

The Penderecki Contemporary Classics' Festival

The Penderecki Contemporary Classics' Festival is the next renamed edition of the "Contemporary Classics" Composers' Festival, established in 2019 by the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra and supported by the European Foundation for Support of Culture.

The festival was originally the first and only festival in Armenia to entirely feature living world legends of classical music and remains such to this day. A unique opportunity for music enthusiasts to meet prominent contemporary classical composers in the capital city of Yerevan and connect with their musical legacy, the festival has been hosting universally beloved celebrities. Renowned virtuosi Mario Brunello, Gidon Kremer, Yuri Bashmet, Ning Feng, Boris Berezovsky, Daria Tchaikovskaya and other remarkable artists have performed masterpieces of great contemporary composers Krzysztof Penderecki, Tigran Mansurian, Qigang Chen, Giya Kancheli, Alexey Shor, Georgs Pelecis, Karl Jenkins and Alexander Tchaikovsky, most of whom have honored the festival with their presence.

After bidding farewell in 2020 to the late Krzysztof Penderecki, the great Polish composer and conductor, one of the most outstanding figures of the 20th-century classical music and a good friend of Armenia, the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra committed itself to titling the festival by Maestro's name. Currently held with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the

