

Lev Kogan

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Preface

Lev Kogan (1927-2007) is an Israeli composer who immigrated to Israel from Moscow in 1972, and lived in Jaffa for nearly thirty years. Kogan is especially recognized for his contributions to music education and the Yiddish song.

I met the composer in 2003, when he agreed to teach me privately music history and theory. During one of our many more personal conversations, Kogan confessed that there was no proper documentation of his compositions. I suggested that we compile a comprehensive work list together. We were privileged to complete this task before he passed away in June 2007. This work list below is therefore the first professional documentation of Kogan's oeuvre, based upon his drafts and personal diaries.

Works – List

Date	Title	Instruments	Text	Publication	Recording	Remarks
1942	Prelude	Piano				Composer's Private List
1942	Two Stories	Piano				Composer's Private List
1943	Suite in Four Movements	Piano				Composer's Private List
1943	Five Variations	Piano				Composer's Private List
1943	Five Preludes	Piano				Composer's Private List
1943	Two Stories	Piano				Composer's Private List
1943	Scherzo	Piano				Composer's Private List
1944	Romances	Voice	Lermontov			Composer's Private List
1944	Romances	Voice	Yasnin			Composer's Private List
1944	Opera for Children		Samuil Marshak			Composer's Private List
1944	Cantata	Voice, Choir & Piano				Composer's Private List
1944	Moldavian Suite					Composer's Private List

1945	Three Pieces for String Trio				Composer's Private List
1945	Theater Music		Sergei Mikhalkov		Composer's Private List
1945	Moldavian Suite in Four Movements				Composer's Private List
1946	Poem	Violin & Piano			Composer's Private List
1947	Sonatina in Three Movements	Piano			Composer's Private List
1947	Six Dances	Piano			Composer's Private List
1947	Musical				Composer's Private List
1948	Musical for Gypsy Theater				Composer's Private List
1948	Opera for Children		Samuil Marshak		Composer's Private List
1948	Operetta		I. Artsov		Composer's Private List
1948	Kabardino Balkaria Suite	Orchestra			Composer's Private List
1948	Theater Music				Composer's Private List
1948	Sonatina	Piano			Composer's Private List
1949	Concert in Four Movements	Piano			Composer's Private List
1949	Sinfonietta in Three Movements	Orchestra			Composer's Private List
1949	Theater Music				Composer's Private List
1950	Collection of Soviet- Union Composers	Balalaika & Piano			
1950	Concert on. 2	Piano			Composer's Private List
1950	Sinfonietta	Orchestra			Composer's Private List
1950	Musical for Moscow Theater				Composer's Private List
1951	String Quartet No. 1				First Performance: 1957, Moscow Radio, Members of Bolshoi Theater Orchestra
1951	Ballet				Composer's Private List
1951	Suite in Four Movements	Orchestra			Composer's Private List
1951	Theater Music				Composer's Private List

1951	Circassian Music					Composer's Private List
1951	Jewish Songs		N. Lifshits and M. Aleksandrovich			Composer's Private List
1951	Song of Songs	Voice & Piano	Ethel Kovenska			Composer's Private List
1952	Concerto	Violin & Orchestra				In One Movement. First Performance: 1962, Moscow Radio
1952	Sinfonietta	Large Orchestra				First Performance: 1958, Moscow Radio Orchestra
1952	Jewish Rhapsody	Orchestra				Composer's Private List
1952	Jewish Songs	Voice & Piano				Composer's Private List
1953	String Quartet No. 2					Concert notes from First Performance: 1954, Moscow, Composer played the piano part.
1953	Jewish Songs	Voice & Piano	Kovenska, Lifshits & Aleksandrovich			Composer's Private List
1954	Rhapsody	Violin & Piano				Concert notes from First Performance: 1954, Moscow, Composer played the piano part.
1954	Moldavian Suite	Orchestra				Composer's Private List
1954	Toccata	Piano				Composer's Private List
1955	Jewish Songs	Violin & Piano				Composer's Private List
1954	Six Pieces	Trumpet & Piano		Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR		First Performnce: 1955, Moscow Radio, Composer at the Piano

1955	Suite	Trumpet & Orchestra		Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR. I.B.W.P (with piano)		First Performance: 1958, Moscow Radio Orchestra also Performed 1976, in Kol Israel studio (with piano. Piano reduction made in 1976
1955	Symphonic Poem	Piano				Composer's Private List
1955	Kabardino Balkaria Suite					Composer's Private List
1956	Ballet					Composer's Private List
1956	Overture	Orchestra				Composer's Private List
1956	Rhapsody	Violin & Orchestra				Composer's Private List
1956	Musical					Composer's Private List
1956	Piano Sonata	Piano				Three movements. First performance: 1956, Moscow, USSR, Tape with composer
1956	Suite	Bassoon & Piano		Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR		First performance: 1957, Moscow, Sergei Dokizer, bassoon, composer at the piano
1957	"Sisters"- Ballet Music Commissioned by Kishinov Theater					Composer's Private List
1957	The 1st Quartet	String Quartet				Radio, Performed by Bolshoy Theatre Quartet
1957	Brass Quartet			Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR		First Performance: Moscow Radio, Members of Bolshoi Theater Orchestra
1957	Children's Suite	Brass Quintet				First performance: 1963, Bolshoi Theater Quintet

1957	Concerto	Trumpet & Orchestra		Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR. I.B.W.P (with piano)		First performance: 1959, Moscow, Timofei Dokizer, trumpet. Several versions of this concerto: for baryton, brass ensemble and orchestra
1957	Five Preludes	Violin & Piano		Muzyka, Moscow, USSR. Republished by I.M.I		First performance: Moscow Radio. Also performed in Israel radio
1958	Concert	Violin & Orchestra				Composer's Private List
1958	Suite	Trumpet & Orchestra				Soloist J. Dokshicer with Orchestra Radio Moskwa under the Direction of J. Aranovitch
1958	Concerto No. 2	Trumpet & Orchestra		Muzicna Ukraina, USSR and Muzyka Moscow. Republished by IBWP (in suite form)		First performance: 1968, Moscow Radio Orchestra
1958	Guitar Pieces	Guitar		Sovietsky Kompozitor, Published in USSR		First performance: 1960, Moscow
1959	Suite in Five Movements	Orchestra				Composer's Private List
1959	The First Concert	Trumpet and Orchestra				Soloist J. Dokshicer with Orchestra Radio Moskwa under the Direction of J. Aranovitch
1959	Sonata	Harp		Sovietsky Kompozitor, Published in USSR		First performance: 1960, Moscow

1959	Piano Pieces	Piano		Muzyka, Moscow, USSR		Twenty four children's pieces
1959	Suite	Large Orchestra		Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR		First performance: 1960, Moscow Radio Orchestra; Yuri Aronowitz, conductor. From ballet: "Sisters"
1959	Ballet "Sisters"	Symphony Orchestra			2 hours	
1960	Symphonic Poem	Large Orchestra				First performance: Moscow Radio Orchestra; Yuri Aronowitz, conductor
1960	Jewish Suite	Symphony Orchestra				First performance: 1970, Moscow radio. This piece was re-written in Israel form memory; the Soviet government would not allow the composer to take his unpublished scores with him to Israel
1960	Two Pieces for Children	Piano				
1961	Pieces for Brass Quartet	horn, trumpet and trombone				
1962	Violin Concerto					
1962	The Ballad of a Little Musician, Cantata	SATB choir, Narrator and Orchestra	Boris Dubrovin	Muzyka and Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR		Peformed 1963 on Moscow radio; 1964 on Moscow television; conducted by the composer. Story of the ghetto life of Misha Tsenteris, Jewish violinist in the Bolshoi Theater
1963	Children Opera "The Spring Romance"					
1963	Musical "The Wedding Romance"					

1963	Quintet for Brass					Performed by Bolshoy Theatre Quintet
1963	Cycle of Songs "A Country Day"			Sovietsky Kompositor, Published in USSR		First Performance: 1964, Moscow
1963	Bulgarian Rhapsody	Trumpet & Piano		Sovietskii Kompozitor, Moscow, USSR		First performance: 1964, Moscow Radio Orchestra, Timofie Dokizer, trumpet; Yuri Aronowitz, conductor
1964	Ballet "The Mountain Legend"					
1964	Musical "Fiance with a Dowry"					
1964	More than 20 Variety Songs			Musika, Published in USSR		
1964	Canons	SA (3-part) choir with soloists, unaccompanied	Agnia Barto, Eugenia Serova and Iosif Aleksandrovich Brodsky	Muzyka, Moscow, USSR		First performance: 1964, Moscow
1964	Scouts Suite	Trumpet & Piano				
1964	Bulgarian Rhapsody	Trumpet & Piano				
1965	Five Preludes	Violin & Piano		Sovietsky Kompositor, Published in USSR		
1965	Songs for Little Children	Voice & Piano	Russian poets	Muzyka, Moscow, USSR		Thirteen songs; first performance: USSR
1966	Ballet "Aminat"					
1966	Children Songs			Musika, Published in USSR		13 Songs
1966	Piano Pieces			Sovietskii Kompositor, Published in USSR		
1966	Pieces for Children	Piano		I.M.I		

1966	The Spring Cantata	Children's choir, Baritone solo and Narrator	Boris Dubrovin			First performance: 1967, Moscow Radio Orchestra, on Moscow television; Yuri Aronowitz, conductor
1966	Collection of Soviet- Union Composers	Trumpet & Piano				
1967	Musical "Love at Dawn"					
1967	"The Spring Cantata"	Elocutionist, Soloist and Childrens Chorus				Radio, TV, Moscow Radio Orchestra under the Direction J. Aranovitch
1967	Jewish Songs	Voice & Piano		Sovietsky Kompositor, Published in USSR		12 Songs
1967	6 Pieces for Trumpet and Piano	Trumpet & Piano		Sovietsky Kompositor, Published in USSR		
1968	Concerto No. 1	Trumpet & Orchestra		Musika, Moscow, USSR		
1968	Ballet "The Ballade of Love"					
1968	Musical "Fiance Against his Will"					
1968	The 2nd Concert	Trumpet and Orchestra				Soloist J. Orvid with Orchestra Radio Moskwa under the Direction of J. Aranovitch
1968	Quintet for Brass Instruments			Sovietsky Kompositor, Published in USSR		
1968	Collection of Soviet- Union Composers	Trumpet & Piano				
1969	Musical "Love Affair in the Country"					

1969	The 2st Quartet	String Quartet				Radio, Performed by Bolshoy Theatre Quartet
1969	Canons a Capella			Musika, Published in USSR		
1969	Album for Beginners	Balalaika & Piano				
1970	Cantata "The Ballad of a Little Musician"	Elocutionist, Chorus and Orchestra	B. Dubrovin			
1970	Suite	Trumpet & Piano		I.M.I		
1970	Pieces for Beginners	Trumpet & Piano				
1971	Musical "17, Pome, Poste Restante"					
1971	Suite for Trumpet and Orchestra	Trumpet & Orchestra		Musika, Moscow, USSR		
1971	Cycle of Songs "My Zoo"	Voice & Piano	Russian poets	Sovietsky Kompositor, Published in USSR		32 Songs
1971	The School Suite		Boris Dubrovin	Sovietskii Kompositor, Published in USSR		11 Songs for Children's chorus, mezzo solo, narrator and 5 trumpets
1971	Suite	Bassoon & Piano		Musika, Published in USSR		
1971	Intermezz and Scherzo Giocoso	Bassoon & Piano		I.M.I		
1971	Humoristic Scherzo	Bassoon & Piano				
1972	A Little Sonate	Harp		I.M.I		
1972	Collection of Soviet- Union Composers	Harp				
1972	Pieces for Varried Ensembles	Clarinet, Accordion, Guitar & Contrabass				

Works Composed in Israel

1973	Humoristic Suite	Brass Quintet		I.M.I	5:00	Five pieces for various instrumental ensembles; First performance (brass quintet): 1975, Israel radio and television; (brass trio): 1983, Philharmonic Brass Trio; Recived ACUM Prize, 1983
1973	Chassidic Tunes Nigunim			I.B.W.P		Various instrumental ensembles; First performance: 1983, Tel Aviv
1973	Moldavian Suite	Orchestra				First performance: 1975, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra; Laslo Roth, Conductor
1973	Preludia - Symphonic Poem	Large Orchestra			15:00	First performance: 1991, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra
1973	Suite for Wind Instruments	French horn, 2 Trumpets, Trombone & tuba				First performance: 1978, Kol Israel studio; Received Acum Prize, 1978
1973	Yom Kippur - Oratorio	SATB choir, soloists & Orchestra	Metek Lifshitz-Lipinsky			Hebrew
1974	Toccata	Symphony Orchestra				
1974	Cantata, How Heros Fell	Baritone, Choir & Orchestra	T. Lifshits-Lipinsky Translated from Polish by A. Broner			
1974	Toccata for Orchestra					
1975	Toccata	Piano		I.M.I	5:15	
1978	Hachamei Helem					Musical 70
1978	Chamber Music	Oboe & Bassoon		I.M.P.L		

1978	Chamber Music	Flute & Cello or Oboe & Bassoon		I.M.P.L		First performance: 1979, Tel Aviv; Received ACUM publication prize, 1977
1979	Hassidic Tunes (Nigunim)	Horn & Piano		I.B.W.P.		
1979	Waltz in Nigun Style	Horn & Piano		I.B.W.P.	1:50	
1979	Kaddish	French Horn Solo		I.B.W.P.	3:04	First performance: 1981, Tal Aviv, Meir Rimon, French horn
1979	Freilach	French Horn Solo		I.B.W.P.	1:52	
1979	Sabbath Prayer	Horn & Piano		I.B.W.P.	3:09	
1979	"Chabad" - Hassidic Suite	Horn & Piano		I.B.W.P.	9:40	4 parts
1979	Hassidic Rhapsody	Horn & Orchestra		I.B.W.P.	9:58	First performance: 1979, Meir Rimon, French horn, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; David Amos, conductor; Written for an International Horn Society contest; Between 1973-86, this Rhapsody was written for various instrumental combinations
1979	Le Roi Fargeur		Prager			Musical 75
1979	Concerto	Trumpet & Piano or Orchestra		I.B.W.P.		
1979	Nigun Chatuna	Oboe & Orchestra				
1979	Five Preludes	Violin & Piano		I.M.I		
1979	Wedding Dance - Nigun Chatunah	Oboe & Orchestra				First performance: 1979, Haifa Symphony Orchestra
1980	Hassidic Nigunim	Horn & Orchestra				
1980	Tfila (Prayer)	Horn\ Clarinet\ Violin & piano or strings		I.B.W.P.	4:48	First performance: 1980, Tel Aviv, Meir Rimon, French horn; Recording: Crystal Records
1980	Hassidic Tunes	Clarinet & Piano		I.B.W.P.		

1980	Fanfare and Chamber Music	French horn, Trumpet & Trombone		I.M.P.L		First performance: 1980, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and on Israel radio
1980	Chassidic Music	Brass Quintet or Brass Trio				First performance: 1980, Israel radio and television; Tape in IBA (trio)
1980	Lazginca	Percussion & Orchestra or Piano				First performance: 1981, Kol Israel studio
1981	Jewish Fantasy	Percussion & Piano				First performance: 1982, Israel radio and Television
1982	The Magic Brother		I. Shvarz			
1982	Hassidic Dance	Percussion Ensemble & Piano			2:03	First performance: 1982, Israel; Arie Vardi, conductor
1982	A Little Concerto	Piano & Orchestra		I.M.I		
1982	Chabad Chassidic Suite	French Horn or Clarinet & Chamber Orchestra: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet & String		I.B.W.P.		Four movements
1982	Tfila (Prayer)	Cello & Piano		I.B.W.P.		
1985	Dos Redl Goes Round and Pound					by Sholom Aleichem "Habima" Theater
1985	Concertino	Tuba & Orchestra				
1985	Hassidic Capriccio	Percussion Ensemble		I.B.W.P	4:34	First performance: 1986, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel Chamber Ensemble; Arie Vardi, conductor
1985	36 Pieces	Guitar		I.M.I		
1985	10 Pieces	Xylophone \ Flute\ Piccolo		I.M.I		
1985	Concertino	Tuba & Orchestra				First performance: 1986, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; can be performed with piano

1985	Capriccio Concertit	Double Brass & Orchestra				First performance: 1986, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; was previously performed with piano
1986	Poem	Horn & String Orchestra		I.M.I		
1986	Poem	Horn & Piano		I.M.I		
1986	Hassidic Capriccio	Brass Orchestra		I.M.I		
1986	Hassidic Rhapsody	Horn & String Quintet or Orchestra		I.M.I		
1986	Hassidic Capriccio	Wind Band				Score & Parts
1988	Hassidic Dance	Flute & Piano		I.M.I		
1988	Presto	Flute & Piano		I.M.I		
1988	Galop No. 1	Flute & Piano		I.M.I		
1988	Scherzando	Flute & Piano		I.M.I		
1988	Scherzo	Flute\ Violin & Piano		I.M.I		
1988	Polka	Flute & Piano		I.M.I		
1988	Hassidic Tunes	Clarinet & Piano		I.M.I		

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