

*Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out loud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.*

When people decide to visit Russia, they endure the headaches that come with obtaining a visa and the long and arduous flight. But what all these tourists have in common is that they appreciate the art, architecture, and history of Russia, and want to learn more about it.

Classical music is one of the most highly-revered arts in Russia. Russian classical music has a distinctive history, separate from Western Europe and at the same time highly influenced by Western countries. Some of the most internationally-renowned composers came from St. Petersburg and Moscow as well as from smaller towns.

Ballet music composers, opera composers, and even jazz musicians all made their mark in Russia's history. Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich are only some of the big names that every music lover will recognize, but there are many more that have their roots in Russia.

*To revere [ri'viə] – чтить, уважать*

## **No2 Study the advertisement**

You are considering going to the concert of classical music and are calling to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) musical pieces on the programme
- 2) the price of the tickets
- 3) the possibility of booking on-line
- 4) the duration of the concert
- 5) ways of getting to the conservatoire

*You have twenty seconds to ask each question.*

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**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EDMONTON CHARITY RECITAL**  
*This recital will feature works by L. v. Beethoven, R. Strauss, and Canadian M. Matthews.*

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# No3 Imagine that you took some photos while attending an international folk music festival. Choose the one to show to your friend.

In your talk remember to speak about:

- when you took the photo
- what/who is in the photo
- what is happening
- why you took the photo
- why you decided to show the picture to your friend



## **No4 be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:**

- give a brief description of the photos (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say in what way the pictures are different
- say which kind of music you prefer
- explain why

