



The Opera House –  
one of the most famous  
landmarks of Odessa

## Odessa – City of Music

Odessa has borne and nurtured numerous world class musicians: to name but a few, distinguished violinists Nathan Milstein, David and Igor Oistrakh have their roots in the city, as well as famous pianists such as Emil Gilels and Sviatoslav Richter.

Odessa regularly hosts musical competitions and contests as well as classical and operatic festivals. With musical venues and events aplenty – chamber music evenings, jazz sessions, musicals, guest performances from visiting musicians, The Ukrainian Musical Dramatic Theatre, many discos and clubs – in Odessa there is something for every taste and mood.

We will be glad to help you to plan your own personal programme.



Stolyarsky with one of his students, Anna Perchuk,  
Jewish Museum  
Migdal Shorashim

And it is no coincidence that Odessa boasts so many home-grown musicians of world renown: it could hardly be otherwise in a place with so many great musical institutions, such as the Conservatoire, the National A.V. Nezhdanova Academy of Music and the State Stolyarsky Music School which bears the name of its founder, Pyotr Solomonovich Stolyarsky, one of the most influential music pedagogues of the 20th century. Stolyarsky's pupils included David and Igor Oistrach, Nathan Milstein, Boris and Michael Goldstein (the writer Isaac Babel even took violin lessons with him although with more moderate success).

Odessa breathes music:

*But blue evening is getting dark,  
And it's time for us to the opera soon:  
There is an entrancing Rossini,  
The darling of Europe-Orpheus.*  
A. S. Pushkin, Eugene Onegin

In the 1820s A. S. Pushkin wrote these lines about Odessa. In a city which was not yet thirty years old, there was already an Opera House.



Open-air concert at  
the city park,  
september 2016

The famous Odessan Opera plays an important role in the cultural life of the town. The Odessa Opera and Ballet Theatre has long since become a symbol of Odessa and is the most visited landmark of the town.

The Odessan Philharmonic is famous for its symphony orchestra, under the direction of principal conductor Hobert Earle. Leading the orchestra for almost a quarter of a century, Earle, a native of Venezuela, has raised the game of the Philharmonic such that it has become one of the world's top ranking orchestras ([www.odessaphilharmonic.org/index.php](http://www.odessaphilharmonic.org/index.php)).

Odessa regularly hosts various musical competitions, festivals of classical and operatic music (<http://opera.odessa.ua/ua/festivali/>) and also jazz festivals. The Jazz Festival celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2015 ([www.jazz-inodessa.com/](http://www.jazz-inodessa.com/)). The Crimean Koktebel Jazz Festival has also moved to Odessa since the annexation of the Crimea and has taken place from 25–28th August 2016 in the village of Zatok in the Odessa Oblast (region).

With chamber music venues, the Musical Comedy Theatre, the Academic Ukrainian Musical and Drama Theatre and various visiting concerts, discos, a plethora of music clubs; a fabulous musical programme for anyone is guaranteed. We would be delighted to help you plan your personal musical experience of Odessa according to your taste and mood!