



Choir "Vesnianka" is the upgrade concert group of the National Children's Choral Studio "VESNIANKA". The studio was formed in 1961 (2016 – 55th Anniversary). The upgrade choir consists of girls and boys aged 10-18.

For many years choir "Vesnianka" takes part in contests and festivals: number of international choral contests in Russia, laureate (I place) of the XXIV International May Choir Competition "Prof. G. Dimitrov" (Varna, Bulgaria, 1996), laureate of the First International Festival for Choral Music (Munich, Germany, 2000) and many others in recent years.

In August 2001 our choir was invited by the Croatian embassy to take part in the Summer Dubrovnik Festival (Croatia). As a result choir was given the honour of calling **"the main musical event of the year"**.

Concert choir "Vesnianka" was invited to make a concert tour in Germany and Austria in October of 2002. The invitation was made by the burgomasters of Füssen and Augsburg. The tour contained number of concerts in the different halls and churches (including participation in Christian services). Same tours were made in autumn of 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2009 in the South Bavaria region. Due to those tours **choir obtained the public and professional recognition in the number of towns in Germany.**

At the end of 2003 choir "Vesnianka" took part in the **significant concert of the famous Russian Ensemble of Soloists of the Moscow Philharmonic "Concertino"** in the Big Hall of the Moscow Conservatory. There is also a creative collaboration between our concert groups nowadays.

In May 2005 choir was invited to Great Britain (invitation made by Kenwood Corp.) to perform number of concerts and participate in the [Second East London Sangerstevne Choral Festival](#).

In June 2006 the younger part of the choir took part in the [35th Choral Singing Competition in Tours, France](#) and **successfully won it.**

In 2010-2011 choir "Vesnianka" made **special tours to Belorussia, Ukraine and Moldova** with master-classes and concerts. Local choir conductors and musicians were impressed by those performances.

In May 2012 the younger part of the choir took part in the [XXXI-th International Festival of Orthodox Church Music „Hajnowka 2012"](#) in Poland and **won the 1st prize** in the youth-children Category.

In autumn 2012 "Vesnianka" took part in the [International competition "Tonen2000" \(Netherlands\)](#). It **won three Golden Medals** (sacred, secular and folk categories) as well as the **main prize of the contest, being the best among 14 choirs from 12 countries of the World.**

In 2013 choir win the **2nd place in Tolosa International Contest**, performed several concerts in Spain.

During 2016 Choral studio celebrates its 55 Anniversary with series of concerts in Moscow.

In April 2017 concert choir **wins (1st place) in Tallinn International Choir Festival.**

Leader and conductor of the choir – Lyubov Aldakova. She is graduated from the Russian Music Academy named after the Gnesins. For 25 years she leads the Children Concert Choir "Vesnianka". Lyubov Aldakova is a member of the Presidium of Moscow Choirs Association and a member of the Presidium of Moscow Musical Society. In 2005 she was conferred the **rank of "Honoured Artist of the Russian Federation" by the President's decree.** Lyubov Aldakova is **one of the most authoritative children choir conductors and musical directors in Russia** last years.

The repertoire of the choir is mostly of classical character. The group sings choirs from operas, Russian and foreign sacred music, the ancient songs. There are programs wholly dedicated to creations of Bach, Handel, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Mozart. Choir presents also folk music of lots of countries of the whole World in original language. There are also modern compositions in the repertoire.

One of choir's traditions is the presentation of compositions on their original languages, such as English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Latin, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Croatian and many others.

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