

## Press Release

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## Southbank Centre announces fundraising event to help the people of Ukraine



Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre Credit: Pete Woodhead

- ***Slava Ukraini* - a night of music and poetry presented in solidarity with the people of Ukraine**
- **Taking place next Tuesday, 22 March 2022 in the Queen Elizabeth Hall - tickets on sale now**
- **Line-up includes Ukrainian and British artists - baritone Yuriy Yurchuk, pianist Dinara Klinton alongside Ben Wishaw, Jonathan Pryce and Juliet Stevenson**
- **All net proceeds and further funds raised on the evening to be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee**

In solidarity with the people of Ukraine and to support the Ukrainian community in London, the **Southbank Centre** is delighted to announce ***Slava Ukraini*** - a specially curated night of music, poetry and spoken word with a line-up that includes Ukrainian and British artists performing in person and via live link-up from Ukraine. Tickets are on sale now, and all net proceeds and all further funds raised on the evening will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC's) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. ***Slava Ukraini*** is organised in partnership with the Ukrainian Institute and supported by the British Council.

***Slava Ukraini*** features a line-up of Ukrainian and British classical and contemporary musicians. Performers include Kyiv-born **Yuriy Yurchuk** who performed the role of Marcello in Puccini's *La Boheme* last summer at the Royal Opera House and Kharviv-born pianist **Dinara Klinton** who has performed previously at the Royal Festival Hall, the Wigmore Hall and Berliner Philharmonie and Konzerthaus. Further Ukrainian names include current member of the Jette Parker Young Artists Company mezzo-soprano **Kseniia Nikolaieva**, Karaviotis Prize-winning mezzo-soprano **Rozanna Madylus** and

Rivne-born clarinettist **Stefan Bulyha** who currently studies at the Royal Academy of Music. **The London Contemporary Orchestra** will also perform live in-person on the night.

Ukrainian writers on the *Slava Ukraini* line-up include historian **Dr Olesya Khromeychuk**, author and writer of bestseller *Death and the Penguin* **Andrey Kurkov** and poet, writer and essayist **Serhiy Zhadan**.

The night will also include readings by Emmy and BAFTA Award-winning actor **Ben Whishaw**, Tony Award-winning actor **Jonathan Pryce** and Olivier Award-winning actress **Juliet Stevenson**. They will read poetry by Odessa-born **Ilya Kaminsky**, best known for his poetry collections *Dancing in Odessa* and *Deaf Republic*, screenwriter and playwright **Lyuba Yakimchuk** and poet, essayist and translator **Ostap Slyvynsky**.

Further line-up announcements will be made over the coming week. The experiences of refugees from across the world will be explored in the programme for the Southbank Centre's forthcoming contribution to **Refugee Week** in June, which will include a mix of outdoor stage, comedy, music and conversation.

The Southbank Centre is delighted to be joining with other leading arts venues and organisations to support the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC's) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal through this event. DEC brings together the UK's leading aid charities to respond to humanitarian crises. 13 of DEC's member charities are working directly, or through their local partners, on the ground in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries to help refugees fleeing the conflict. Donations can be made to the Appeal directly at [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk).

**Mark Ball, the Southbank Centre's Artistic Director**, added, *"I'd like to thank all of the participating artists, the Ukrainian Institute and the British Council for their time and willingness to support the DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We hope this event can make a difference to help people in Ukraine and those seeking sanctuary across its borders, and that it reminds us too of our responsibilities to refugees and displaced peoples from across the world."*

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#### **VENUE**

Queen Elizabeth Hall  
Southbank Centre  
Belvedere Road  
London  
SE1 8XX

#### **PERFORMANCE DATE & TIME**

Tuesday 22 March 2022, 8pm-9.30pm

#### **TICKETS**

£25 - with all net proceeds being donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC's) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/classical-music/slava-ukraini>.

## AGE RECOMMENDATION

16+

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### About the Southbank Centre

The Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre occupying a prominent riverside location that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. We exist to present great cultural experiences that bring people together and we achieve this by providing the space for artists to create and present their best work and by creating a place where as many people as possible can come together to experience bold, unusual and eye-opening work. We want to take people out of the everyday, every day. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. The Southbank Centre is made up of the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as being home to the National Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. It is also home to four Resident Orchestras (London Philharmonic Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, London Sinfonietta and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment) and four Associate Orchestras (Aurora Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, Chineke! Orchestra and National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain).

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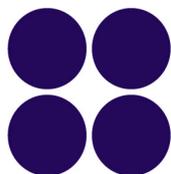


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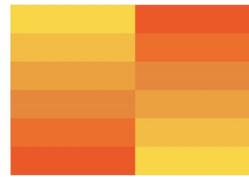


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