



Russian Heritage

NEWSLETTER

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SPIFFS Folk Fair October 26-30, 2016

We have many volunteers signed up for the big **SPIFFS Folk Fair** this weekend and we hope to see many more of you at the event. **THE BIGGEST DAY IS PROBABLY SATURDAY, WITH OUR RUSSIAN SINGERS PERFORMING AT 11:00 AM AND THE PARADE OF NATIONS AT 2:00.**

Wednesday, October 26. Set-up day.

Thursday and Friday: 10/27 & 10/28. Student Days.

Saturday and Sunday: 10/29 & 10/30. General Public.

Villages of 40 ethnic groups will be represented at this event, with food, entertainment, and cultural presentations from around the world.

(from last year's Folk Fair)



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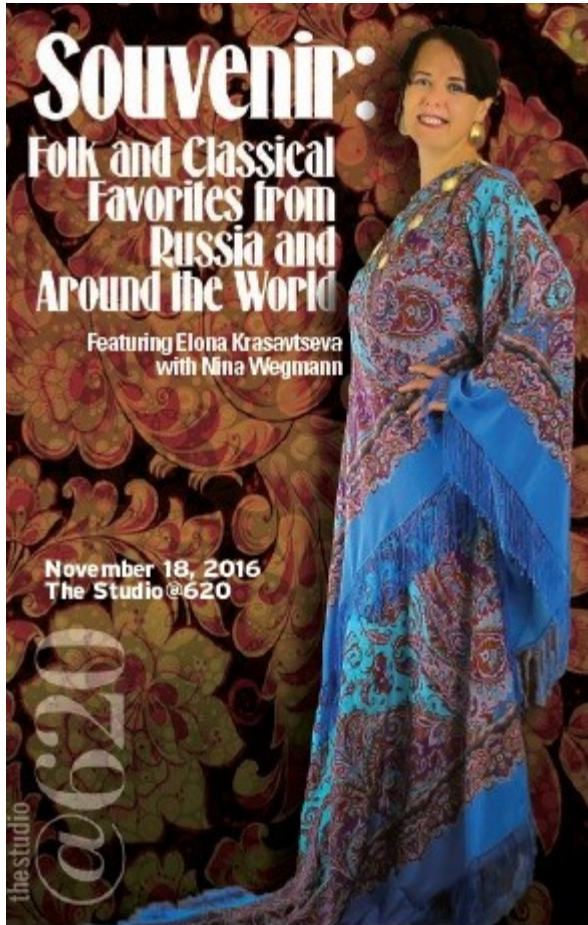
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Pushkin's *Evgeny Onegin*: Book Discussion November 5, 2016

The first book for our book group discussion is Pushkin's novel in verse *Evgeny Onegin*. We will meet at 3:30 pm in the Clubhouse of the Envoy Point Condominium (7150 Sunset Way, St. Pete Beach, FL). **Please call 727-300-4785 to let us know that you are coming, and to alert the Security Gate attendant.** New Board Member Evguenia Davenport who teaches at USF in Tampa has agreed to help facilitate this discussion. The plan is to discuss the work in English, and you are encouraged to choose any translation you find, or read it in Russian. Tea and snacks will be served.



ELONA KRASAVTSEVA IN CONCERT AT STUDIO@620



Date(s) & Times

November 18, 2016
7:00 PM
Friday

Admission

\$20/\$15

Sponsors

The Russian Heritage
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The Studio@620 and Russian Heritage present an evening of traditional Russian folk songs, some of which are over 500 years old, sung by Elona Krasavtseva (lyrical soprano) accompanied by Nina Slyusar-Wegmann (accordion and piano). The program will include a range of song styles, including wedding songs, also called "crying songs", because weddings in northern Russia were for many years considered a sad event, as it meant that young girls were sent far away from their homes and families. There will also be a lot of sunny, hilarious, cheerful Italian and Spanish music, spiced with American and English favorites too. You'll be on a musical world tour so come enjoy these tonal souvenirs!

Elona Krasavtseva is an award winning singer and songwriter from Moscow, Russia. In 2013 she was named a National Treasure of Russia for her songwriting and performance. Elona performs in New York City and Los Angeles, as well as in Europe including Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan. She runs a Music and Poetry Club in Florida.

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

WHEREAS, St. Petersburg, Florida was founded by Peter Demenyov, a Russian nobleman known in America as Peter Demens; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 St. Petersburg, Florida and St. Petersburg, Russia celebrated their anniversaries together and signed an agreement becoming "Friendship Cities;" and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2016 St. Petersburg, Russia celebrated the 25th anniversary of Leningrad returning to its original name of "St. Petersburg"; and

WHEREAS, an archive devoted to Peter Demens and the Two St. Petersburgs opened in the Special Collections of the Fryxter Library at USFSP on September 17, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida, join with the members of the St. Petersburg City Council in proclaiming the month of September 2016 as

PETER DEMENS AND THE TWO ST. PETERSBURGS MONTH

and encourage residents of both locations to celebrate the connections between our two cities, to work for better understanding between the peoples of our two cities, and to strive for continued cultural and educational contacts between our citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 1st day of September, 2016.


Rick Kriseman
Mayor

This proclamation was prepared for our September 17 meeting devoted to the opening of the "Peter Demens and the Two St. Petersburgs Archive" and the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Leningrad becoming St. Petersburg in 1991. One copy was delivered to the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg by Bill Parsons on his recent trip to Russia.

RUSSIAN



Winter Ball

Saturday January 21st 2017 St. Petersburg Yacht Club

The Russian Heritage Winter Ball is coming in January. Be sure to have your calendars marked. This year there will be a discount for those who sign up before Christmas. What a wonderful idea for a Christmas gift!

All the details on price of tickets, menu selection, and seating preferences will come with the official invitations in November, in the December Newsletter, and on line at our website and Facebook page: www.russianheritage.org.



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 Chairperson
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 will begin on Friday, November 25 and will continue on a number of Friday nights thereafter to help us all get ready for the Russian Winter Ball in January. These will be professional lessons at a special price to members of Russian Heritage. If you are interested, please call 727-867-9148 for more details and to reserve your place.

In the next issue, more information about Russian Heritage plans for 2017 and a reminder about dues for 2017.