

# Foreword



After regaining its independence Ukraine is braced to develop wide international cultural links in order to share the treasure of its cultural heritage and modern art with the rest of the world.

The Embassy of Ukraine has been cooperating closely with leading British cultural institutions such as the **Latin American & Caribbean Cultural Society** with the specific purpose of fostering bilateral cultural exchange. The Ukrainian and British people ought to have an improved level of mutual awareness with regard to our cultural traditions and historical heritage.

We endeavour to present the best Ukrainian ensembles, musicians and artists in Great Britain. During the last few years the Odessa State Academic Opera and Dance Theatre has found true connoisseurs of Ukrainian Opera in Great Britain through performances in the best opera venues in this country. In 2009 the successive tour of the Chamber Music Choir "Boyan" is being planned.

Numerous exhibitions of art of Ukrainian painters have taken place in prestigious art galleries in London and Edinburgh and, in their turn, have become established as a new phenomenon in contemporary painting for British art lovers.

Through active partnership in world-renowned international projects such as the Edinburgh Festival, the BBC Singer of the World, based in Cardiff, and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod, we have been able to acquaint the world with the best displays of Ukrainian musical arts.

This time the Embassy of Ukraine in association with the **Latin American & Caribbean Cultural Society** is proudly presenting a concert by **Galina Vernigora Vale**, an accomplished classical guitarist, a true representative of a new generation of musicians from Ukraine. The evening is devoted to celebrate the 17th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Being very aware of the profound historical joint relationship of the British and Ukrainian people, Ukraine continues to develop, in whatever way possible, the best traditions of the mutual self-awareness of both our states in the fields of art and culture and concentrates its maximum efforts in presenting the best manifestations of Ukrainian national culture in Great Britain.

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**Ambassador Extraordinary and**  
**Plenipotentiary of Ukraine**

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## UKRAINE

Ancient European Nation;  
Young Democratic State



Crimea



Carpathian



Kiev



Lviv



Odessa