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TCHAIKOVSKY'S WIFE



"A visionary evocation of the heartbreak and sickness of a woman in love with a Russian icon who doesn't love her back"

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"A bold and stylish work that slips in and out of fantasy"

THE WRAP

ASTOUNDING BIOPIC IS RELEASED IN THE UK 29th DECEMBER 2023

1st November 2023, London UK - Sovereign is proud to announce the release of Kirill Serebrennikov's **TCHAIKOVSKY'S WIFE** in select UK cinemas on 29th December 2023.

The tumultuous relationship between the most famous Russian composer of all time and his wife is the subject of award-winning director Kirill Serebrennikov's latest film, after the Palme d'Or nominated *Petrov's Flu* from 2021. Starring Odin Lund Biron (*Petropolis*) as Pyotr Tchaikovsky and Alyina Mikhailova (winner of The Golden Unicorn for 2019's *Love Them All*) as Antonina Miliukova, **TCHAIKOVSKY'S WIFE** is a sweeping, and provocative drama hailed by *The Film Stage* as "a fevered, hypnotising, meticulously detailed period piece".

With extraordinary lead performances from Biron and Miliukova, **TCHAIKOVSKY'S WIFE** is a magisterial, erotically-charged and occasionally beautifully surreal portrait of a legendary tormented artist, and a poignant and powerful examination of a disintegrating relationship. 19th century Russia is vividly evoked with stunning cinematography by Vladislav Opeyants, winner of the CTS Artist Technician Prize at the 2022 Cannes Film festival for his work on *Petrov's Flu*. Not since Milos Forman's *Amadeus* has the life of a great composer been so powerfully and memorably rendered.

Kirill Serebrennikov is a Russian stage and film director. Since 2012, he has been the artistic director of the Gogol Center in Moscow. He has been described as one of Russia's leading theatre directors. His third feature, *Petrov's Flu*, premiered in Cannes in 2021, where it was nominated for a Palme d'Or, following religious drama *The Student*, which played in Un Certain Regard in 2016 and won the François Chalais Award, and Palme d'Or nominee Russian rock scene drama *Leto*, in 2018. Serebrennikov's other credits include the Venice Golden Lion nominee *Izmena* in 2012; the Tribeca Film Festival Jury Prize nominee *Playing the Victim* in 2006; and drama mystery *Yurev den* in 2008, which picked up numerous awards including the Don Quixote Award at the Locarno International Film Festival and the Grand Prix at the Warsaw International Film Festival.

Synopsis: The story of Pyotr Tchaikovsky's marriage, one of the key points in his biography. His decision to change his life by getting married to put an end to rumours caused a serious mental crisis. When he subsequently made up his mind to separate from his wife, it devastated the young woman and ultimately drove her crazy.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

TCHAIKOVSKY'S WIFE: FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Tchaikovsky's Wife has been shown at the Cannes Film Festival 2022 where it was a Nominee for Palme d'Or and the Queer Palm; and was nominated for Best film at the 2022 Gijón International Film Festival.

ABOUT SOVEREIGN

Sovereign releases auteur-driven feature films in the UK, from emerging and established international talent. Our carefully curated titles have played to strong critical and audience acclaim, often premiering at renowned international film festivals, including Cannes, Berlinale, Toronto, Venice and many more.

Previously acquired titles include Peru's entry into the Oscars *Song Without A Name*, which screened in the Directors' Fortnight section at the 72nd Cannes Film Festival; Philippine crime drama *Verdict*, which received the Special Orizzonti Jury Prize at the 76th Venice Film Festival; historical drama *Malmkrog*, which won Best Director in the Encounter section and opened the 70th Berlin Film Festival; Argentinian psychological thriller *A Common Crime*, which received its world premiere at the 70th Berlin Film Festival; *Bad Luck Banging Or Loony Porn*, which won the Golden Bear at the 2021 Berlin International Film Festival; and Kirill Serebrennikov's *Petrov's Flu*, winner of the prestigious CTS Artist award at last year's Cannes Film festival, and also nominated for the Palme d'Or; *Memoria*, from Palme d'Or winner Apichatpong Weerasethakul, starring Tilda Swinton, which won the Cannes Jury Prize in 2021; Bolivian director Kiro Russo's *The Great Movement*, winner of the Special Jury Prize in the Horizons strand at the 2021 Venice Film Festival; Ruben Östlund's *Triangle of Sadness*, starring Woody Harrelson, which won the Palme d'Or at the

2022 Cannes Film Festival; Bent Hamer's award-winning *The Middle Man* starring Pål Sverre Hagen and Paul Gross; Francisca Alegría's *The Cow Who Sang a Song Into the Future*, which was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival; and the thriller *Inside*, from writer/director Vasilis Katsoupis and starring Willem Dafoe; and Laurent Nègre's World War two drama *A Forgotten Man*, starring Michael Neueschwander as a Swiss diplomat.

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