



Russian Heritage

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Reserve Your Tickets Now for the Domra Concert on March 23 at Studio@620

ALEXANDER TSYGANKOV, a world-class domra player*, will perform on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm at the Studio@620 in downtown St. Petersburg. Tsygankov has been called the “Russian Paganini” and holds the coveted title of *Distinguished Artist of Russia*. He has performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, New York’s Lincoln Center and has thrilled audiences in Washington D.C.’s famed Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.



This will be an evening of Russian Heritage that will include incredible Russian music, and a taste of poetry and Russian food. Alexander Tsygankov will perform favorites of Russian folk music and a medley of pieces from around the world, including Paganini and Joplin. Florida poet laureate Peter Meinke will also participate in this program.

Tickets for this program are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be ordered online at the website of Studio@620, or by sending your payment to Russian Heritage, PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733. Members of Russian Heritage will have a discounted rate of \$15. You may also pay at the door, but please reserve your tickets by sending your email request to russianheritageflorida@gmail.com. As a special incentive for persons to learn more about Russian culture and the programs of Russian Heritage, anyone attending this concert will be given a free membership to Russian Heritage for 2016. *For more information on Tsygankov, see page 3.

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TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR RUSSIAN HERITAGE IN APRIL

SPIFFS Annual International Ball on Saturday, April 23, 2016. This event is a highlight of the year for SPIFFS (St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society). Participants dress up in ethnic apparel or formal wear to have a good time and honor the “Persons of the Year” for each ethnic group in SPIFFS. This year’s event will be at the Casino in Gulfport and will feature the music of the Dazzlers. Tickets are \$40 per person. More information on menu and program will appear in April Newsletter.

Annual meeting and Elections for Russian Heritage on Sunday, April 24, 2016. This year’s meeting will be at Eckerd College. For more information about the elections, the program, and the venue, see page 2, and further updates in the April Newsletter.

Annual meeting and Elections for Russian Heritage

Sunday, April 24, 2016.

The annual meeting for Russian Heritage is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm in the Triton Room at Eckerd College. The program will include a short business meeting with the election of the Board of Directors (the four officers are completing the first year of their 2-year terms) and possible changes to the By-Laws. The program for the meeting will include some visual highlights of our first 20 years, a look ahead to the future, some musical selections, and dinner. The cost of tickets is \$20 for adults and \$12 for students. More details on program and possible By-Laws changes will be given in the April Newsletter.

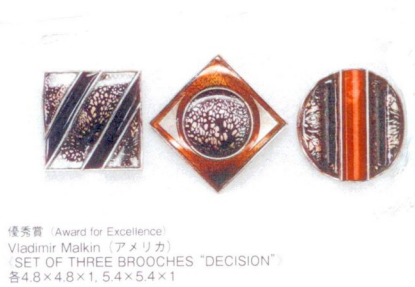
If you would like to nominate someone for the Board, or if you are interested in serving on the Board, please send this information to the nominating committee at russianheritageflorida@gmail.com. Please indicate how you think this person will contribute to Russian Heritage in the future. In order to vote at the annual meeting, and in order to serve on the Board, it is necessary to be a member of Russian Heritage for 2016. The membership form is on page 4 of this newsletter.

“Vladimir’s Collection” Celebrates 20 Years

“Vladimir’s Collection”, like Russian Heritage, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Vladimir and his wife Galina opened their first Russian store in Palm Beach, Florida in 1995. Later they moved to Vero Beach and in 2002 they moved again to their current store at 201 1st Street NE in downtown St. Petersburg. This store specializes in the artistic jewelry by Vladimir himself, high quality souvenirs from Russia, and collectibles and antiques from Russia and the Soviet Union. Visit the store’s website at www.vladimirscollection.com for additional information and be sure to visit the store to see the wide selection of remarkable items.

Vladimir is a distinguished award-winning artist of colorful enamel and stone jewelry. He has a permanent exhibition of his works in Moscow and has won numerous international competitions for his work. At the 24th International Cloisonne Jewelry Contest in Japan, he was awarded the Ueno Royal Museum Award for his set “Parode of Planets” in 2011. He was also recognized with the Award for Excellence at the 44th International Exhibition of Japan Enamelling Artist Association for the Set of Three Brooches “Decision”. Congratulations to Vladimir for these accomplishments!

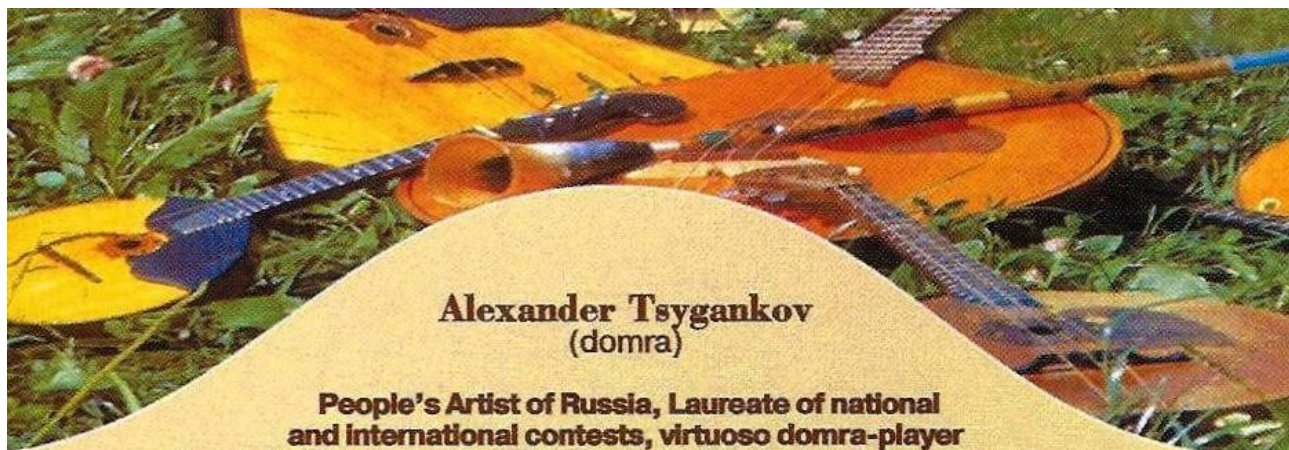
Vladimir was the Russian Heritage “Person of the Year” at the SPIFFS International Ball in 2007, and now serves as Vice President of Russian Heritage.



優秀賞 (Award for Excellence)
Vladimir Malkin (アメリカ)
SET OF THREE BROOCHES “DECISION”
各4.8×4.8×1, 5.4×5.4×1



上野の森美術館賞
The Ueno Royal Museum Award
025 Set “Parode of Planets
Vladimir Malkin
(U. S. A.)



Alexander Tsygankov
(domra)

People's Artist of Russia, Laureate of national and international contests, virtuoso domra-player

Alexander Tsygankov is rightfully considered one of the best among Russian performers of today. Combining the natural gift of a genius, diligence, high intellect and erudition Alexander Tsygankov developed an unparalleled style, which put the domra on one rank with the piano, violin, cello and other classical instruments. The huge concert repertoire, created by Tsygankov as composer for the domra, has become a learning material for young performers wanting to acquire high professionalism in the field.

Tsygankov was born in the Siberian city of Omsk, where he finished musical school 2 (teacher G.Lanin) and V.Shebalin Musical School (the domra class of V.Patrasheva). In 1967 the musician becomes a student of the Gnesins Music Teachers Training Institute, which he graduated in 1972 (the domra class of R.Belov). In summer 1968 Alexander Tsygankov becomes laureate of the International contest at the 9th International Youth Festival in Sofia (Bulgaria), and in 1972 he wins top prize at the 1st International contest of performers on folk instruments in Moscow.

For 30 years Alexander Tsygankov has been practicing the most complex form of musical performance - a solo concert. Over this period he has given a countless number of solo concerts and at each of them he played to the accompaniment of his wife, pianist Inna Shevchenko. The musicians are playing solo at the Moskontsert concert organization and Tsygankov himself is a solo performer and manager of concerts of the National Academic Orchestra of Russian Folk Instruments named after Osipov.

The musician teaches at the Gnesins Academy of Music, acts as permanent chairman at prestigious contests and holds master classes for amateur domra players in the United States, Sweden, Japan and Norway.

Tsygankov's successful activity in the genre is accentuated by the issue of five collections of his works by Russia's top publishers, the recordings of his CDs in Russia and Holland and his appearance as the host of a TV program called «The Voices of Folk Instruments».

ACTIVITIES AT THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN CLUB IN GULFPORT.

Russian Bliny will be celebrated on Saturday, March 12 at 3:00 pm. If you are planning to attend, please call in advance. Not knowing how many people will show up makes it hard for the volunteers to know how much to prepare. The price is \$20 per person, with caviar available for an additional cost of five dollars. For reservations, please call: Dagmara Kulik (727-345-6360) or Xenia Valitzky (727-384-3242) or Gene Stenov (727-867-6013).

The recent **Concert with Ilona and Boris** at the Russian-American Club, was very successful. They did Russian romances and other songs that we all know and love. Their next show will be on Sunday, March 27 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be served.

For information call Ilona: (727) 488-8724.

Membership Dues 2016

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 such as the Old Russian New Year Celebration.

Please fill in the following form, and send it with your dues, to:

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PO Box 14552
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Please check one:

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Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____
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If you are a new member of Russian Heritage, we would enjoy hearing more about your interest in Russia: Is your ethnic heritage Russian? Were you born and raised in Russia? Where? How long have you been in the United States? Etc. etc. (несколько слов о себе) in English or Russian.