

The Tatarstan National Symphony Orchestra has achieved worldwide acclaim for its sophisticated performances and dynamic programs. The orchestra was created in 1966 due to the efforts of Nazib Zhiganov, former Chairman of the Composers Union of Tatarstan and Dean of the Kazan Conservatory. In 2010 the Honored artist of Russia (People's Artist of Russia since 2016) Alexander Sladkovsky, with whom the Tatarstan National Symphony Orchestra opened the 45th concert season, was appointed the new Artistic Director and Chief Conductor.

The orchestra has entered a new phase since Maestro Sladkovsky came. Organized by the TNSO and Alexander Sladkovsky international music festivals such as Rakhlin Seasons, Miras, White Lilac, Kazan Autumn, Concordia, Denis Matsuev Meets Friends and Creative Discovery are considered ones of the most prominent events in cultural life of Tatarstan and Russia.

In 2012 Sony Music and RCA Red Seal released a three CD album entitled "Anthology of music by composers of Tatarstan" and a CD "Enlightenment". In 2014 the Mezzo TV Channel recorded a concert of the Tatarstan National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Alexander Sladkovsky for the first time. Since then concerts of the TNSO are recorded and broadcasted by Mezzo TV and Medici.tv channels every year. In 2016 in cooperation with the Melodiya record label several global musical projects were realized: the recording of three symphonies of G. Mahler (Nos. 1, 5, 9) and also recordings of all symphonies and concertos of D. Shostakovich. In spring 2020 recordings of all Tchaikovsky's symphonies and concertos will be released by the Sony Classical label.

In 2016, for the first time in the orchestra's history it gave concerts during a European tour in the Brucknerhaus (Linz) and in the Golden Hall of Musikverein (Vienna). In December 2018, the TNSO and Maestro Alexander Sladkovsky made the first tour in China. In 2014 (Japan) and 2019 (France) the orchestra conducted by Alexander Sladkovsky performed at the La folle journée festival. One of the concerts of this festival in Nantes in 2019 was recorded and broadcasted by ARTE channel.

The Tatarstan National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Alexander Sladkovsky is currently the first and only regional orchestra that has been honored to have its own annual subscription in the Moscow State Philharmonic Society.