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Winter Ball

Saturday January 21st 2017 St. Petersburg Yacht Club

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Russian Heritage
Presents

Russian Winter Ball

Saturday, January 21st 2017
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg FL 33701

VIP Reception. 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm
General Reception and Welcome. 7 pm – 7:30 pm
3-course sit-down dinner at 8 pm

Honorary Chairpersons
John & Margo Catsimatidis



Dance to the music of fabulous Dazzlers

Program highlights: Ballet performance; Songs by Elona Krasavtseva, named "the golden voice of Russia"; World-class Ballroom Dance champions; Auction/Raffle (preview of items available on Russian Heritage Facebook page)

RSVP via enclosed envelope, Facebook page, or our website at www.russianheritage.org.

Early bird ticket discounts by 25th December

Black tie optional.

All profits will go to the Russian Heritage Student and Scholarship Fund.

Ballroom Dance Lessons: Are You Ready?

The “Russian Winter Ball” is coming in less than two months, on January 21, 2017!

Are you getting ready? We are happy to announce that National Dance Competition 2016 PRO Winners, Sergey Barsukov & Maria Sidnjova, NATIONAL WINNERS (!!!) of the Professional Open American Smooth Division are opening the doors of their Fred Astaire Dance Studio in St.Petersburg to give lessons in order to get you really ready for this upcoming event!

Classes will start December 2 at 7pm (cost is \$15 pp) and will be available until the Winter Ball. Everybody and all levels are welcome. More information and registration (727) 347-7700.



“Yolochka” - December 10 in Gulfport

Дорогие наши маленькие друзья и взрослые! Совсем скоро (10 ДЕКАБРЯ) гостеприимный клуб в Галф Порте распахнет свои двери и начнется наш традиционный новогодний детский праздник. Уже сейчас вы можете дать знать, кто приходит к нам на Елку. Детский билет стоит \$10.00. Взрослые приносят угощения. Если нет времени приготовить что-то праздничное, как вариант, можете пожертвовать небольшую сумму в фонд Русско-Американского клуба или спонсора праздника Русского Наследия и его хозяйки позаботятся о том, чтобы вас угостить. Ждем ваших откликов

Our dear little friends and their families! Very soon (December 10) the Russian American Club in Gulfport will open its doors for “Yolochka”, our traditional children’s new year’ party. A child’s ticket is \$ 10.00. Adults will bring treats. Now you can learn who is coming to our party and make your reservations. For more information, visit the Facebook group [Детский 2017Новый Год](#), or call Victoria Peppard (813-300-4785) .We are waiting for your response.



Make Your Reservations Now For the Russian Heritage Winter Ball.

Many of you have already received your official invitation to this year's Winter Ball. It is easy to fill out the form and return it in the envelope included in the invitation. You may also print out this page, fill out the form, and return your reservation and check to: Russian Heritage, PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733. Finally, you can go to the Russian Heritage Website (www.russianheritage.org) and pay for your tickets with Paypal or by credit card.

There is a discount for those purchasing your tickets early this year. If you buy your tickets by December 25, the early bird price is \$100 for the dinner, or \$125 for the dinner and VIP reception. After December 25, the regular price will be \$125 for the dinner, or \$150 for the dinner and VIP reception. Would this not make a great Christmas gift for a special friend? And it is a significant savings!

Russian Winter Ball

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11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Telephone (best to reach) _____

Email _____

Tickets available at:

- ☐ \$100 Early bird General Admission (before 12/25/2016)
- ☐ \$125 Early bird VIP (before 12/25/2016)
- ☐ \$125 General Admission
- ☐ \$150 for VIP reception

Indicate choice of Entree:

- ☐ Fish ala Skazka
- ☐ Beef ala Bylina

Please seat me with the following people:

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Make Check payable to: Russian Heritage, or pay via PayPal at www.russianheritage.org

EXCITING RUSSIAN HERITAGE FALL PROGRAMS:

Lecture, Student Reports, SPIFFS, Book Discussion, and a Special Concert

The Two St. Petersburgs. September 17, 2016. The celebration of the 25th anniversary of Leningrad becoming St. Petersburg, and the opening of the “Peter Demens and the Two St. Petersburg Archive” at USFSP took place at the Poynter Library with a talk by Professor Parsons on the history of what has occurred in the relations between the two cities in the last 25 years. A proclamation from Mayor Kriseman officially designated September as the “Peter Demens and the Two St. Petersburgs” Month, and encouraged residents of both locations to celebrate the connections between our two cities. This proclamation was then delivered to the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg, Russia by Bill Parsons in late September.

The Students from USF who studied in Moscow this past summer made a most entertaining report on their time in Russia on October 8 at the Russian American Club in Gulfport. Samantha Bandini, Destiny Bukolas, Jacob Alcala, and John McCardle presented a video and reported, partly in Russian, on their experiences, and answered many questions in a lively discussion.

The 42nd Annual SPIFFS Folk Fair was well attended by members and friends of Russian Heritage this year, many volunteering during the four-day festival. Special thanks go to organizers Mary and Gene Stenov, with help from Peter Sidorenko and Lisa Stenov. Galina Malkin was present all four days representing the treasures from *Vladimir's Collection*. Many volunteers worked at the Russian village, including Tania Baryspolec, Evguenia Davenport, Anastasia Dycus, Vladimir and Dace Khokhlov, Nina Kirsanov, Grace Kowalewski, Dagmara Kulik, Anna Mesutyan, Bill Parsons, Igor and Natasha Paul, Victor and Victoria Peppard, Richard Rappaport, Elly Roche, Natalia Scarberry, Konstantin and Zhanna Sidorenko, Ruth Alice Williams, and Nadia and Violetta Yevstigneyeva. We also thank Andrei Cheine and Mary Stenov for leading the group of Russian singers who performed on Saturday morning, Suzanne Pomerantzeff and her St. Petersburg Folk Ensemble who presented Russian dances for the 42nd consecutive Folk Fair!, and for all who marched in the Parade of Nations.

Yevgeny Onegin. Discussion of the Novel in Verse. On November 5, 15 Pushkin lovers met to discuss Yevgeny Onegin at the Envoy Point Clubhouse. Thanks to Evguenia Davenport for facilitating this exchange of ideas. Not all present were big admirers of Onegin, but all were happy with Evguenia, and expressed the hope that we could do this again early in 2017. If you have suggestions for such a discussion, please contact Evguenia at 727-644-2922.

Souvenir: Folk and Classical Favorites from Russia and Around the World. This concert at the Studio@620 in downtown St. Petersburg featuring Elona Krasavtseva and Nina Wegmann on November 18 was well attended and enthusiastically received. Selections included traditional folk songs and wedding songs from Russia, and Italian, Spanish, English, and American favorites, with the audience joining in on some of the most familiar melodies. Elona is also making a CD of Russian melodies, sponsored in part by Russian Heritage.

If you missed these special programs, look forward to new events for 2017! (see page 5)

If you come to the Winter Ball and want to become a member of Russian Heritage for 2017, just indicate that you are interested, and you will automatically be a member with no further payment. If you do not come to the Winter Ball, the dues for 2017 will be as follows:

Individual Dues 15
Family Dues 25

Membership Dues 2017

All who are interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by simply paying the yearly dues. Members receive the Russian Heritage Newsletter and discounts on certain events.

Please fill in the following form and send it with your check payable to Russian Heritage, or pay via PayPal at www.russianheritage.org:



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Please check one:

☐ Student \$0 ☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Family \$25 ☐ Sponsor \$100 or more.

Fill out information if different from other side:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (best to reach) _____

E-mail _____

DOMRA - GUITAR CONCERT ON JANUARY 15, 2017



The dynamic duo of John Huston on the guitar and Angelina Galashenkova on the domra will perform in Seminole at Paradise Acres on Sunday, January 15 at 6:00 pm. Those who heard Alexander Tsygankov perform on the domra in last year's concert at Studio@620 will be delighted to hear that Angelina is his most able student on the domra, and is considered one of the best domra players in the United States, now residing in Atlanta. John is also an award-winning musician on the classical guitar. Together they put on a great show and have delighted audiences around the country. More details on their concert will appear in the January newsletter, but you are well advised to put this event on your calendars now.