

# MOLA and TESOL Seminar Series 2018/19

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## **Chekhov and Russian Music**

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This lecture is about Russian music in and around Chekhov. It will not concern, for example, English musical works inspired by this writer. The two most popular composers of the 19th century, Chaikovskii and Rakhmaninov had friendly relation with Chekhov, the best loved Russian writer after Pushkin, so it is not surprising that they and others set his works to music. Chekhov's own works also contain a great number of musical references, and he has been described a 'librettist manqué'. Apart from the two already mentioned composers, there will also be musical examples by Rodion Shchedrin, Benjamin Fleishmann, and Shostakovich, including orchestral music, songs, opera and ballet.

14:00 – 15:00, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2018  
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