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RUSSIAN SEASONS IN MINNESOTA – 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

All Original Piano Compositions by Tatyana Dikareva

Original Choreography by Tatiana Berenova

October 17, 2010

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20 W. Seventh Place, Saint Paul

Tickets: \$25

Box office: 651-291-7005 or www.parksquaretheatre.org

ENTITLED “SENSE OF FLIGHT” THIS EVENING OF ORIGINAL MUSIC SOARS WITH INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CHOREOGRAPHY AND SONG

(Saint Paul) – Park Square Theatre is proud to present the 10th anniversary of Russian Seasons in Minnesota, a gala concert of all new works for piano, voice and ballet by Saint Paul composer **Tatyana Dikareva**. The concert will take place in Park Square’s newly refurbished auditorium at 20 West 7th Place on Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Entitled SENSE OF FLIGHT, this year’s Russian Seasons concert is both a CD release event and a “concert portrait” – of a mature romantic composer and her husband, the artist Vladimir Dikarev, whose painting adorns the CD cover and the concert poster. “I wrote these compositions in the last several years for the theater, vocal and ballet performances – and of course, for my own heart,” says Dikareva. “I must play music every day, I must compose something every day – it is life to me.” Naturally, some works have a great deal of personal meaning, even though they may have universal appeal. “I have long revered the famous Russian icon known as ‘Assuage My Sorrows.’ I turned to it often in the years after my father died. One day, I sat down to compose and the music seemed to come from a very deep place in my heart. Playing the music later, a poem came to me, inspired by the great icon. Then I realized that I’d composed the entire work on the anniversary of my father’s death, and it indeed ‘assuaged my sorrows.’ It is this emotional release that I wish for the audience.”

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In addition to Dikareva at the piano, the concert will feature the vocal talents of soprano **Kathryn Keefer**, baritone **Russell Wustenberg** and tenor **Timothy James**, and the **Land of Lakes Choirboys**. Internationally acclaimed ballerina **Tatiana Berenova** will dance her original choreography to Dikareva's "To Paint a Bird's Portrait." Berenova, a gold medalist at the International Ballet Competition in Luxembourg, danced as prima ballerina with the Bolshoi Ballet and the Moscow Renaissance Ballet. Her repertoire as a dancer includes principal roles in 52 classical and contemporary ballets, in addition to her own choreography.

Tatyana Dikareva left behind her own successful career in Kiev when she made Saint Paul her home in 1997. In addition to organizing the first children's theatre in Ukraine and three successive international Primrose Festivals of music and dance, Dikareva composed countless popular songs and scores for movies and theater. Feeling a kinship with the pivotal Russian Seasons performance by Diagalev in Paris, 1909, she created the first Russian Seasons in Minnesota concert in 2001. "Artists emigrate in search of freedom and simply to survive," Dikareva says. "Here in Minnesota a richly creative atmosphere surrounds us. Whether you are from Moscow, Kiev, Paris, or Hibbing, the harvest time is a time to reap creative rewards and celebrate the spirit."

SENSE OF FLIGHT, the 10th Russian Seasons in Minnesota concert will be held Sunday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Park Square's intimate theater in Saint Paul's historic Hamm Building, 20 W. Seventh Place. Tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at 651-291-7005 or online www.parksquaretheatre.org.

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