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## MARIINSKY THEATRE CONCERT HALL

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**USPA NEWS** - Mariinsky Concert Hall in St. Petersburg was built in 2006 on the basis of historic Mariinsky Theatre Scenic Workshop, which was destroyed by fire in 2003. The idea of its creating belongs to a prominent musical conductor, Artistic and General Director of the Mariinsky Theatre of Opera and Ballet "" Valery Gergiev. The project was supported by the Government of the Russian Federation, the city Governments of St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russian and foreign companies and individual donors.

The concert hall was realized by the architect Xavier Fabre and the acoustician Yasuhisa Toyota preserving the 19th-century exterior wall of the original building designed by Victor Shreter.

Since opening, in April 2007, the Concert Hall had been a host of performances of prominent musicians such as London, Bamberg and Munich Philharmonic Orchestras, Anna Netrebko, Thomas Hampson, Rene Paps, Willard White, Ferruccio Furlanetto, Vadim Repin, Denis Matsuev, Boris Berezovsky, Christian Thielemann, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Riccardo Muti, Thierry Escaich to name a few.

In summer 2009 an organ made by the Alfred Kern et fils company (Strasbourg) was installed in the Concert Hall, making it possible to give full and detailed performances of both French and German organ music.

The foyer of the Concert Hall is in constant use as an exhibition space. The artistic exhibitions are regularly changed, allowing those attending concerts to add visual impressions to their musical ideas and discover interesting works from various genres and in different styles.

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