

# The Salt Symphony

*The SALT SYMPHONY art festival will take place 300 meters beneath the surface*

Donbass Symphony  
Orchestra

*Under the support of the President of Ukraine*

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**SALT SYMPHONY**  
**ART FESTIVAL**

On February 17 – 19, 2006

Donetsk Oblast, Soledar,

Artemsol State Production Association, chamber № 41

At the depth of 288 meters

*The festival is a joint Ukrainian-Austrian project held under the aegis of:*

- *President of Ukraine Viktor Yuschenko*
- *Donetsk Oblast Administration*
- *Donetsk Chamber of Industry and Commerce*
- *Honorary Consul Austria in Ukraine N. Taradajko*
- *European Business Association*

**Idea of project:** Christian Gessl

**Organization:** EAST-WEST CONSULT LLC.

**Guests:** Five hundred guests from Ukraine (mainly Kiev and Donetsk Region), Austria, Germany, Russia and other countries

**Mass media:** Mass media of Ukraine, Russia, Austria and other EU countries

**Symphony concert:**

• **The Donbass Symphony Orchestra**

- **Conductor:** Igor Kazhdan
- **Art Director:** Aleksandr Dolinski
- **Soloist:** People's Artist of Ukraine Vladimir Grishko
- **Concert program:** thematic works of Ukrainian and Austrian composers, as well as masterpieces of world classical music.

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• **Lugansk Philharmony Orchestra**

- **Conductor:** Kurt Schmid

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• **Vienna Philharmonic Rock Symphony Orchestra**

- **Conductor:** Wolfram Rosenberger

**Art gallery:**

- Exhibition of the best collection of socialist realism paintings in Ukraine
- The paintings are provided by AIDOS International Charity Fund

**Specially invited guest:**

- Writer Andrei Kurkov
- Levko Kolodub

**The program includes:**

Culinary masterpieces of best cooks of *Donbass Palace* five-star hotel;

- Banquet;
- Aperitif;
- Viennese cafe;
- VIP banquet;
- Grill bar.

The Salt Symphony program and advertising campaign are purposed for the business elite, state figures, diplomatic corps, cultural workers and journalists. The festival is held as a large party aimed at creating favorable conditions for establishing and maintaining friendly relations between its guests.

The festival is targeted towards presentation of cultural, artistic and historical valuables of Ukraine's regions, creating favorable conditions for establishing and maintaining relations between its guests in friendly atmosphere, as well as for placing advertisement of sponsors.

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## The Grand Concert Hall

On October 2nd of 2004 in a small town called Soledar (Donetsk oblast) a symphony concert with the participation of the Donbass Symphony Orchestra under the guidance of the Austrian conductor Kurt Schmid and the People's artist Victoria Loukianetz was performed in a salt mine at a nearly 300m depth located in the Donetsk Region, This concert became the first glaring event of the Art Festival, which poetically is referred to as "The Salt Symphony".

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# Symphony in Salt

The small place by the name Soledar, the area in which salt mines are arranged, is located in Donbass, a vigorous and potential industrial region in the Northeast of the Ukraine. The beginning of industrial salt production in this area goes back to some 100 years ago. Besides, there exist operating mines, where work is in full swing, whereas others have no output whatsoever. One of these closed mines continues to serve the public in its own way. That is to say those necessary facilities were given to create a speleological sanatorium, where diseases like bronchial asthma, allergies and others are successfully medically treated. A museum passes on the history of salt production on the territory of Donbass, at the same time as an underground orthodox so called salt church offers services and wedding ceremonies.

All things in the mine: walls, ceiling, floor and even trees are cut of salt. The most unique piece being the salt palm, a symbol of Donbass, an analogue of Mertsalov's palm. Here, there are also salt sculptures made by folk craftsmen. On December 2003 a record was hold by mine 41, which was fixed in the Guinness book of records for the first case of aeronautics in a balloon of the "hopper" type.

[www.artyomsalt.com](http://www.artyomsalt.com)



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## People's Artist of Ukraine Vladimir Grishko

The list of concert's soloists is headed by Volodymyr Hryshko, the People's Artist of Ukraine, soloist of Taras Shevchenko National Opera Theatre, winner of Placido Domingo's Best Tenor Prize. His engagements have included leading parts with Metropolitan Opera, Opera of Canada, Prague National Opera and Czech National Theatre, and with other world opera theatres.

[www.vgrishko.com.ua](http://www.vgrishko.com.ua)



The third concert of the Donbass  
Symphony Orchestra will take place  
on February 17th, 18th and 19th of  
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Andrei Kurkov, a famous Ukrainian novelist and screenwriter, is another special guest of the Festival. His filmography includes more than 20 scenarios for movies, short films and TV films. His novels have been translated into more than 20 languages. The total edition abroad is about 3-4 million. The guests will have an opportunity not only to speak to the master, but also to buy his novel *The President's Last Love* with autograph.



The festival's program includes exhibition of the best collection of socialist realism paintings in Ukraine. The masterpieces are rendered by AIDOS International Charity Foundation. The Foundation cooperates with national and foreign cultural organizations in Ukraine, deals with organization and holding of art exhibitions in Ukraine and abroad. The festival's guests will familiarize themselves with works by Yu. Zorko, G. Tyszkiewicz, V. Khorenko, M. Weinstein and others  
[www.lartgallery.com](http://www.lartgallery.com)

The concert program includes *CARPATHIAN RHAPSODY*. The special guest of the festival is Levko Kolodub, a composer and coryphaeus of Ukrainian music, People's Artist of Ukraine, Academician of the Academy of Arts of Ukraine, Professor at the National Music Academy of Ukraine, Marian and Ivanna Kotz Prize Winner, Borys Liatoshynsky Prize Winner, and President of Association of Sacred Music Composers and Performers.



## *Gala banquet at the depth of 300 meters*

What dishes have not been there! It was an incredible plenty of culinary masterpieces. Three-day endeavors of *MODULE's* specialists and their Ukrainian colleagues resulted in 2000 toasts, 300 portions of traditional Austrian goulash, as well as in 4-dish menu (Tyrolean summer sausage with mushroom salad, Austrian cabbage soup with cream sauce, *Johan Straus* beef steak with spicy herb sauce).



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The table was laid with 2500 tall wine glasses and beakers, 2000 plates and more than 5000 settings. The admiring guests enjoyed 50 kinds of famous Austrian cakes and apple pie 150 meters in length. They drank 240 bottles of Austrian wine and 150 liters of Ukrainian beer *Sarmat*.

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<http://www.donbass.aero>



*Donbass Palace*, the best five-star hotel in Ukraine team offer to the guests comfortable rooms and delicious European dishes. Donbass Palace is one of main sponsor of Salt Symphony art festival. The hotel's team will provide the guests with delicacies made by the best cooks, both at parties and VIP-banquet. The festival being held 300 meters underground, this job may be done only by top-class experts.

[www.donbasspalace.com](http://www.donbasspalace.com)



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Donbass Palace Hotel Lobby

Donbass is proud of Artyomovsk sparkling winery, one of the Europe's largest in producing champagne in a traditional bottle technology, founded in 1950. The best traditions of producing sparkling wines in a classical bottle technology of champagnization in a bottle and the most up-to-date equipment enable the production of sparkling wine which quality may be compared only to the products of the world's best champagne makers

[www.krimsekt.ua](http://www.krimsekt.ua)



## Sviatogorsk Saint Assumption Monastery

The festival's program includes a tour of the Donbass Region.

The festival's guests will visit Sviatohorsk, a health resort on the north of Donetsk Oblast. The town is noted principally for its unique historical and cultural monument, the Sviatohorsk cave monastery.

[www.svyatogorsk.net](http://www.svyatogorsk.net)

