

# ***Vladimiras Prudnikovas***

***Vladimiras Prudnikovas*** was born in 1949, in Vilnius (Lithuania).

In 1959 began his musical career in the boys' and youth's chorus "Ažuoliukas", guided by Herman Perelstein.

In 1979 he graduated from the Lithuanian Music Academy (professor Zenonas Paulauskas' class) and since then has been singing in the Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre and teaching singing in the Lithuanian Music Academy.

In 1981- the second prize winner in the group of cantata-oratorio genre at the International Maria Callas Competition in Athens.

1992-2005 – the head of the Singing Department in the Lithuanian Music Academy.

In 1996 awarded with the 3<sup>rd</sup> class order of Lithuania's Grand Duke Gediminas.

He is the first Lithuanian singer, awarded with the National Prize of Independent Lithuania.

In 1998 the statuette of Kipras was presented by the Association of Lithuanian Opera Lovers to the best singer of the year.

2005- 2006 – the Minister of Culture of Lithuania.

V.Prudnikovas has achieved the international recognition while singing in many worldwide famous theatre and concert halls: Paris Theatre des Champs Elysees, New York City Opera, Italy, Japan, Malta, Greece, Germany, Holland, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Czech Republik, Slovakia, etc. He has participated in the festivals, like: Echternach in Luxemburg, G.Rossini's festival in Vildbad, Berliner Festwochen's and Schlesvig-Holstein's in Germany, Castell de Perelada and Sagra musicale Malatestiana in Spain, International Festival and Events (USA), "Prague Spring" in Czech Republik, G.Verdi's festival in Le Ronkole (Italy), Savonlinna Opera Festival in Finland.

He has sung the most important parts in opera productions of Ch.Gounod (Faust), G.Verdi (Rigoletto, Don Carlos, Otello, Nabucco, Macbeth, Aida, Simon Boccanegra), W.A.Mozart (Don Giovanni, Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail), G.Rossini (Il Barbiere di Seviglia, Sigismondo), R.Wagner (Tanhauser, Der fliegende Hollander), M.Musorgskij (Boris Godunov, Chovanscina) and many others.

The soloist has prepared bass parts in more than 70 works of symphonic-oratorial genre.

V.Prudnikovas has a great experience of the concerts, he has sung together with famous Lithuanian and foreign conductors, such as: Iehudi Menuhin, Justus Frantz, Cyril Diederich, Vladimir Spivakov, Dmitry Kitayenko, Vladimir Fedoseyev, Jonas Aleksa, Saulius Sondeckis, Juozas Domarkas, Gintaras Rinkevicius and others.