

The Russian Choir was set up in **1974**. It is an amateur mixed choir. The group was organized by its first leader John Tungal, who is a well-known Estonian conductor. More than 15 years the conductor of Russian Choir is the senior lecturer of the Estonian Music Academy

Olga Tungal

. The repertoire includes classical compositions of the Russian, Estonian, European composers, the Russian sacred music, folk songs. There are about 40 singers in the choir. They have different professions, some of them are students. The average age of the singers is approximately 30. Since the year of 1975 the choir has been an indispensable participant of music festivals. It has taken part in festivals of sacred music "Credo" in Tallinn. The choir performed on the best stages of Estonia. It was on tours in Latvia, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Karelia

, Ukraine, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands. In 1993 the choir performed in the International F. Shubert Competition

in Vienna. In 1998 there were concerts in Norway. The choir successfully participated in two competitions of chamber choirs of Estonia

. It performed with well-known pianist Ivari Ilja, with soloists Mati Palm, Leili Tammel, Teo Maiste.