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Center at the Moscow Conservatory of Music. It was by chance that I came there in 1993 on a visit with the late Dmitri Pokrovsky. One connection led to another: Andre Smirnov, founder of the Theremin Center introduced me to his mother, the pianist Julia Turkina and his aunt, the late Galina Turkina. The sisters were Russias preeminent duo-piano team for fifty-six years and they asked me to compose a work for them. The Turkina Suite was a huge turning point in my life as a composer my Russian revolution. The many instrumental and choral works I have composed since then are often performed in Moscow and elsewhere in Russia but rarely in Europe or the United States. My friends and colleagues here dont understand how I could leave my quite-original electronic music for the retro, tonal style of my instrumental music. The answer is that they simply occupy quite different places in my musical brain. Im still listening to and occasionally composing electronic music. I tell friends and colleagues that Im a bipolar composer but I suspect Im really just a Russian composer at heart. _______ All recorded in Moscow, Russia

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