



**International Council
of Business Associations and
Chambers of Commerce in Ukraine**

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Concert & reception at National Philharmonic, Kyiv on 23 September 2019

Culture binds nations, business and people

The International Council of Business Associations and Chambers in Ukraine (ICBAC) was established in 2017 and at present has ten members representing the interests of countries from three continents, namely: British-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie Franco-Ukrainienne, Chinese Commerce Association, German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce, International Turkish-Ukrainian Business Association, Swedish Business Association in Ukraine, Ukrainian-Austrian Association, Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and US-Ukraine Business Council.

It aims at improving the business climate, representing investors' interests and assisting in creation of proper conditions for further growth of Ukraine's economy. This is done through project initiatives, e.g. on the establishment of a political risk insurance for investments operated by MIGA, and carried out by way of presentations and seminars as well as through focused lobbying.

Promoting ideas and proposals by way of networking is one of the most important means of creating the basis for changes in which area ever. In order to maximize the impact of that, we are striving to enhance the visibility of ICBAC's mission and initiatives.

In the light of culture binding nations, business and people we have chosen to promote the mission of ICBAC by way of a high-class classical concert and gala reception at the Philharmonic Hall in Kyiv on 23 September 2019 – see the programme enclosed.

The event has hosted nearly 400 personalities from foreign countries as well as from Ukraine, among them ambassadors, representatives of government and parliament, civil society, cultural institutions, and – needless to say – a large number of Ukrainian and foreign top managers.



On stage the General Secretary of ICБAC, Alfred F. Praus introduced ICБAC and its mission, as well as the heads of all its members. ICБAC and its members would like to express their gratitude to sponsors of the concert: Gold Sponsors Ukrlandfarming PLC, Dolya&Co.LTD, Energy Resources of Ukraine, Wine Sponsor Вина Світу, Insurance Sponsor ARX.

The ensuing concert was performed by the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alla Kulbaba, accompanied by Susanna Chakhoian, soprano and soloist of the National Opera of Ukraine. The home countries of ICБAC-members were represented by instrumental pieces and opera arias from composers of each county. The singularity of this concert is underpinned by the fact that several pieces of Turkish, Canadian and Chinese music have been performed at this concert for the first time in Ukraine. The top level of performing resulted in standing ovations by the audience.

At the reception following the concert guests had an ample opportunity for making contacts and having conversations in a relaxed, elegant, and highly spirited atmosphere. The long staying of most guests was the document to that.

The great success of this concert and reception is due to, besides the excellent performers and distinct audience, the commitment of ICБAC-members and the generous sponsoring they had brought about. This event may become a yearly jour fixe not least with a view to the manifold respective requests.

