



# THE MOSCOW MALE JEWISH CAPPELLA

The Male Choir of Cantorial Art Academy was established in 1989 with personal support from Mikhail Gorbachev, then president of the USSR, and assistance from the Russian Jewish Community and JOINT, an American Jewish charity. In 1998 the choir was renamed the Hassidic Cappella and based at the Moscow Maryina Roshcha Jewish Community.



Since 2012 until present time The Moscow Male Jewish Cappella is working under the support of The Russian Jewish Congress and The State Classical Maimonides Academy.

The choir's singers are all professional musicians – students and teachers at Moscow Tchaikovsky State Conservatory and other leading musical institutes in the capital – who have performed in the city's most acclaimed choral groups. They are united by their commitment to introducing listeners to the beauty of

Jewish liturgical and cantorial music -- music that has been forgotten and remains unknown to even the most educated lovers of music. The choir's extensive repertory includes Jewish liturgical music, songs in Yiddish and Hebrew, Russian folk songs, and classics of world music. The choir is one of the few recognized professional Jewish academic musical groups in the world and the only one in Russia.

Guided by the deep and ancient traditions of both Jewish and Russian professional choral singing, the choir is reviving the art of Jewish choral and vocal music, demonstrating at every performance that the riches of Jewish culture are an inalienable part of Russia's multi-national tradition and world culture.

The choir has performed in countless Russian cities, in the former Soviet republics, and in 13 foreign countries. Wherever they have performed, audiences and critics have responded with accolades.

The choir has performed many times with renowned Russian and foreign symphony orchestras under the direction of Arnold Katz, Mark Gorenshteyn, Yuri Bashmet, Roman Kofman and Zubin Mehta, with such acclaimed soloists as Mikhail Alexandrovich, Nehama Lifshits, Joseph Kabzon, and Joseph Malovany, the chief cantor of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York

The choir's founder and artistic director, Alexander Tsaliuk, has directed more than 800 concerts and participated in countless international festivals and competitions.

The choir has recorded a number of CDs and films.

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