

## **Volodymyr Runchak (12 June 1960)**

Ukrainian composer and conductor, laureate of numerous international competitions of the composers. He has wide artistic interests: creation of music for symphony and chamber orchestras, small ensembles, soloists, chorus, conductor's activity includes performing of modern Ukrainian and foreign composers' pieces, organizational activity covers holding international and All-Ukrainian festivals and concerts "New Music in Ukraine". V. Runchak's pieces are successfully performed at various international festivals of modern music in Ukraine and abroad. V. Runchak's recitals are held in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Lutsk, New York, Munich, Paris... His pieces are published by: 4'33" - Germany, Agenda edizioni musicali Bologna - Italy, Astra - Poland, New Consonant Music - Belgium, "Kyiv" Chamber Chorus Library, and recorded by: Aurophon, Stadt Witten - Germany, Sub Rosa - Belgium, Cambria – the USA. V. Runchak is a propagandist of modern art of music. For three years he has been hosting the New Music in Ukraine broadcast on the National Radio Company of Ukraine Third "Culture" Channel.

He initiated the performances of some orchestral and ensemble pieces of such composers-classics of the XX-th century as D. Shostakovich, E. Varese, L. Nono, K. Stockhausen, G. Ligeti, L. Berio. During his conducting practice V. Runchak premiered more than 400 world and Ukrainian contemporary music pieces. Being a conductor, he performs with the "New Music in Ukraine" Chamber ensemble, founded by him in the 1988-1989-th season. The band together with the "Atlantic" Recording Company issued 10 discs with the pieces of modern composers. As a guest conductor performs with National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine, National Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra, National Radio Broadcasting Company of Ukraine Honored Symphony Orchestra, with symphony and chamber orchestras of Lviv, Odessa, Kharkiv, Zaporizhia, Luhansk, Rivne Philharmonics, with the music bands of Russia, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Israel, France. In 2007\2008 and 2010\2011 seasons worked as the Head guest conductor of the Kara Karaev State Chamber Orchestra of Azerbaijan. V. Runchak - Artistic director of the International Festivals of New Music "Kharkiv contemporary", "New Music in Ukraine" and International All-Ukrainian Music Festival "Ukrainian Day of the accordion".