



September 7 – October 14, 2014

Message from the Prime Minister

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending performances by the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus (KSOC).

It is a privilege to welcome the 42 members of this renowned orchestra and chorus, under the direction of Conductor Wes Janzen, to Canada for this special tour. The KSOC has delighted audiences and garnered critical acclaim in Ukraine and around the world with its repertoire of Western and Slavic masterpieces. Since its founding 22 years ago, the KSOC has also advanced numerous charitable initiatives, including work on behalf of orphaned children and widows in Ukraine and, most recently, internally displaced Ukrainians.

I know the KSOC will find a most appreciative audience in Canada. Home to more than one million Canadians of Ukrainian descent, Canada has been proud to welcome this orchestra and chorus for some truly memorable performances. These cultural exchanges have served to reinforce the deep bonds of friendship and family between our two countries.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am honoured to salute KSOC on this special occasion. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable performance.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada



Dear Friends,

Thank you for attending this 22th anniversary celebration concert of Music Mission Kiev (MMK) with 42 members of the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus (KSOC).

It is our desire, through beautiful music, to bring glory to God and point people to the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that you will also enjoy the stories of God's grace that we will share.

The purpose of a tour is to engage prayerful support. The ministry of MMK depends on such deputation tours because you then have the opportunity to see what we do and carefully consider the possibility of partnering with us in prayer and financial support.

Many left Ukraine to find freedom and prosperity in Canada. Many experience enormous blessings here. We trust our concert will challenge you to send tangible hope to many who continue to suffer and live in places where freedom and prosperity do not exist in ways that we so much enjoy in Canada.

We have experienced enormous suffering in Ukraine in recent months. Streets where we walk have been drenched in blood. Foreign invasion has left many without a home. Some that we care for have been horribly tortured. A spiritual battle is raging. The threat of further invasion continues. Yet in this terrible storm we have also experienced blessings and joy. Thank you for sharing with us.

Our tour is only possible because of the kindness and generosity of hundreds of volunteers, including some of you who will provide our Ukrainian musicians with hospitality, including meals, a place to sleep and a hearty, healthy bag lunch. Thank you!

Thank you to our incredible Canadian committee; Helmut Wiens, John Dueckman, John and Rita Thiessen, Al Mitton, and Henry Esau for their vision, faithfulness, integrity and hard work.

We have seen the hand of God's blessing on the ministry of MMK and the KSOC and delight in sharing these with you. Enjoy the celebration!

In Christ's great love,

Dr. Wes Janzen President, Music Mission Kiev Conductor, Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Mission Statement

The purpose of Music Mission Kiev is to bring the sacred masterpieces of classical music to the country of Ukraine, proclaiming the Gospel TO and THROUGH Ukrainian musicians to the world, and ministering to the emerging Christian community in Ukraine through evangelism, discipleship, music education, and humanitarian outreach to widows, orphans, refugees and families of St. Paul's Church.

In a culture where heroes traditionally are writers, poets, and musicians, communism invaded a continent, preaching atheism and forbidding artistic expression of any religious subject. The communists knew too well how music stirs the soul, and the nation of Ukraine descended into seventy years of spiritual darkness. Believers were persecuted and killed. Many, including Wes Janzen's grandparents, fled the country.

Although Ukraine threw off the oppression of communism in 1991, it is still crippled economically and spiritually. But now, music is piercing the darkness



that caused so much suffering. Today the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus presents great Christian masterpieces and programs of sacred Christmas music, whose message brings hope to the Ukrainian soul. Deeply dedicated to their musical craft, Ukrainian musicians are among the finest in the world. One of our musicians wrote: "We are singing the Word of God. Our concerts are more like worship services than ordinary concerts." A professor of conducting at the Kiev Conservatory of Music, after hearing a concert, wrote: "All I could see was Light. And I knew I had to be near that Light."



See and hear what God is doing in the lives of other believers around the world.

Music pierces the darkness of post-soviet Ukraine as the "Light of Life" is proclaimed to its people.









The Word of the Lord Stands Forever

The KSOC is the centerpiece of many ministries under Music Mission Kiev. It began in 1992 when Roger and Diane McMurrin visited Kiev for the first time, bringing Handel's Messiah to the Ukrainian people. It was a time of new beginnings, and the music was "an explosion of light."

Dr. Wes Janzen began working with KSOC in 2006 as Principal Guest Conductor. Now, as President, Wes, Kimberley and their three children delight in the many ministries of Music Mission Kiev:

- St. Paul's Church
- widows and pensioners
- refugees
- orphans, school children, young people
- the KSOC and collaborations



with a variety of other Christian organizations such as:

- Kingdom Ventures
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church
- Ukrainian Bible Society
- Agape (Campus Crusade)
- Baptist Union of Ukraine. Prayer, Bible study, expository preaching, and a commitment to the great commission are each cherished and valued parts of our ministry.



Tn 1996, after performing Imany concerts in Kyiv, the KSOC took its first tour to North America. Since then, we've toured NA many times, visiting western Canada for the first time in 2012. In these concerts we perform a variety of music, exposing listeners to the extraordinary talent of these professional musicians, as well as inform them about the ministry work in Ukraine through MMK.

Our vision is to bring growth, stability and permanence to the community of Christians in Ukraine and to equip and send Ukrainian Christian leaders to proclaim the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom – with music as a catalyst – to even more people in the former Soviet Republics.







Today the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus also has glorious opportunities to share the gospel in former Soviet countries, some now under strict Moslem control. In 2006 the KSOC began reaching a new audience performing Handel's Messiah in the Russian language in central Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Singers from KSOC have returned numerous times with Roger to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, at the invitation of the Kyrgyz State Chamber Orchestra. Our musicians are able to reach these Moslem nations with the Gospel where missionaries are not welcome.

In Ukraine, KSOC concerts are frequently "friendship evangelism" events, in local churches, where invited Ukrainians and others clearly experience a vibrant Gospel presentation through glorious music. It is an enormous privilege to partner with a rapidly emerging community of Christians in postcommunist Ukraine.







Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Conductor, Wes Janzen

uring the Soviet times many Christian masterpieces were forbidden, amended or given little attention. After Ukraine gained independence the following works were presented by the KSOC, many as premiers: Mendelssohn Elijah, Bach St. Matthew and St. John Passion, Menotti Amahl and the Night Visitors, Requiems by Verdi, Mozart, Brahms, Berlioz, Faure and Durufle, Walton Belshazzar's Feast, Mendelssohn Lobgesang, Bernstein Chichester Psalms, Haydn Creation, and Bach B minor Mass and Magnificat, to name just a few.

KSOC also delights in performing jewels of Slavic music, and through over 425 concerts in North America has introduced many of these to thousands of appreciative listeners. Composers include Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgksky, Borodin, Chesnokov, Vedel, Berezovsky, Leontovych, Arkhangelsky, Bortniansky, Lesenko, and Rachmaninov.

KSOC performs many sacred masterpieces in their original language, but also uses translations into Ukrainian and Russian, to make the texts easy to understand. Thus, we perform Handel's *Messiah* in English (original language) as well as in Ukrainian and Russian. You will hear some evidence of this remarkable linguistic skill today.

KSOC most recently participated in an international all staff Agape (called Cru in USA and Power to Change in Canada) conference in Tallin, Estonia, which included national television and radio broadcasts. Speakers included Josh McDowell. Estonia was chosen because it is the least reached European country with the gospel. After one of several KSOC concerts, a senior staff member wrote; "We felt like we were bathed in prayer and the love of Christ."

Program will be taken from the following

Please ensure that your cellphones and other electronic devices are turned off. We want to ensure that each guest can enjoy the music, without unnecessary distractions.

- 1. *Hopak* from <u>The Fair at Sorochyntsi</u> by M. Mussorgsky played by Andrii Fesiuk, violin I, Iurii Sagura, violin II, Sergii Kulakov, viola, Ievgenii Vysotskyi, cello, Oleksandr Lanskyy, bass.
- 2. Prayer of Ukraine, M. Lysenko sung by all voices.
- 3. My Tribute, A. Crouch, Kimberley Janzen solo.

Natasha Shevchenko was born and raised in the Donetsk region of east Ukraine. She is an esteemed member of the Music Mission Kiev staff. In Kyiv, she gives leadership to our MMK widow ministries, caring for 380 poor elderly people. Natasha is also faithfully serving many of her fellow Ukrainians who are victims of war and terror and have come to Kyiv as refugees. Please welcome her warmly.

- **4.** And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah, G. F. Handel sung in English, Russian and Ukrainian.
- **5.** Walking Across the Meadow, Leading My Horse. Ukrainian folk song arranged by M. Lysenko. Julia Merkudinova, soprano and Larysa Reutova, piano.
- **6.** *Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul,* K. Stetsenko.
- 7. *My Dear Land Bathed in Verdure*. Music by I. Poklad, words by M. Tkach, arr. for bandura duo by V. Turovsky. Sopranos and bandura players Katia and Dasha Rugol.

8. Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace. Sung in English and Ukrainian. Words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, music by J. Rutter.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring love, where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;
And all for Thy mercy's sake, O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

- **9.** *Shchedrik* (Carol of the Bells) by M. Leontovych, conductor Viktoriia Konchakovska.
- **10.** Why Do I Need Black Eyebrows. Text by T. Shevchenko, arr. D. Borkovski. Alina Synelnykova, soprano, Larysa Reutova, piano.

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- **11.** *Neighbour*. Ukrainian folk song arr. Y. Yazynevych, conductor Viktoriia Konchakovska.
- 12. Steal Away to Jesus arr. N. Luboff.

10 minute intermission
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Draw will happen at the end of the concert.

Second half will be chosen from the following

From the choir

- 13. Blessed is the Man from All Night Vigil, S. Rachmaninoff.
- 14. Oak, Ukrainian folk song arr. by M. Rakov.
- 15. Creep, Periwinkle, Ukrainian folk song by M. Leontovych.
- 16. Nisi Dominusfrom Vespers (1610) by C. Monteverdi.
- **17.** *Down By the Riverside*, traditional spiritual/gospel song, arr. J. Rutter
- 18. Be Thou My Vision arr. Alice Parker.
- 19. Crucifixus by A. Lotti.
- **20.** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* by G. Allen, sung in English, Russian and Ukrainian.
- **21.** He Shall Feed His Flock from Messiah by G. F. Handel.
- **22.** Alleluia by R. Thompson.

From Alina Synelnykova

23. *If God Be For Us Who Can Be Against Us* from Messiah by G. F. Handel, sung in Ukrainian, English and Russian.

From Kimberley Janzen

24. *His Eye is on the Sparrow* by C. Gabriel arr. A. Armstrong with Larysa Reutova, piano and Andreii Fesiuk, violin.

From chamber instrumentalists

- 25. Elegy by A. Shymko.
- **26.** *Melody* by M. Skoryk.
- **27.** *Bonfire* by M. Matvijchuk for flute, piano and string quintet, based on Hutsul themes from Carpathian mountain region of west Ukraine.
- **28.** *Dance of the Shepherds* from <u>Nutcracker</u> by P. Tchaikovsky.
- **29.** Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood from Sleeping Beauty by P. Tchaikovsky.
- **30.** *Kozachok* folk dance from Bucovina using west Ukrainian folk melody.
- 31. Two Oak Trees on a Hill, Ukrainian folk melody.
- **32.** *Joke* by J. S. Bach.

From Katia (soprano) and Dasha Rugol (soprano) bandura duo.

- **33.** *Musicians Struck Up a Tune,* Ukrainian folk song arr. by V. Turovsky.
- **34.** *Oh My Darling,* Ukrainian folk song arr. by S. Ovcharova.
- **35.** *Love Has Come,* lyrics by D. Pavlychko, music by O. Bilash.



- 36. Deep Well, Ukrainian folk song arr. I. Panasiuk.
- **37.** *Don't Forget,* lyrics by B. Stelmakh, music by B. Vanivsky, arr. for bandura duo by V. Turovsky.
- **38.** *One Can Hear the Noise of the Rain,* Ukrainian folk song arr. by I. Panasiuk.
- **39.** *Blue Eyes*, Ukrainian folk song arr. F. Hlushko, arr. for bandura duo by G. Yakovenko.

From Juliia Merkudinova (soprano) and LarysaReutova (piano).

- **40.** *Oh where Would You Go?* Ukrainian folk song arr. by L. Yashchenko.
- **41.** *I Would Get a Bucket of Pure Water.* Ukrainian folk song arr. by A. Kos-Anatolsky.
- **42.** *Nightingale,* by M. Kropyvnytsky.
- **43.** *Lukash's Pipe*, lyrics by J. Strutsiuk, music by A. Kos-Anatolsky.
- **44.** *My Mother Told Me.* Odarka's song from <u>Zaporozhian Cossack</u> <u>Beyond Danube</u> by Hulak-Artemovsky.
- **45.** *It Was Not the Wind Blowing From the Heights,* lyrics by A. Tolstoy, music by N. Rimsky-Korsakov.

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Kimberley Janzen (soprano) is Associate Director of Outreach Ministries for Music Mission Kiev. She taught voice at Trinity Western University for 20 years and has made several appearances as soloist with Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Kim is a popular speaker and soloists in a variety of settings, including Kyiv. She served as worship leader for Missions Fest Vancouver for many years before moving to Kyiv. Her CD, made with Edward Norman, featuring his sensitive and original piano accompaniments is entitled "Joy — Songs of Jesus and His Great Commission." It was fully sponsored so that all proceeds could support the ministry of MMK. Wonderful hymns of the faith and hymn medleys have garnered rave reviews.

Wes Janzen is President of Music Mission Kiev and Conductor and Artistic Director of the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. He has frequently collaborated with Vancouver Chamber Choir, CBC Radio Orchestra and Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Choirs under his direction have been heard in dozens of CBC and European **Broadcasting Network broad**casts. Prof. Dr. Janzen has served on the jury for many of Europe's most important choral competitions and is listed in Germany's "Who's Who in Choral Music." He has worked extensively with Krystoff Penderecki in Poland and studied and toured with Eric Ericson, Stockholm, Sweden. He served as scholar in residence at Helmuth Rilling's Oregon Bach Festival, assisting in the preparation of Penderecki's monumental St. Luke Passion, which was conducted by the composer. For 33 years he taught at TWU and for many years served as music coordinator for Missions Fest Vancouver. Personal faith in the Lord Iesus Christ is the value that Wes and Kimberley Janzen most cherish.

Viktoriia Konchakovska,

Assistant Conductor of the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus graduated from the Kyiv State University of Culture and the Arts. She has worked with the KSOC since 1993. Her musical and organizational genius and hard work are two of the reasons KSOC enjoys such great success. This past season

Viktoriia conducted KSOC performances of Mendelssohn *Elijah* and Rachmaninoff *Vespers* in Kyiv to rave reviews.

Alina Sinelnikova (soprano) is a graduate of the Tchaikovsky National Music Academy of Ukraine where she won the top prize in the vocal category. She has won prizes and diplomas at international and All-Ukrainian competitions. She has sung frequent solo roles with KSOC, most recently in Tallin, Estonia. She is currently enrolled in a post-graduate program at the Tchaikovsky National Music Academy of Ukraine.

In 2011, soprano Yulia Merkudinova graduated from the Department of Vocal Art at the P. I. Tchaikovsky Music College in Simferopol and entered the Tchaikovsky National Music Academy of Ukraine in Kyiv. Currently, she continues to pursue a degree in solo singing at this Academy. She has won prizes at the Petrusenko Vocal Competition (2nd prize) and the international competition called The Embroidered Towels of Krolevets (1st prize). Yulia is part of a wonderful Music Mission Kiev outreach to refugees. Yulia has

charmed these fellow citizens with her friendly musical charm and acts of grace.

Twin sisters Katerina and Darina Rugol, who formed a bandura duo, have received training from Glier Music College and Tchaikovsky National Music Academy of Ukraine in Kyiv. They are currently enrolled in the Master's program at this academy. They have won prizes at numerous Ukrainian and international competitions. They have toured in France, Poland, Austria and other countries. Also known as Katia and Dasha, they too are part of a wonderful Music Mission Kiev outreach to refugees, including children, and have won their hearts through their kindness, service and beautiful music.



Dear Wes,

We are the refugees who fled from the conflict-ridden areas of Ukraine, which is fighting for its dignified future, and found shelter in a blissful Pushcha-Voditsa, near the great city of Kyiv. We would like to express our deep, sincere gratitude to the mission, to our Canadian, American and Ukrainian friends, and especially to their leader Wes.

Our dearly beloved, beautiful, generous and free people! Your warmth melted our hearts that froze with fear, anxiety, and uncertainty over our future. Your warmth quickened our souls. Your example has helped us to realize how wonderful people can be!

Not only do you help us meet our urgent needs, but you provide this assistance in a very careful, thoughtful way, with true cordiality and not without a wry humor! If this is bread, it comes in unprecedented, huge loaves; the food items are invariably fresh, varied and zestful. If these are, for example, mosquito repellents, they always come in a variety of types. If this is a badly needed appliance, it would be delivered immediately. If ... This list can go on and on. But — man does not live by bread alone.

Your compassion comforts and lifts our souls! Your music, incredible English lessons, fantastic — as a foretaste of a beautiful future! — lessons with children and adults (and invariably delicious cookies at parting!). And then again — your music, uplifting and charming, living and real! Kim, you bring such a great joy to the kids. Thanks to fellowship with all of you the faces of both children and adults light up with joy!

Finally, the Word of God. Common prayers and worship services, which bring together representatives of various churches, produce in our hearts the sparks of Faith that leads to Love, Freedom and God.

We send our warmest regards to you, our dearly beloved. You are true Christians. We express our sincere gratitude and love. Always be bearers of Freedom, Love and genuine Christianity that we have come to experience through you!

Wes, Kim, Serhiy, Natasha, all your friends, co-workers and participants in your great cause — always be happy! Our heartfelt gratitude and love will always be with you.

Amen.

(This letter has been signed by more than 30 individuals)

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September, 2014

- 9 Chilliwack Alliance, 7 pm
- 10 Bakerview MB, Clearbrook, 2 and 7 pm
- 11 University Chapel, UBC, 7 pm
- 12 Garden Park Tower, Clearbrook, 11:30 am
- 12 Clearbrook MB, 7 pm
- 13 Bakerview MB, Clearbrook, 7 pm
- 14 Willingdon Church, Burnaby, 7 pm
- 15 North Langley Community Church, 7 pm
- 16 Bethany Baptist, Richmond, 7 pm
- 18 Calvary Community Church, Kamloops, 7 pm
- 19 Evangel Church, Kelowna, 7 pm
- 21 First Baptist Church, Calgary, 7 pm
- 22 First Alliance church, Calgary, 7 pm
- 23 Lendrum MB, Edmonton, 7 pm
- 24 McDougal United Church, Edmonton, 7 pm
- 25 Third Avenue United, Saskatoon, 7 pm
- 26 Orr Centre, Regina, 7 pm
- 27 Knox Metropolitan, Regina, 7 pm
- 28 Calvary Temple, Winnipeg, 6 pm (with KVI)
- 30 Westminster United, Winnipeg, 7 pm

October, 2014

- 1 Trinity Baptist, Winnipeg, 7 pm
- 2 Winkler Centennial Concert Hall, 7 pm
- 3 Steinbach MB Church, 7 pm
- 4 Hope Church, Thunder Bay, 7:30 pm
- 7 Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa 7 pm,
- 8 Yorkminister Park Baptist, Toronto, 7 pm
- 9 Waterloo MB Church, 7 pm
- 10 Scott Street MB, St. Catharines, 2 pm
- 10 Glenridge Bible Church, St. Catharines, 7 pm
- 11 Leamington United MB, 2 and 7 pm

The poorest of the poor in ■ Kiev are the pensioners. Most of these are widows. A tiny pension from the government does not keep up with rising food costs, and an apartment tax consumes much of the widow's pension. Pensioners with medical needs are expected to bear the costs of care and medications. and most do not have these funds. Though children are supposed to take care of their elderly parents, many do not, for a variety of reasons: some are pensioners themselves, some are invalids, some alcoholics, unemployed or simply uncaring. Many of our widows have no family. Where there is no assistance, Music Mission Kiev comes with basic medical care, the love of Jesus Christ, spiritual nurturing, Bible teaching, Christian fellowship and a weekly food packet.

In 2001 MMK launched personal evangelism training programs for widows, teachers, musicians and others, to share their Christian faith with other adults, teens and children.



In 2004 a unique ministry began with our elderly caring for the homebound pensioners. They bring a weekly food packet,

read the Bible, pray and provide fellowship and helpful work such as cooking, cleaning and getting medicine from the drugstore.



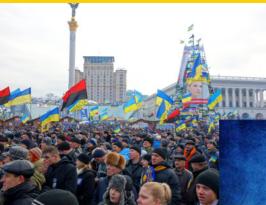
The widows appreciate your prayers. Among the most requested are prayers for the salvation of their friends and loved ones, for their health, for their continued faithfulness to the Lord, for their church and for Ukraine. We also ask that you pray for our staff who care for 380 widows, which is a significant responsibility.





MK serves every week in school #22 where many orphans attend. We bring weekly choir, hand-bell and Bible lessons. We also bring some of our most loving and talented widows, skilled in knitting and other handcrafts, who teach these and other life skills to these needy children.

Our newest ministry came out of the invasion and war that is happening in south and east Ukraine. We now care for a growing number of refugees who have fled the fighting. Some have been tortured while held prisoner by terrorists. Substantial weekly food and living supply deliveries plus music, Bible, and English lessons are warmly received by these beautiful people.



Conservatory of Music and Maidan, January 2014



Be a Part of Music Mission Kiev's Future

s God has called us, we call on you to be a part of MMK and its mission to bring the Gospel of Christ to the people in this spiritually starved part of the world. Wes Janzen family Natasha serves widows The fruit of the ministry is changed lives, nourished by the Word of God and the love of Christ, surrounded by the

Roger and Diane McMurrin

Splendor of His Music.

Kim Janzen with two MMK widows







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Proclaim His glory to the nations, His mighty deeds to all people.

Psalm 96:3

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27