred to the Kyiv Conservatory where he studied under Boris Liatoshynsky, and later under Myroslav Skoryk.

Mr. Stankovych is the recipient of several major awards. His Chamber Symphony No. 3 was selected by UNESCO's World Tribune as one of the ten best works of 1985. He has been recognized with several awards in Ukraine, including the country's highest award for artistic creativity, the Taras Shevchenko State Award. He is Academician of the National Academy of Art, chair of the Faculty of Composition at the National Music Academy in Kyiv, and a member of the Taras Shevchenko National Award Committee. He is a former Chairman of the Composers' Union of Ukraine, People's Artist of Ukraine, and Hero of Ukraine.

THE ORCHESTRA NOW (TŌN)



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Ulysses Kay *Chariots: Orchestral Rhapsody*
Cage (orch. Lou Harrison) *Suite for Toy Piano*
Stravinsky *Symphony in C*
C. P. E. Bach *Symphony D Major, H. 663*
Albert Roussel *Symphony No. 3*

Apr 18 at 7 pm Tan Dun Conducts

Program to be announced

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