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YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF UKRAINE



The **Youth symphony Orchestra of Ukraine/YsOU** was founded in 2016 on the initiative of the famous Ukrainian conductor Oksana Lyniv. Her idea was supported by three German partner institutions: the Beethovenfest Bonn, the German Federal Youth Orchestra and the Deutsche Welle. Another unique project was proposed and implemented: the first performances of the newly created Ukrainian team took place jointly with the Federal Youth Orchestra of Germany. Thus, during August-September 2017, young Ukrainian and German musicians played four concerts in Lviv, Kiev, Bonn and Berlin. The first concert of the project was a performance at the International Festival "LvivMozArt", which became one of the partners of the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and annually presents concerts of the collective as one of the brightest events of the festival programme.

From its very beginning, the orchestra promotes the unchanging goal of uniting the most talented young musicians from all over Ukraine. The members of the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine are musicians aged 12 to 22 from Kiev, Lviv, Odessa, Kryvy Rih, Kolomyia, Buzivka, Vinnitsa, Zolotonosha, Kharkiv, Kivertsi, Kherson, Makeyevka, Donetsk, Ternopil, Severodonetsk and Zaporizhzhia. The artistic director of the Ukrainian Youth Symphony Orchestra is Oksana Lyniv, the director of the orchestra - Iryina Vakulina.

In the repertoire of the orchestra there are pieces of the world classics: by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Xaver Mozart, Peter Tchaikovsky, Franz Liszt and also by contemporary composers, e.g. Tan Dun. Special emphasis has been placed on the music of Ukrainian composers, for example Boris Lyatoshynsky, Vitaliy Hubarenko, Yevhen Stankovych, Myroslav Skoryk, Zoltan Almashi and Bohdan Segin.

From 2017 till 2019 the Youth symphony orchestra of Ukraine has performed on leading stages in Ukraine, Germany and Austria: at the LvivMozArt Festival in Lviv, in the National Philharmonic of Ukraine in Kiev, at the Beethovenfest Bonn and the festival Young Euro Classic in Berlin (live broadcasted by ARTE) and at the opening of the concert season at Musikverein concert Hall in Graz. The team collaborates with prominent musicians such as Valery Sokolov, Marco Comonco, Tobias Feldman (violin), Konstantin Manaev (cello), Vivi Vassileva (drums), Kateryna Titova, Antony Baryshevskyy, Khrystyna Mykhailychenko (piano), as well as with the vocal group "KURBASY" and the Lviv State Academic Choir "Dudaryk".

For the members of the orchestra, an annual musical camp (YsOU Music Camp) takes place, with a rich programme including numerous lectures, masterclasses, as well as rehearsals for future concerts.