

Historical view of Yale Russian Chorus activities 1970 - 1979

Spring 1970 3rd YRC record (Lieberman).

Fall 1970 **Dan Godfrey** became conductor.

Summer 1971 Sixth tour to USSR (Leningrad, Kiev) arranged by Citizens Exchange Corps. More Georgian music learned.

Fall 1972 **Brock Holmes** became conductor.

February 3, 1973 YRC serenaded Moscow State Circus after their performance in the New Haven Coliseum.

March 30, 1973 Performance at opening of first US-USSR Exchange Exhibition at the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC.

Fall 1973 20th Anniversary concert and record (4th YRC record - Holmes).

March 30, 1974 YRC and Yale Slavic Chorus and Ajde Dancers give benefit concert in Woolsey Hall for Yale Charities Drive.

Fall 1974 **Alex Kuzma** became conductor. Ukrainian songs added.

October 23, 1974 YRC sang for visiting Soviet forestry delegation in President's Round Room in Woolsey Hall.

December 14, 1974 YRC gave benefit concert with Yale Slavic Chorus in Battell Chapel for the Yale Hunger Action Project.

January 1975 Midwest tour.

March 1975 Spring tour included concert at Disneyland in Anaheim CA and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

March 1976 Spring tour to Texas and southern states.

April 17, 1976 Songs taped at WBAI in NYC for broadcast.

December 13, 1976 YRC worked for a day cleaning East Rock Park, earning money for its upcoming USSR tour.

January 1977 Winter tour to Ohio and Michigan.

March 1977 Seventh tour of USSR, again with the Citizens Exchange Corps (Leningrad, Tbilisi, Moscow, Kiev). Joint performance with the Moscow State University Chorus in the Great Hall of the Moscow House of Friendship is videotaped and broadcast nationwide on Soviet TV. YRC sang Bortnyansky's music in his hall in the Glinka Kapella and sang in Tchaikovsky Hall in Kiev.

1977 5th record *YRC on Tour* (Kuzma)

Fall 1977 **Steve Lipsitt** became conductor.

December 2, 1977 Benefit concert with the Slavic Chorus in Woolsey Hall for the Yale Music Library to help raise money to buy the Alexander Tkaczenko collection of Russian and Slavic choral music.

September 17-18, 1978 25th Anniversary Concerts in Woolsey Hall and Carnegie Hall.

November 10, 1978 Connecticut Public TV records full YRC and Yale Slavic Chorus concert for radio and TV broadcast.

May-June 1979 Eighth tour to USSR (Leningrad, Georgia and Armenia).

Fall 1979 **Eric Lipsitt** became conductor.

1979 Next spin-off group: Paul Andrews' Slavyanka Chorus in San Francisco, which has made several records, tours, movie soundtracks, etc., and includes many ex-YRC singers, much YRC music.