

Children Choir "Preobrajenie" ("Transfiguration") was founded in 1961. The founder of the studio was Liana Barteneeva –Teneta.

During these years the choir became of the leading collectives in the positions among the choirs in the system of supplementary education.

Hundreds of pupils completed education in the studio and many of them became professional musicians and teachers of music.

At present the studio is headed by Honored worker of Culture Michael Savkin. He leads the studio since 1985 and before this time he worked as a teacher of the studio since 1978. Thanking M.Slavkin the "Preobrajenie" became well known in musician spheres in Russia and abroad. In 1997 the studio got the status of Russia Union of Composers, because it works a lot with modern composers. M.Slavkin is often invited in the jury of international contests and as a conductor of composed choirs.

Since the middle of 80<sup>th</sup> the number of pupils of the studio achieved 200 persons. Since 1999 the choir is based at Moscow school #1360.

The Studio consists of five choirs:

- "Preobrajenie" ("Transfiguration") - teenagers
- "Dilly-bom" (8-10 years old)
- "Juravushka" ("Crane") (7-8 years old)
- "Marmelashki" ("Fruit Candies") (5-6 years old)
- "Veselye notki" ("Funny notes") (4-5 years old)

The syllabus of the choirs includes choir singing, Musical ABC, rhetoric. The participants of the choirs are children from school 1360 and preparatory school.

In the repertoire of the studio Russian Spiritual Music, Russia Choir miniature, Music of Renaissance epoch, Western Europe music of XVI-XIX centuries, Western Music of XX century, Music of Russian Compositors, Jazz in children choir, Modern Songs.

The choir travels with the concerts a lot.

1989 – Tour to Poland

1993 – Tour to Netherlands, Participation in the Festival, Concerts with Rotterdam boys Choir. First CD of the choir.

1994 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Festival "International Children Musical Bridge", with participation of Children Choir from Tsuruoko (Japan) and Chicago Children Choir (USA).

1994 – Tour to USA (Concerts in Chicago and Festival in Michigan)

1995 – Participation in the 12<sup>th</sup> International Choir Contest in Arnhem (Holland). The choir participated in 4 categories and with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

1995 – Concert tour in Japan

1996 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> International contest (Orlando di Lasso) Rome, Italy. The choir participated in three categories and win two 2<sup>nd</sup> and one 1<sup>st</sup> prizes.

1996 – The 6<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Spiritual music “Gaude Mater” in Chestokhov (Poland). The choir got the memorial prize as the best Choir of the Festival.

1996 – The 1<sup>st</sup> International Contest of Choirs “Shirat Hayamim” in Natania (Israel). In four categories the choir win two 1<sup>st</sup> and two 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes.

1997 – International Contest in Budapest (Hungary). In five categories the choir win two 2<sup>nd</sup> , two 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes and Silver Diplomas

1997 - International Contest in Riva-Del Guarda (Italy). The choir participated in five categories. The result – Golden and Silver Diplomas and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Jazz category.

1998 - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Festival “International Children Musical Bridge”, with participation of Children Choir «Art Nova» Salta (Argentina).

2006 – Participation in Festival of Russian Culture “Silver Dolphin” in Greece

2007 – Festival “In Harmony” (Japan) with participation of choirs from Japan and USA.

2008 – The 5<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games in Graz (Austria). The result – Golden Diplomas and Silver Medal

2008 – Tour to South Korea (Concerts in 10 cities)

2009 – Tour to Czech and Germany

2010 – Tour to South Korea (Concerts in 10 cities)