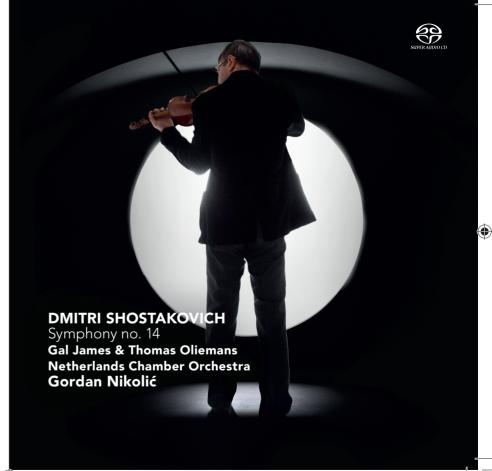
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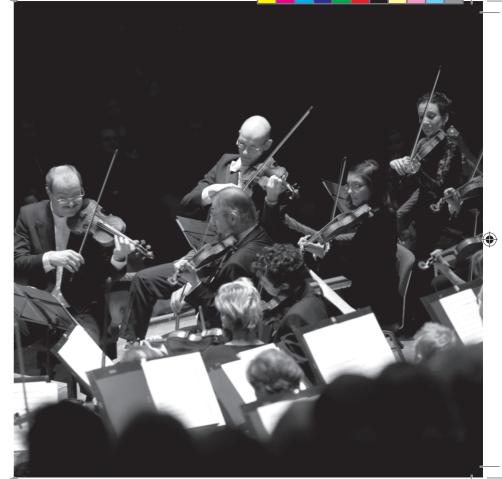


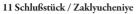
DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH (1906-1975)

Symphony no. 14

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	[1]	De profundis. Adagio	5:37
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	[7]	V tyur'me Sante (At the Santé Jail). Adagio	10:23
	[8]	Otvet zaporozjckikh kazakov konstantinopelskomu sultanu	2:20
		(Reply to the Sultan of Konstantinopel). Allegro	
	[9]	O Delvig, Delvig! Andante	5:12
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	[11]	Zaklyucheniye (Conclusion). Moderato	1:31

total time 55:13





(Rainer Maria Rilke / T. Silman)

Vsevlastna smert'. Ona na strazhe

I v schast'va chas.

V mig vïsshey zhizhni ona v nas strazhdet,

Zhdyot nas i zhazhdet

11. Conclusion

Death is great.
We belong to her
with laughing mouths.

When we believe ourselves to be in the midst of our lives, she dares to cry inside us.

Death and resistance

'I become more and more convinced that words are more effective than music. When I combine music with words, it is more difficult to misunderstand my intentions', said Dmitri Shostakovich in reference to his *Symphonies No. 13* and *No. 14*, both of which make use of texts.

For No. 13, Shostakovich used five poems of the then young avant-garde poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko. The title he gave to his poetic monument for the Russian Jews who had been killed by the German occupying forces at Babi Yar became the name of *Symphony No. 13: Babi Yar.* Following its premiere, further performances were prohibited.

Symphony No. 14 is in fact part of a pair with No. 13, but No. 14, which is untitled, was not found to be subversive on its premiere. In both symphonies, Shostakovich chose the form of a song cycle, yet they exhibit great differences. No. 13 was written for a large orchestra, a large all-male choir and a bass soloist. In No. 14 he returned to the heart of the symphonic ensemble, the string orchestra. Supplemented with percussion, it accompanies and frames a soprano and a bass. In its expressiveness, this symphony comes close to the poignancy and rarefaction of the thirteen string quartets Shostakovich gave us.

He drew his texts from world literature. Two poems by the Spaniard Federico Garcia Lorca, six by the Frenchman Guillaume Apollinaire, two from the German Rainer Maria Rilke and one poem of Russian origin by Wilhelm Küchelbecker.







At first sight, a black thread of Death runs through the entire cycle; in other words, human mortality. The work starts with a 'De profundis' (Out of the depths I cry unto thee, O God), as if this symphony comprises a requiem.

Injustice

But quite a few texts are also about resistance to many forms of injustice. 'I do not wish to oppose death; I oppose the violent death that people bring to themselves and to each other', said Shostakovich. His choice of a text by Küchelbecker is characteristic: he was one of the participants in a 1825 rebellion against the absolutist regime of the tsar. His punishment was lifelong exile in Siberia, where Küchelbecker died in 1846.

The poet addresses a friend called Delvig, another rebel; he was executed. The third verse is interesting: 'Oh Delvig, my friend! What is persecution? Immortality is the reward both of valiant, inspired deeds and of sweet singing.' Shostakovich set the final line of the verse to very melodic music for cello. He seems to identify with the poet. In the fourth verse Küchelbecker speaks of 'the bond joining those who have been chosen by the Muses'. These lines too are underscored by cellists. Did Shostakovich wish to express his solidarity with his friend, the cellist Rostropovich, a sharp critic of the Soviet regime?

Although it is a song cycle, the symphony is not a series of individual songs. Shostakovich endowed it with suspenseful transitions from one text to the next. Note, for example, the transition from the second poem by Lorca ('Malagueña') with castanets, immediately followed by two sharp blows, introducing the

10. Der Tod des Dichters / Smert' poeta (Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926) / T. Silman)

Poet bil myortv. Litso yego, khranya vsyo tu zhe blednost', chto-to otvergalo, ono kogda-to vsyo o mire znalo, no eto znan'ye ugasalo. i vozvrashchalos' v ravnodush'ye dnya.

Gde im ponyat', kak dolog etot put'; o, mir i on—vsyo bïlo tak yedino: ozyora i ushchel'ya, i ravnina yego litsa i sostavlyali sut'.

Litso yego i bilo tem prostorom, chto tyanetsya k nemu i tshchetno l'nyot, a eta maska robkaya umryot, otkrito predostavlennaya vzoram, na tlen'ye obrechyonniy nezhniy plod.

10. Death of a poet

There towards him, to court him, and his mask, that now anxiously expires, is tender and open like thee he lay. His face resting on the inclined pillow was pale and defiant since the world and this, of it, know-it-all, devoid of his senses redounded upon the indifferent year.

Those who saw him living, did not know how much he was one with all this, for, these valleys, these meadows, and this water were his face.

Oh, his face was this entire vastness that, even now, wants to move inner core of a fruit that rots in the air.







(Wilhelm Kuchelbecker)

O Del'vig, Del'vig! Chto nagrada I del vïsokikh i stikhov? Talantu chto i gde otrada Sredi zlodeyev i gluptsov?

V ruke surovoy Yuvenala Zlodeyam groznïy bich svistit I krasku gonit s ikh lanit, I vlast' tiranov zadrozhala.

O Del'vig, Del'vig! Chto gonen'ya? Bessmertiye ravno udel I smelïkh vdokhnovennïkh del I sladostnogo pesnopen'ya.

Tak ne umryot i nash soyuz, Svobodniy, radostniy i gordiy! I v schast'i i v neschast'i tvyordiy, Soyuz lyubimtsev vechnikh muz!

9. Oh Delvig, Delvig

Oh Delvig, Delvig! Where is the reward for good deeds and for the poetry? What place is there for talent amongst rascals and fools?

In Juvenal's rigorous hand the frightful scourge menaces the villains and robs the colour of their cheeks. The power of tyrants trembled.

Oh Delvig, Delvig! What is the pay for persecution? Immortality is yet the reward for valiant and courageous deeds or for delightful poetic singing.

Thus, our alliance will never be lost, proud, joyful and free! And, for better or for worse, will remain unshaken the alliance of friends of the immortal muse! romantic tale of Loreley. The hot-blooded style of the string accompaniment to both texts offers another continuous and rising line of tension.

Heinz Köhnen







After completing the opera studio of the Staatsoper Berlin, Israeli soprano Gal James joined the ensemble at the Oper Graz.

Recent opera-engagements are Mimi in La Bohème at the Palau de la Música in Valencia and the title role in Rusalka at the Semperoper Dresden. Highlights on the concert-platform have included the Vier Letzte Lieder with the Oslo Philharmonic and the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, and Shostakovich's Fourteenth Symphony with the Sinfonieorchester St Gallen.

Gal James already had the pleasure to work with renowned conductors such as Daniel Barenboim, Seiji Ozawa, Neeme Järvi, Julien Salemkour, Vasily Petrenko, Riccardo Chailly, Ion Marin, Dan Ettinger and Jukka-Pekka Saraste.

8. Réponse des Cosaques Zaporogues au Sultan de Constantinople / Otvet zaporozhskikh kazakov konstantinopol'skomu sultanu (Guillaume Apollinaire / Mikhail Kudinov)

Tï prestupney Varravï v sto raz. S Vel'zevulom zhivya po sosedstvu, V samïkh merzkikh grekhakh tï pogryaz. Nechistotami vskormlennïy s detstva, Znay: svoy shabash tï spravish' bez nas.

Rak protukhshiy, Salonik otbrosï, Skvernïy son, chto nel'zya rasskazar', Okrivevshiy, gniloy i beznosïy, Tï rodilsya, kogda tvoya mat' Izvivalas' v korchakh ponosa.

Zloy palach Podol'ya, vzglyani: Ves' ti v ranakh, yazvakh i strup'yakh. Zad kobili, rilo svin'i, Pust' tebe vse snadob'ya skupyat, Chtob lechil ti bolyachki svoi!

8. Reply of the Zaporoje Cossacks to the Sultan of Constantinople

More villain than Barabbas, horned like the angels of evil, what Beelzebub are you down there, nourished with filth and mire? We shall not attend your Sabbaths.

Rotten fish of Salonika, long necklace of horrible dreams, of eyes pulled out by dint of a pike. Your mother farted wet, and you were born of her colic.

Executioner of Podolia, lover of wounds, of ulcers, of scabs. Pig's snout, mare's arse. Keep all your riches to pay for your medicines.





Khozhu vperyod, nazad,

around a pit, like a bear. A nebo! Luchshe ne smotret'. We go round and round and round again.

Ya nebu zdes' ne rad. V kakoy-to yame, kak medved', Khozhu vperyod, nazad.

The sky is blue like a chain. Every morning I pace around a pit, like a bear.

Za chto Ti pechal' mne etu prinyos? Skazhi, vsemogushchiy Bozhe.

What will become of me, o God, you who know my pain,

O szhal'sya, szhal'sya! V glazakh moikh netu slyoz,

you who gave it to me?

Na masku litso pokhozhe.

Take pity on my dry eyes, my pallor...

Tï vidish', skol'ko neschastnïkh serdets Pod svodom tyuremnïm b'yotsya! Sorvi zhe s menya ternoviy venets, Ne to on mne v mozg vop'yotsya.

Love, my companion, take pity above all on my feeble wits and this despair that's overpowering them.

And on all those poor hearts beating in prison.

Den' konchilsya. Lampa nad golovoyu Gorit, okruzhonnaya t'moy.

is burning in the prison. We are alone in my cell,

The day is dying, see how a lamp

Vsyo tikho. Nas v kamere tolko dvoye:

fair light, beloved reason.

Ya i rassudok moy.





Born in Amsterdam in 1977, the Dutch baritone Thomas Oliemans graduated from the Amsterdam Conservatory. Most recent opera appearances include the role of Papageno in *Die Zauberflöte* at the Festival in Aix-en-Provence and the Dutch National Opera, his debut at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden as Schaunard in *La Bohème* and Lescaut in *Manon* at the Théâtre du Capitole in Toulouse.

Oliemans has worked with conductors such as Semyon Bychkov, Ivor Bolton, Hartmut Haenchen, Edo de Waart, Jaap van Zweden, Pablo Heras-Casado, Marc Albrecht and with orchestras such as the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, Dresdner Philharmonie, Norwegian Radio Orchestra and the Orchestre National de Lille.

Zakhochu—otdam. Zakhochu— Zaberu yego snova, pover'te.

I ya khokhochu, khokhochu, khokhochu,

I ya khokhochu, khokhochu Nad lyubov'yu, chto skoshena smert'yu.

7. A la Santé / V tyur'me Sante

(Guillaume Apollinaire / Mikhail Kudinov)

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha. It's here, and I laugh and laugh at the beautiful loves scythed down by death.

I have given it, and I have taken it back.

It's here, and I laugh and laugh and laugh

It was down there in the trenches.

7. At the Santé Prison

and laugh.

Menya razdeli dogola,
Kogda vveli v tyur'mu;
Sud'boy srazhyon iz-za ugla,
Nizvergnut ya vo t'mu.
Proshchay, vesyoliy khorovod,
Proshchay, devichiy smekh.
Zdes' nado mnoy mogil'niy svod,
Zdes' umer ya dlya vsekh.

Net, ya ne tot,
Sovsem ne tot, chto prezhde.
Teper' ya arestant,
I vot konets nadezhde.
V kakoy-to yame, kak medved',

Before going into my cell
I had to strip naked
and that sinister voice howled,
Guillaume, what's become of you?
Farewell, farewell, songs and dances,
o my youth, o young girls.
Lazarus going into his tomb
instead of rising from it as he did.

No, here I no longer feel I'm myself. I'm number fifteen in block eleven. Every morning I pace









Iz-za ukritiya sledil vse dni podryad Za Slavoy, chto vzletet' uzhe ne khochet. V transheye on umryot do nastuplen'ya nochi, Moy malen'kiy soldat, lyubovnik moy i brat.

I vot poetomu khochu ya star' krasivoy. Pust' yarkim fakelom grud' u menya gorit, Pust' opalit moy vzglyad zasnezhennïye nivï, Pust' poyasom mogil moy budet stan obvit. V krovosmeshenii i v smerti star' krasivoy Khochu ya dlya togo, kto dolzhen bit' ubit.

Zakat korovoyu revyot, pîlayut rozî, I siney ptitseyu moy zacharovan vzglyad. To probil chas lyubvi, i chas likhoradki groznoy. To probil smerti chas, i net puti nazad. Segodnya on umryot, kak umirayut rozî, Moy malen'kiy soldat, lyubovnik moy i brat.

6. Les attentives II / Madam, posmotrite! (Guillaume Apollinaire / Mikhail Kudinov)

Madam, posmotrite! Poteryali vi chto-to... - Akh! Pustyaki! Eto serdtse moyo, Skoreye yego podberite. at the concrete battlements where the night's glories were hung. The one that must die this evening in the trenches is a young soldier, my brother and my lover.

And since he must die I want to make myself beautiful; I want my naked breasts to light the torches, I want my big eyes to melt the pond that freezes. And I want my hips to be tombs for, since he must die, I want to be beautiful in both incest and death, these two magnificent deeds.

The cows at sunset low all their roses, the bluebird's wing fans me softly. It is the hour of Love, of ardent neuroses. It is the hour of Death and of the final promise. The one that must perish, just as the roses die, is a young soldier, my brother and my lover.

6. Madame, look!

Madame, look!
You have lost something.
It's my heart -- not much of a thing!
So pick it up.



Gordan Nikolić

Gordan Nikolić has been the musical director, the concertmaster and the face of the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra since 2004. Nikolić is an energetic master violinist; as the musical director, he puts across what moves him in the music he plays. He studied at the Academy of Music in Basle with the well-known French violinist and conductor Jean-Jacques Kantorow. He has steeped himself in Baroque music, but also works with contemporary composers such as Lutoslawski and Kurtág. He has performed with numerous orchestras in Europe, and the posts he has held include concertmaster of the London Symphony Orchestra, professor at the Royal College of Music and the Guildhall School of Music as well as lecturer at the Rotterdam Conservatorium. Gordan Nikolić plays a Petrus Guarnerius violin built in 1735



I chyornoye nebo, prolivshis' dozhdyom, ikh poroy omïvayet, I slovno u skipetrov groznikh, torzhestvenna ikh krasota.

Rastyot iz ranî odna, i kak tol'ko zakat zapîlayet, Okravavlennoy kazhetsya skorbnaya liliya ta. Tri lilii, tri lilii... Lilii tri na mogile moyey bez kresta, Tri lilii, ch'yu pozolotu kholodnîye vetrî sduvayut.

Drugaya iz serdsa rastyot moyego, chto tak sil'no stradayet, Na lozhe chervivom. A tret'ya kornyami mne rot razrïvayet.

Oni na mogile moyey odinoko rastut, i pusta Vokrug nikh zemlya, i kak zhizn' moya, proklyata ikh krasota.

Tri lilii, tri lilii... Lilii tri na mogile moyey bez kresta.

5. Les attentives I / Nacheku

(Guillaume Apollinaire / Mikhail Kudinov)

V transheye on umryot do nastuplen'ya nochi, Moy malen'kiy soldat, chey utomlyonnïy vzglyad gold, daunted by the wind. Watered only when a murky sky pours upon them,

majestic and beautiful like kings' scepters.

One emerges from my wound and, when a ray of sunlight brushes it, moves up bleeding. It is the lily of terror. Three large lilies, three large lilies on my grave without a cross, three large lilies dusted with gold, daunted by the wind.

Another emerges from my heart, which lies suffering on this resting place, gnawed by worms. The third emerges from my mouth.
All three stand on my lonely grave
All alone, all alone and condemned as I deem myself.
Three large lilies, three large lilies on my grave without a cross.

5. On guard

The one that must die this evening in the trenches is a young soldier who, all day long, stares idly









Proch, bezumnaya Lor, volookaya Lor!
Ti monakhiney stanesh, i potyomknet tvoy vzor.'
Troye ritsarey s devoy idut po doroge.
Govorit ona strazhnikam khmurim i strogim:
'Na skale toy visokoy dayte mne postoyat,'
Chtob uvidet' moy zamok mogla ya opyat,'
Chtob svoyo otrazhen'ye ya uvidela snova,
Pered tem, kak voyti v monastir' vash suroviy.'
Veter lokoni sputal, i gorit yeyo vzglyad,
Tshchetno strazha krichit: 'Loreleya, nazad!
Nazad!'

'Na izluchinu Reyna lad'ya viplivayet, V ney sidit moy lyubimiy, on menya prizivayet. Tak legko na dushe, tak prozrachna volna...' I s visokoy skali v Reyn upala ona, Uvidav otrazhyonniye v gladi potoka Svoi reynskiye ochi, svoy solnechniy lokon.

4. Le suicidé / Samoubi'ytsa (Guillaume Apollinaire / Mikhail Kudinov)

Tri lilii, tri lilii... Lilii tri na mogile moyey bez kresta, Tri lilii, ch'yu pozolotu kholodnïye vetrï lances': take this demented woman to the convent. Go away Lore in madness, away Lore with tremulous eyes, you shall become a nun dressed in black and white.' So the four left down the road, the Lorelev implored them and her eyes glowed bright like stars. 'Knights, please let me climb onto that rock so high for I may see my beautiful castle one last time. To see once more my reflection in the river and then I shall go to the convent of virgins and widows.' Up there, the wind blew her untied hair, the knights cried': Loreley, Loreley'. 'Down there, on the Rhine, comes a boat and, on board, there is my lover, he has seen me and calls. My heart becomes so tender, it is my lover returning'. She leans over and falls into the Rhine. To see her in the water, the beautiful Loreley, her Rhine-coloured eyes, her sun-like hair.

4. The suicide

Three large lilies, three large lilies on my grave without a cross, three large lilies dusted with





The Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, with its pendant the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, is one of the most versatile cultural undertakings in the Netherlands. The Royal Concertgebouw is the artistic home to its varied concert programme; as the regular orchestral partner of the Dutch National Opera, the orchestra stands out among European opera orchestras. The orchestra is also welcomed by other Dutch concert halls, concert stages and at festivals in other countries. Since 2004, master violinist Gordan Nikolić has been its artistic director.

The Netherlands Chamber Orchestra was established in 1955. The orchestra exhibits artistic excellence and plays to a wide audience while taking forward-looking responsibility with its large-scale educational programmes, thus making classical music available to one and all. Together, the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra and the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra reach 200,000 visitors each year. In collaboration with the Dutch National Opera, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra performs classical and chamber opera as well as contemporary opera.

3. Loreley / Loreleya

(Guillaume Apollinaire / Mikhail Kudinov)

K belokuroy koldun'ye iz prireynskogo kraya Shli muzhchinï tolpoy, ot lyubvi umiraya. I velel yeyo vïzvat' yepiskop na sud, Vsyo v dushe yey proshchaya za yeyo krasotu. 'O skazhi, Loreleya, ch'i glaza tak prekrasnï, Kto tebya nauchil etim charam opasnïm?' 'Zhizn' mne v tyagost', yepiskop, i proklyat moy vzor.

Kto vzglyanul na menya, svoy prochyol prigovor. O yepiskop, v glazakh moikh plamya pozhara, Tak predayte zh ognyu eti strashnïye charī!' 'Loreleya, pozhar tvoy vsesilen: ved' ya Sam toboy okoldovan i tebe ne sud'ya.' 'Zamolchite, yepiskop! Pomolites' i ver'te: Eto volya Gospodnya predat' menya smerti. Moy lyubimïy uyekhal, on v dalyokoy strane. Vsyo teper' mne ne milo, vsyo teper' ne po mne. Serdtse tak isstradalos', chto dolzhna umeret' ya. Dazhe vid moy vnushayet mne mïsli o smerti. Moy lyubimïy uyekhal, i s etogo dnya Svet mne belïy ne mil, noch' v dushe u menya.' I tryokh rîtsarey kliknul yepiskop: 'Skoreye Uvedite v glukhoy monastür' Loreleyu.

3. Loreley

In Bacharach lived a witch with fair hair who let all the men around die of love.

The bishop summoned her to his court and acquitted her on account of her beauty.

'Oh lovely Loreley, your eyes are made of precious stones, which magician gave you the power of sorcery?' 'I am weary of life and my eyes are accursed; oh bishop, those who have looked at me have perished.

My eyes are not precious stones but flames, throw this sorcery to the fire.'

'That fire is consuming me, oh lovely Loreley, somebody else has to condemn you, for you have enchanted me.' 'Bishop you laugh. Pray rather to the Virgin for me,

let me die and may God protect you.

My lover has left for a distant land, let me die for there is nothing I love.'

My heart is so heavy that I must necessarily die, I would die if I would dare look at myself. My heart is so heavy since he is no longer there, my heart has been so heavy since the day he left. The bishop summoned three knights armed with











(Federico García Lorca / I. Tynyanova)

Sto goryacho vlyublyonnikh
Snom vekovim usnuli
Gluboko pod sukhoy zemlyoyu.
Krasnim peskom pokriti
Dorogi Andalusii.
Vetvi oliv zelyonikh
Kordovu zaslonili.
Zdes' im kresti postavyat,
Chtob ikh ne zabili lyudi.
Sto goryacho vlyublyonnikh

2. Malagueña / Malagen'ya

Snom vekovim usnuli.

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(Federico García Lorca / Anatoli Geleskul)

Smert' voshla i ushla iz tavernï.
Smert' voshla i ushla iz tavernï.
Chyornïye koni i tyomnïye dushi
V ushchel'yakh gitarï, brodyat.
Zapakhli sol'yu i zharkoy krov'yu
Sotsvet'ya zïbi nervnoy.
A smert' vsyo ukhodit
I vsyo ne uydyot iz tavernï.

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1.De profundis

The hundred lovers sleep for ever beneath the dry earth. Andalusia has long red roads. Córdoba, green olive trees where to place a hundred crosses, in their memory. The hundred lovers sleep for ever.

2. Malagueña

Death enters and leaves the tavern.

Death enters and leaves the tavern.

Black horses and sinister people
pass through the deep pathways of the guitar.

And there is a smell of salt and of female blood in the fevered tuberoses of the seaside.

Death is about to leave the tavern,

He is going but not gone

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