



ORIANA YOUTH FEMALE CHOIR CONDUCTOR

Founder, artistic director and conductor of the ORIANA youth female choir **Halyna Shpak**, PhD Art history, chairman of the regional branch of the Ukrainian Choral Society named after Mykola Leontovych, Knight of the Medal of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church "Saint Queen Olga" and the Medal "For Outstanding Achievements in Music".

Together with the ORIANA choir Halyna Shpak visited 14 countries, took part in 25 international competitions, where she received 19 first prizes, 2 Grand Prix, 10 second prizes, 6 third prizes, 7 special awards. Thanks to her dedicated work, more than 5 000 people around the world have discovered the Ukrainian song.

Halyna Shpak graduated from Odessa National Music Academy named after A. Nezhdanova. Laureate of international competitions, she is an associate professor of choral conducting at the Odessa Conservatory, conductor of the student choir of the Odessa National Music Academy named after A. Nezhdanova. Every year with the student choir of A. Nezhdanova's ONMA she gives many concerts, takes part in the international music festival "Black Sea Music" together with the National Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra in the hall of the Odessa Philharmonic and in the International festival of modern music "2 Days 2 Nights".

In 2006, Halyna Shpak won the first two prizes with this choir at the 35th International Choral Competition "Florilege vocal de Tour" (Tour, France). In 2008, Halyna Shpak, as the conductor of the male choir, took part in the premiere of Shostakovich's 13th Symphony with the Odessa Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. In 2009, together with the mini-opera "New Odessa Opera", she toured as the choirmaster of Mozart's new production of "Don Juan" in the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain. Those year she also took part in M. Bizet's opera "Carmen" at the National Academic Opera and Ballet Theater.

Halyna Shpak was also the regent of various church choirs for over 35 years, she has led the children's choir at the music school №2 named after OK Glazunov for 27 years. She took part as the jury member of various choral festivals and competitions, as well as competitions of choral conductors. She is the author of numerous articles about the problems of choral music in Ukraine, the author of more than 100 arrangements for various choirs. She recorded 4 CDs of choral music and published 4 choral collections.

Halyna Shpak is a great connoisseur and propagandist of music by Ukrainian composers, for which she received various honours and prizes.