

# **White Rock Concerts Presents**

## **Little Eagles of Siberia**

youth choir from Krasnoyarsk

**under the direction of Ludmilla Stebenkova**



*Friday, March 2, 2007*

## Who's Who in the Company:

### **Ludmilla Stebenkova, Conductor and Artistic Director**

Conductor and founder of the LITTLE EAGLES OF SIBERIA, Ludmilla Stebenkova was born in Siberia and studied in Moscow at the famous Tchaikovsky Conservatory. She is recognized throughout Russia as a leading choral conductor and pedagogue. At home, she has been named a "representative work of Russia". Internationally she has participated in numerous world-wide choral symposiums including Paris, Vienna, Warsaw, Vancouver, Sydney and Seville. Many of her arrangements and transcriptions are included in tour programmes of the LITTLE EAGLES, and she has collaborated with well-known Russian composers in the creation of new works for the Choir. Ludmilla Stebenkova appears frequently as guest conductor with the State Symphony Orchestra of Krasnoyarsk.

### **Ekaterina Baoulina, assistant conductor**

A long-time singing member of the LITTLE EAGLES, Ekaterina Baoulina was recently appointed assistant conductor. She continues to sing in the Choir and is often invited by Ludmilla Stebenkova to conduct some of the Russian folk songs on the programme.

### **Vladimir Potapof, pianist**

Vladimir Potapof is a graduate of the Krasnayarsk State Institute of the Arts, where he now teaches in the piano department. Since 1993 he has been official pianist of the LITTLE EAGLES. With his extensive repertoire, he tours frequently as soloist with Symphony Orchestra to the cities and town of Russia

### **Larissa Stebenkova, announcer and translator**

Larissa Stebenkova was for many years a singing member of the Little Eagles and participated with the Choir in some of the earliest international tours. She has graduated both from Teacher's College at the University of Krasnayarsk, and from the Conservatory in that city. On tour she will be acting as interpreter and announcer.

### **Stephanie Conroy, Company Manager**

Stephanie Conroy rejoins the Little Eagles for a short segment of their current tour. On previous tours in 1993, 1996 and 2000 the Eagles laid down the law "No Stephanie, no tour!" This year, with a 9 week itinerary across the USA and Canada, the main tour managing responsibility has been assumed by former United Church Minister, Rev. Norman Pettersson, but Stephanie, herself a former professional dancer with leading ballet companies in the USA and Canada, agreed to come back "on the road" for a short BC stint which includes their performance in White Rock.

### **The Singers:**

Polina Andreeva	Olga August	Anton Demin	Ksenia Dolzhnikova
Ekaterina Eremeeva	Tatiana Eremenko	Olga Kachanova	Svetlana Geiman
Maria Kanaeva	Valeria Khortonen	Veronika Leznina	Anzhela Maruda
Anna Maksimicheva	Ilya Mazurov	Iouliia Melnikovskaya	Alina Nikolaeva
Alexandra Polyakova	Svetlana Salnikova	Masha Shmidtke	Ekaterina Straodubetseva
Alena Sukhareenko	Anna Svalova	Alla Tkachenko	Mark Treshchilov
Dimitri Trukhin	Kristina Werner	Anna Yankina	

*this list includes alternates. Only 24 singers appear on stage*

### **Behind the Scenes:**

**Costume designs:**

Vera Atlosova

**Costumes prepared by:**

Nelly Nekrashevich's Private Workshop

**Photographic Credits:**

Alexander Kuznertsov

**Choreography and Stage Movements:**

Ludmilla Stebenkova and Inna Kostitskaya

## Brief history of the LITTLE EAGLES OF SIBERIA

From the distant reaches of Central Siberia, 3000 kilometers east of Moscow, comes an ensemble of young singers and musicians to rekindle human faith in music and youth. At home, they are the Krasnoyarsk Children's Choir. On their numerous foreign and overseas tours, they are Russia's answer to the Vienna Choir Boys - the *Little Eagles of Siberia*.

Founded in 1971 by Ludmilla Stebenkova the *LITTLE EAGLES* have performed hundreds of concerts for audiences of well over half a million! Their performances have been enjoyed in the USA, Canada, Poland, Rumania, the Czech Republic, China, Austria, France, Spain, Bulgaria and Mongolia as well as throughout Siberia and the Russian Federation.

Like a large family, every year since its founding, 150 children and teenagers from Krasnoyarsk and surrounding regions, have come to the choir school to attend rehearsals and classes in singing, theory, stage movement, folk instruments, foreign languages. The children are only accepted after a rigorous audition, and there is fierce competition among Krasnoyarsk's teenage population for the coveted chances to participate in the annual school and related touring.

The choice of repertoire and the polished arrangements by conductor Ludmilla Stebenkova, range from Glinka to Gershwin. Each performance of the *LITTLE EAGLES* emerges as a major musical event in the field of choral singing. Members of the Choir appear in colourful peasant costumes in the second half of each programme, and from the ranks of the chorus, an instrumental ensemble, performs time-honoured Russian folk songs on bayans (accordions) and balalaikas.

Geographically, the industrial city of Krasnoyarsk, with a population of nearly one million, is indeed the heart, the center of Russia. It lies halfway between Moscow [in European Russia] and Vladivostok [on the Pacific Ocean]. On the fabled route of the Trans-Siberian Railway, where the rugged mountains of Tibet touch the harsh and barren terrain of the Siberian plateau, Krasnoyarsk is celebrated both for its industry and culture. On the one hand, it is the centre of Russia's aluminum industry, and Moscow's finest gourmet shops proudly offer Krasnoyarsk's renowned chocolates. On the other, the city is home of a major university as well as several institutes, technical schools and colleges. It has museums, art galleries a splendid symphony orchestra, eight theatres. It is famous in all of Russia for one of the most exciting Arts Centre complexes which houses Opera, Symphony and Ballet, and annually hosts concerts by the Little Eagles.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Krasnoyarsk [the name means "red clay"] was a Cossack fort, defending the junction of the rivers Yenisey and Kacha from invading Tartar hordes. Today Krasnoyarsk is a modern city in the heartland of a new awakening Siberia, and is home of the Little Eagles.

Here is some of the recent international touring activity of the Little Eagles.

- ☐ 1989 "Friendship Ambassadors" tour Eastern USA
- ☐ 1993 first Canadian tour, 73 concerts
- ☐ 1995 Canadian-USA tour - 51 concerts, East & West
- ☐ 1997 Festival Europa Cantata XIII, Austria
- ☐ 1998 Festival of Youth Choirs, Vienna, Austria
- ☐ 1999 "Children in Harmony" Beijing, China
- ☐ 1998 Major USA tour - 44 concerts, NY to California
- ☐ 2001 World Symposium of Youth Choirs, Vancouver
- ☐ 2003 Tolosa [Spain] Choral contest - first prize
- ☐ 2004 Festival of Choirs, Avignon, France

*The Little Eagles perform under the aegis of the Ministry of Popular Education of the Russian Federation, and through the facilities of the Centre for Aesthetical Education, based in their home city of Krasnoyarsk.*

# LITTLE EAGLES OF SIBERIA

Ludmilla Stebenkova, Artistic Director and Conductor

Ekaterina Baoulina, assistant conductor

Vladimir Potapof, pianist

Larissa Stebenkova, announcer and translator

Stephanie Conroy, Company Manager

The LITTLE EAGLES will perform works selected from each of the following groups. Company Translator and announcer, Larissa Stebenkova will introduce the works to be heard.

*Instrumental ensembles perform between groups of songs*

## I Sacred Music

P. Tchaikovsky	It Is Truly Fitting.
Pavel Tchesnokov	Save all Believers
A. Kisselev.	The Only Begotten Son.
H.L. Hassler.	Cantate Domino

## II Secular Music

T. Weelkes.	The Nightingale.
P. Tchaikovsky	I Bless You, Forests! [poem by Alexei Tolstoy ]
S. Rachmaninov.	Italian Polka.
M. Glinka,	The Passing Song

## III Contemporary and Russian folk music

Eva Ugalde.	Uraren Besotik.
A. L. Zupanovich.	Scherzo Sulle Vocali.
Suite of Russian Folk Songs	
Evenk Folk Song	"The Reindeer"
Varlamov.	Red Sarafan. Arr. by L. Stebenkova

## IV From other lands to which we tour

USA:	G. Gershwin	Clap Yo' Hands!
Canada:	College Song	Viva L'Amoure
Japan:	Children's Song	Hotaru koi
France:	Folk Song	La fille de la manier
Lapland:	Folk Song	Burro Matti
USA:	Traditional:	Jingle Bells

## *Special Tour Commemoration CD*

To celebrate their 2007 return to North America, the Little Eagles have published a special CD containing representative works from previous tours as well as the current one. The CD has been issued in a limited edition of 500 copies and can only be purchased at concerts on the 2007 tour in the USA and Canada. The price of \$20 includes all applicable taxes. The CD will be available prior to the start of tonight's concert, at intermission and following the close of the concert.

## *Photo OP!!*

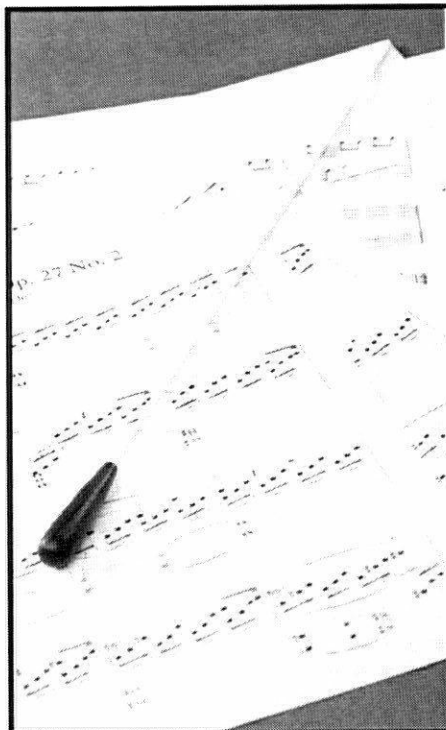
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## *Where the Eagles are going in Canada*

The LITTLE EAGLES OF SIBERIA are on a two month tour of the USA and Canada. They started out in Atlanta, on February 05, and they will end up in Boston on April 06.

Here in Canada, their schedule crosses three Provinces, beginning in Abbotsford, BC and ending in Estevan, Saskatchewan.

Sat. Feb 24	Abbotsford	Sun Mar 04	Vernon
Sun Feb 25	Kelowna	Mon Mar 05	Vernon
Mon Feb 26	Penticton	Tue Mar 05	
Tue Feb 27	Trail	Wed Mar 06	Calgary
Wed Feb 28		Th Mar 07	Swift Current
Th Mar 01	Nanaimo	Fri Mar 08	Weyburn
Fri Mar 02	White Rock	Sat Mar 09	Yorkton
Sat Mar 03	Coquitlam	Sun Mar 10	Estevan



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*Pianist*



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**Fri. Nov 16, 2007**

The CBC Orchestra returns under Alain Trudel's inspired baton for a programme featuring the suite from DeFalla's Three Cornered Hat and one of a lesser heard Haydn Symphonies. The concert, focusing on a sultry Spanish theme will include a new work especially commissioned by the CBC

## Susan Platts, Mezzo soprano

**Fri. Jan. 18, 2008**

Widely celebrated for her Mahler and Bach interpretations, Canadian mezzo-soprano Susan Platts has made recent debuts at Teatro alla Scala and Teatro di San Carlo as well as return performances with the Cleveland Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Toronto Symphony.



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**Fri. Feb. 8, 2008**

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## Daniel Bolshoy, guitarist

**Fri. Mar. 14, 2008**

Few solo guitarists have been as successful as Canadian Daniel Bolshoy when it comes to bringing the world of the classical guitar to audiences throughout North America. Featured artist at the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival, Mr. Bolshoy has recently completed two TV videos for Bravo TV's The Classic Now series.



## Vladimir Ovchinnikov, pianist

**Fri. Apr. 4, 2008**

Ever since his triumphant First Prize at the 1987 Leeds Piano competition, Vladimir Ovchinnikov has been ascending to the pinnacle of a pianistic Valhalla. He has appeared with most of the world's major orchestras including Chicago, Montreal, London, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Zurich Tonhalle, Hallé and of course with each of the leading Russian orchestras.

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