

Rachmaninoff International Orchestra

Born of a singular moment in history, the Rachmaninoff International Orchestra embodies the vision of its founder, Mikhail Pletnev, and his commitment to dismantling barriers through the universal language of music.

Like its namesake – composer, pianist, and conductor Sergei Rachmaninoff – the RIO is dedicated to the highest standards of performance and artistic expression.

Composed of preeminent musicians from Eastern and Western Europe, the RIO's forthcoming recordings and performances draw from the wide breadth of classical repertoire, with a focus on the Romantic and modern composers whose works have been the hallmark of Mikhail Pletnev's celebrated interpretations.

Rachmaninoff International Orchestra Unites Musicians from Eastern and Western Europe.

The Foundation for Global Arts, the nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering international understanding through the arts, is pleased to announce its support of the newly formed Rachmaninoff International Orchestra (RIO).

Founded by pianist, conductor, and composer Mikhail Pletnev, the RIO is composed of preeminent musicians from Eastern and Western Europe. "Mikhail Pletnev has deepened his commitment to artistic freedom with his founding of the Rachmaninoff International Orchestra," said Sergey Markov, RIO General Manager. "The orchestra has a vital role to play in bridging divides and inspiring peace through the universal language of music."

The name of the orchestra was inspired by composer, pianist, and conductor Sergei Rachmaninoff, an artist who loved his country but left and did not return due to the political forces in his homeland. Like Rachmaninoff, the RIO is dedicated to the highest standards of performance and artistic expression.