

## HALLELUJAH CHORUS - SING WITH US!!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the  
Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ

He shall reign for ever and ever

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords

Hallelujah!

**I did think that I did see all Heaven before  
me, and the great God himself seated on  
his throne, with His company of angels."**

Handel's alleged words on the composition of  
the "Hallelujah Chorus".

## WE THANK OUR GUESTS

**Natalia Sidorenko** is a soloist with the  
Moscow State Philharmonic Orchestra as well  
as a recipient of numerous international  
awards.

**Soprano - Vera Chumachenko** is a soloist of  
the Helikon Theatre and recipient of  
international awards.

**Alto - Irina Aganesova** is a soloist of the  
Bolshoi Theatre.

**Tenor - Marat Galiakhametov** is a winner of  
international competitions.

**Bass - Vladimir Boykov** is a soloist of the  
Stanislavsky-Danchenko Theatre.

**Musica Viva Academic Chamber Symphony  
Orchestra**, under the leadership of Alexander  
Tudin.

## MOSCOW ORATORIO SOCIETY MEMBERS

### Soprano

Olga Andreeva  
Eleanor Burton  
Natalia Chebotareva  
Irina Dubrovskaya  
Lauren Husa  
Olga Kapitanova  
Ksenina Kvashina  
Elena Manouilova  
Lilia Nikitina  
Darima Semenova  
Jan Simone  
Meredith Singer  
Jerroleen Sorensen  
Christina Spang  
Sonja Speyer  
Kerstin Swahn-Andersson  
Mieke van Breukelen  
Regina van Duyvenvoorde  
Delcia von Brandenstein

### Tenor

Vladislav Bulatov  
Edwin Dolan  
Dmitry Kimurnitski  
Eric Klanderman  
David Kong  
Johanna Kowitz  
Darin Menlove  
David Schneer  
Twila Schock  
Sergei Sidorenko  
William Swanson

### Alto

Ekaterina Bulgakova  
Svetlana Chernova  
Katherine Dolan  
Alla Gorbatcheva  
Marjolijn Haraghey  
Lydia Henneman  
Carolyn Hovorka  
Jennifer Howard  
Kerstin Luthman  
Olga Popova  
Femke Prins  
Lynette Ray  
Nune Sargsyan  
Ekaterina Usilova  
Tatiana Uzvik  
Gillian Wiggan

### Bass

Alexander Boyko  
Boris Golovin  
Neil Harding  
Maxim Koulish  
Evgeny Luzhetsky  
Felix Mbah  
Glenn Moorehead  
Victor Sorokin  
Andrei Tunik  
Alexander von Hahn

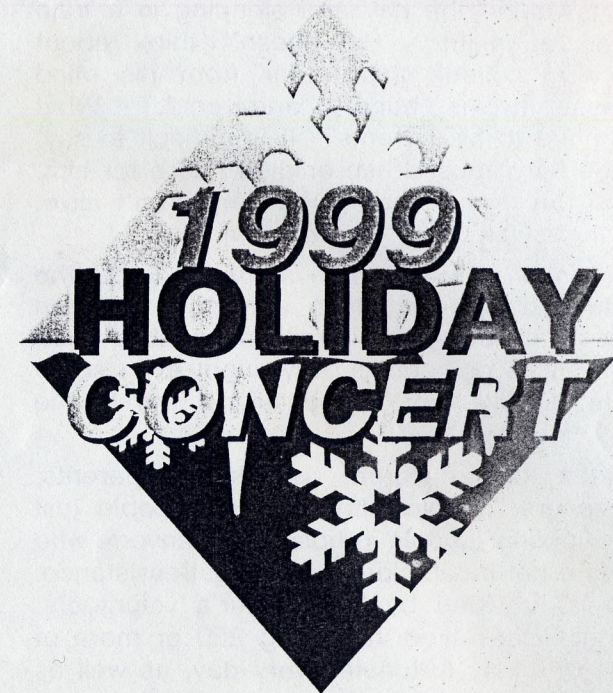
## MOSCOW ORATORIO SOCIETY

Our volunteer amateur choir, made up of Russians  
and expatriates, has two concerts each year. We  
welcome new members to the choir each season -  
all nationalities are welcome. If you don't sing, but  
play a musical instrument, we would love to hear  
from you. Watch for our announcements in the  
community board of the Moscow Times and  
Moscow Tribune or check out our website -  
<http://welcome.to/oratorio>



*Moscow Oratorio Society*  
*Московское Общество Оратории*

# THE MOSCOW ORATORIO SOCIETY



**Conductor: Alexander Tsaliuk**

**Featuring:**

**Natalia Sidorenko**

**Musica Viva Academic Chamber  
Symphony Orchestra**

**Vera Chumachenko**

**Irina Aganesova**

**Marat Galiakhametov**

**Vladimir Boykov**

7:00 pm Saturday

December 11th

Gnessin Concert Hall

Povarskaya Ulitsa, 30/36



## THE CENTER FOR HUMANITARIAN AID

*Serving Moscow's Homeless and Poor*

*Since 1996*

Imagine a homeless child begging in the streets during the day and sleeping in a train station at night. He doesn't think about attending school; this is far from his mind because he is hungry and cold. What happened to his parents? It is difficult to say. Maybe they abused him or didn't care for him, so he ran away. Or maybe they aren't alive, and there was no one to take him in.

This is not an uncommon story for us at the Center. Many homeless and poor children come to us every day for a hot meal, a coat, warm socks or boots. They might even come for art activities or an occasional trip to the zoo.

Besides our children, we serve parents, pensioners, people without work, people just out of prison, people in hospitals....anyone who needs a hot meal, clothing, or legal assistance. Help is provided by the Center's volunteers, who give their time in serving 250 or more of Moscow's less fortunate every day, as well as foundations, social groups and individuals who donate funds and goods.

Some of these poor people choose to help themselves by making a living selling our newspaper for the homeless, "Yest Vykhod" ("There is a Way Out"). After selling an initial free batch of newspapers, they may purchase more for a minimal cost and keep any future profits.

The Center for Humanitarian Aid greatly appreciates your thoughts and assistance during this holiday season. We would gladly accept any warm clothes, toys, food or funding. If you wish to contact us, we can be reached at 261-87-50 or send email to [cfha@cityline.ru](mailto:cfha@cityline.ru). We are located at 11 Novaya Basmannaya Ulitsa behind the Church of Saints Peter and Paul.

## PROGRAM

### *Part I*

#### **Missa Sancti Nicolai**

Joseph Haydn

#### **Hallelujah Chorus** from The Messiah

Georg Friedrich Handel

### *Part II*

**V Lesu Rodilas Yelochka** ("a Christmas tree was born in the forest"). Arrangement as well as musical accompaniment by Andrey Tunik.

#### **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**

Written by Americans Eddie Pola and George Wyle in 1963

#### **Deck the Hall**

Arrangement by John Rutter.

#### **Arise and Be Free**

A Traditional Hanukkah song arranged by Steve Barnett.

#### **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**

From the Judy Garland film, "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944). Music and Lyrics by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane.

#### **O Tannenbaum**

Our very international choir will sing in English, French and German. Sing with us if you know the words.

#### **Sing with Exultation**

Words and music by Teena Chinn.

#### **Ya Bom Bom**

Jewish folk tune arranged by Maurice Goldman.

#### **Carol of the Bells**

The original melody of this song comes from Ukraine.

**SING ALONG! - Hallelujah Chorus**

## STORIES OF THE SEASON FROM ORATORIO MEMBERS

This year, Hanukkah, which is also called the "Festival of Lights", began on the evening of December 3rd and lasts for eight days. The holiday commemorates the miracle of 2,300 years ago when a small drop of oil burned in the Temple for not one, but eight days. Thus, the eight days of Hanukkah. Today, Jews light candles for eight nights to celebrate the miracle of long ago.

One of the many aspects of Christmas is giving presents to loved ones - a tradition started approximately 2,000 years ago by the three wise kings who brought presents to Jesus Christ upon his birth. In our day the one who brings presents is different all over the world. In Russia, he is called Grandfather Frost or Ded Moroz. In the US and Canada, it is Santa Claus who brings Christmas gifts to the all those who have been good in the last year. In Great Britain, that magical person is known as Father Christmas. In France, he is Pere Noel. In Germany, children get presents from Christkind, the Christ Child on the 24th of December. In Sweden, Jultomten visits in the evening before Christmas day, carrying a big bag of julklappar (Christmas presents) while walking in the deep snow. In the Netherlands, he is called Kerstman. He flies through the sky with his reindeers and puts gifts under the Christmas tree on the 25th of December. In Australia and New Zealand Father Christmas can often be seen on the beach in red bathers.