

Dmitri Shostakovich Simfonija no. 13. Partitura. Faksimile

Symphony No. 13. Score. Facsimile.

Facsimile edition of the autograph full score issued on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the composer's birth. Commentary by Manashir Jakubov.

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The image shows a detail of the first page of the handwritten musical score for the first movement of Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13. The manuscript is written on aged, yellowed paper. At the top, the title "Симфония № 13." is written in Cyrillic, followed by "Часть I. Адagio" and "Басейн АР." (Bassoon part). The tempo marking "Adagio" is written as "Адagio" with a double bar line. The score is for the Bassoon part, with the instrument name "Басейн АР." written above the staff. The music is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. The notation includes various rhythmic values, slurs, and dynamic markings such as "p" and "f". There are also some handwritten annotations and corrections in the score. In the top right corner, there is a handwritten signature "Манашир Якубов" and the date "27.11.13".

first page of score (detail)

A poem by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, a young, but already very well-known poet at that time, called "Babi Yar", served as the stimulus for beginning work on the symphony. Babi Yar is a ravine on the northwest outskirts of Kiev, where, carrying out Hitler's plans to execute the "final solution", the German troops who occupied Ukraine shot approximately 100,000 Jews in 1941-1943.

Although the composer finished a one-part composition using Yevtushenko's words in the Spring of 1962—*Symphonic Poem "Babi Yar" for Bass, Bass Choir & Orchestra op.113*—he almost immediately, and uncharacteristically, considered expanding the work. In a letter written to I.D. Glikmann he writes: "I am in some quandary... I don't know who will be able to sing it. ...But in the meantime, I came up with the idea of writing something else along the same lines to Yevtushenko's words. His little volume of poetry is making me think about writing a symphony in which "Babi Yar" will be the first or second movement... I hope Yevtushenko will now write me the poem I asked for. This is how the 13th Symphony is taking shape". The composition went quickly, and the composer, partly writing from his hospital room, became carried away with working on the symphony, which provided an outlet for deep-seated ideas and emotions demanding embodiment.

"New fears I see a-brightening: I fear insincerity to my land, debassing ideas with untruth is frightening, which for truth do ultimately stand, I fear fanfaronading myself hoarse, I fear repeating others' words..."

Later the composer writes: "I have already written the second and third movements of the 13th Symphony. The second movement: 'Humour' and the third movement: 'In the shop'... I do not count on the full recognition of this composition, but I just could not stop myself from writing it.". The work experienced unexpected twists and turns during its emergence and development of its central idea, and by dramatic upheavals in the fate of the finished work. After its premiere, the performance of this symphony, was long banned, the poet was vehemently attacked in the press, and it was never published in the author's homeland in its original and unadulterated form. This high-quality reproduction makes this masterpiece accessible for the first time in its authentic form and gives us a glimpse into the composer's creative process. The introductory article by Manashir Jakubov (Rus-Eng) gives the first detailed account of the composition and premiere of this symphony. Cloth.



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