

## Ana Sokolović Belgrade (Serbia), 1968

A Montrealer by adoption, from her early years Serbian composer Ana Sokolović was nurtured in the arts. Before making her mark in theatre and music she studied classical ballet. She studied composition at the University of Novi Sad, completing her master's degree at the Université de Montréal with José Evangelista. A fascination for the various forms of artistic expression colours her work. At once rich and playful, her music plunges the listener into a universe replete with imagery universe, often inspired by the folklore of the Balkans and its festive and asymmetric rhythms. Thanks to the fresh breezes which breathe life into her compositions, she has gained renown, garnering many commissions and awards. Her repertoire includes works for orchestra, for voice plus several chamber music pieces. She has also composed numerous music works for the theatre, including two operas. Currently she teaches composition at the Université de Montréal.

### *Viva la musica!* (2011, 2017) For children's choir, piano and small percussions

#### Presentation notes

As Ana Sokolović noted in an interview with Isabelle Panneton (2012). «I like explosiveness. I love it when we go wild with joy. This is the same energy that arises from *Viva la musica!* The work's original text is excerpted from *Gaudeamus igitur* (let us be delighted), a Latin hymn which Sokolović sang with her companions at each school or university graduation in her native Serbia. While the sense of the text represents a festive nature, it is especially due to the composer that the words have movement, that the syllables dance, that we sense the energy of the work. The current adaptation for youth choir and piano particularly emphasizes the sets of vocal rhythms which go wild with joy celebrating the love of being together, the love of music!

#### Text

Vivat academia,  
vivant professores!  
vivat membrum quodlibet,  
vivant membra quaelibet,  
semper sint in flore!

#### Meaning (free translation):

Long live University,  
Long live the professors,  
May all students live as they choose,  
May all members thrive as they are,  
May they all be ever prosperous!

# Viva la musica!

Musique : Ana Sokolović

Paroles : Anonyme

♩ = 60

*ff*

Chœur

OPTIONEL : roches (ou claves ou baguettes chinoises... ou combinaison)

Mu - si - ca! mu - si - ca!

Mu - si - ca! mu - si - ca!

Piano

*ff sempre*

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Ch.

Vi - va! Vi - va! Vi - va la Mu - si - ca!

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Pno

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