



## **Oleg Ponomarev**

Classical, Jazz/Swing/ Gypsy Violin/Viola/Cello/Bass and Piano.

Oleg is a performing musician and multi-instrumentalist, teacher, lecturer and composer. He first studied violin and piano with his grandparents, both graduates of the Moscow Conservatory, and later graduated from the Central Music School and Gnesinn College in Moscow. He co-founded and performed extensively with legendary Russian-Gypsy trio Loyko and world music trio Koshka and has collaborated with numerous international artists, including Ravi Shankar, Yehudi Menuhin, Lakshminarayana Sumbramaniam, Ally Bain, Gidon Kremer, Gilles Apap, Andre Heller, Bill Lovelady and Ronnie Wood from the Rolling Stones. He has also written or arranged several scores for film and video, including *Onegin* (featuring Ralph Fiennes and Liv Tyler), and *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* by Tim Burton. As a teacher, Oleg has taught classical, jazz/swing and Gypsy violin for over 30 years, and he has given workshops and masterclasses in schools and universities worldwide, including the Sonic Arts Research Centre, Belfast; the University of Aalborg, Copenhagen, Denmark; the University of Gotenburg, Sweden; Temple Sinai, Marblehead, Massachusetts, US; the Schous Cultural Centre, Trondheim, Norway; Russian Cultural Centre, Glasgow, Scotland; New Waltons School of Music, Dublin and Cavan Nusic Academy. He has recorded and produced more than 30 albums under his own name or as a guest artist and is signed to ARC Records UK, Circular Records Scotland and Adastra UK. Currently Oleg is a permanent member of the following groups: Koshka, Yurodny, Hot Club of Dublin, NoCrows and LPG Trio.