

Founder, artistic Director and Chief Conductor



In 2012, the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia under the direction of Yuri Bashmet was officially created. The orchestra includes over 100 young musicians between the ages of 10 and 22 from 45 cities across Russia. The orchestra was formed on the basis of an all-Russian competition for classical music performers, unique in its idea and scale. Such a competition has no analogues in the history of Russia.

The screening to the orchestra cast is organized biennially.





The qualifying rounds of the national competition are held in all Federal Districts of Russia. Over 7,000 students of children's music schools, children's art schools and music colleges participated in the auditions. The finalists of the competition have a unique opportunity to take part in the master classes given by leading Russian musicians and perform at the concerts of the orchestra.

The orchestra's first concerts were held on **November 28 and 29, 2012,** in Sochi and were met with great interest from both the audience and the media.





The incredible success and attention to the first performance of the orchestra prompted the need to continue the project, which plays a huge role in drawing attention to the issues of children's music education and long-term formation of the cultural environment in our country.

During 2013 there was a selection for the second cast of the orchestra. At the end of October the orchestra gathered for a rehearsal session in Moscow and for the first time went on a tour with concerts around Russia. The concerts as part of the first Russian tour took place in Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Perm, and Yekaterinburg.





Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia Sochi Olympics

In February 2014, the Youth Symphony Orchestra took part in the Closing Ceremony of the XXII Winter Olympic Games in Sochi. It should be noted that the orchestra was the only symphony group that performed at the Fisht Stadium during all 4 ceremonies of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi.

In June 2014, the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia held its first international tour.



The orchestra has given the concerts in Brussels, Geneva, St. Petersburg, Moscow, and the final concert of the tour was performed at the legendary **Great Hall of the Berlin Philharmonic.**

In June 2015, the orchestra held its traditional Russian tour with concerts in Moscow, Tyumen, and the final concert in Sochi, the same venue where the orchestra played its first concert.



From April to September 2016 the fourth all-Russian selection for the new orchestra was held. Auditions were held in 14 Russian regions. The selection to the orchestra was held jointly with the TV channel "Culture".

As a result, a series of television programs about the qualifying rounds in Russian cities, the semi-finals in Moscow, rehearsals, and a tour of the orchestra were filmed. This was the basis for the creation of a series of 13 programs **"Orchestra of the Future"**, which had a huge success on the TV channel "Culture" and was nominated for the "Teffi" award.

In the fall of 2016 there was a tour of the orchestra through cities in Russia and Europe. The tour included the concerts in the Legendary Concert Halls of Europe: **the Great Hall of the Conservatory in Moscow, the Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), the Sala Verdi (Milan), and the Musikverein (Vienna)**.



- In February 2017, the orchestra performed at the Gala closing concert of the Jubilee X Winter International Arts Festival in Sochi. The concert was filmed by Mezzo TV channel.
- **On June 01,** Children's Day, the orchestra gave a concert at the Concert Hall of the Mariinsky Theater as part of the official program of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.
- **On November 7,** the 100th anniversary of the Revolution, the orchestra was to give a concert at the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall in Moscow.

- Jointly with the TV channel "Kultura" the all-Russian selection for the fifth orchestra was held and a new episodes of the orchestra documentary**"Guide to the Orchestra"** was filmed and shown.
- Auditions for the selection were held in 17 Russian regions.
- The orchestra took part in the opening ceremony of the World Cup in Russia
- In September 2018, the first concert tour of Asian countries took place, with concerts in Moscow, Vladivostok, Singapore, Beijing, Shanghai and Seoul

The Opening of the FIFA 2018 in Russia



- **On February 11, 2019,** as part of the "Russian Seasons in Germany" project, the orchestra performed with great success at the famous Great Hall of the Berlin Philharmonic.
- In February 2019 the First YSOR Orchestra Academy was held and 2 concerts of the orchestra took place within the framework of the Winter International Arts Festival in Sochi
- In September 2019, the Orchestra's Grand Tour of Russian cities took place, which will include 10 concerts in different Russian regions. The orchestra's concerts were held in Kostroma, Vologda, Uglich, Yaroslavl, Tula, Kaluga, Nizhny Novgorod, Perm, Yekaterinburg and Moscow

- February 10, 2020. Participation in the gala closing concert of the First Winter International Arts Festival of Yuri Bashmet in Moscow on February 10, 2020
- February 2020. Participation at the Second YSOR orchestra academy and performance of two concerts within the framework of the Winter International Arts Festival in Sochi.
- June 24, 2020. Performance in the gala-concert dedicated to the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Great War on Mamaev Kurgan with a live broadcast on the Channel Russia 1.
- May August 2020. A large all-Russian selection to the new orchestra. More than 800 young musicians from different Russian cities took part in the auditions.

Mamayev Kurgan Concert





2020 - 21

- October 2020. Big Russian tour of the orchestra. Concerts in Tula, St. Petersburg, Kazan and Moscow.
- November 2020. Conducting a big international telethon of youth symphony orchestras of the world, with the participation of orchestras from 18 countries. The YSOR acted as the organizer of the marathon.
- August November 2020. Shooting of a new three-part documentary film "Orchestra.Triptych".
- **February 2021.** Participation in the concerts of the Winter International Arts Festivals in Moscow and Sochi. Holding the Third YSOR Academy in Sochi.
- April 12, 2021. Participation in the concert dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the first human space flight at the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

Big Russian Tour: concerts in Tula, Saint-Petersburg, Kazan, Moscow





Concert dedicated to the First Flight of a man to space at Baikonur Cosmodrome



- In January February 2022, the orchestra took part in the traditional Winter International Arts Festivals in Moscow and Sochi.
- In 2022 branches of the orchestra were created in Yekaterinburg (Urals Youth Symphony Orchestra) and Krasnoyarsk (Siberian Youth Symphony Orchestra).
- **August 9, 2022** the orchestra took part in a concert to mark the 80th anniversary of the performance of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony in besieged Leningrad.
- **Summer 2022** there was another National Selection for the new orchestra, in which more than 1,000 young musicians took part.
- **On November 22, 2022,** the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia celebrates its 10th anniversary at the Zaryadye Concert Hall, performing **in its renewed sixth lineup**.

Concert at the Spit of Vasilevskiy Island



August 9, 2022

In February 2023, the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia took part in concerts of the Winter International Art Festivals in Sochi and Moscow.

In March 2023, the orchestra performed a gala concert opening of the project "Russian Seasons" in Astana in Kazakhstan.

In August 2023, the first festival of Youth orchestras of the world was held in Moscow on the initiative of the YSOR. Among the participants of the first festival are the youth symphony orchestras from Algeria and Uzbekistan, the Arab Youth Symphony Orchestra, young musicians from China, the Republic of Korea, Moldova, Serbia, Chile, the United Arab Emirates, Israel, Colombia, Bosnia, etc. The World Youth Symphony Orchestra was created within the framework of the festival, the first concert of which closed the festival on August 20 in Moscow.

On August 23, 2023, the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia took part in a concert dedicated to the 80th anniversary of Victory at the Kursk Bulge.



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On January 24, 2024, the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia took part in a concert on Yuri Bashmet's birthday in Moscow On January 27, 2024, the orchestra performed at a concert dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the complete liberation of Leningrad of siege at Gazprom Arena In February 2024, the traditional Grand Winter Orchestra Academy of the the YSOR was held in Sochi In March 2024, the YSOR took part in the Opening Ceremony of the World Youth Festival in Sochi and initiated the second World Youth Orchestra Festival within the framework of the WYF. In April 2024, the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia will perform concerts in the UAE for the first time.

2012 - 22

- Over the past years more than 7,000 young musicians from various regions of Russia have taken part in auditions for the orchestra.
- Thanks to the orchestra's auditions, Yuri Bashmet's Educational Centers for young gifted musicians operate on a permanent basis in 16 Russian regions. In two federal districts branches of the ensemble have been permanently established.
- The Youth Symphony Orchestra of Russia has given concerts in 16 Russian regions and 9 countries worldwide; it took part in the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games in Sochi and the opening ceremony of the FIFA World Cup in Russia.
- The orchestra has trained a great number of professional musicians who enhance the great cultural traditions of Russia.



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