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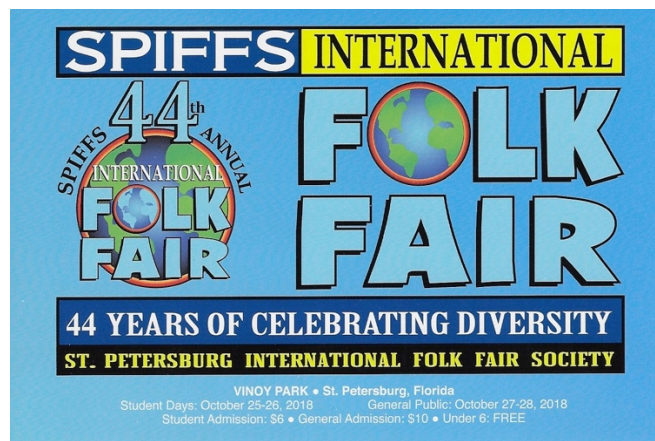
October 2018

## ***The 44TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK FAIR SET FOR OCT 25 - 28, 2018***

*unites the country with food & performances from 36 cultural groups at St Petersburg's Vinoy Park. In an immigrant nation facing an identity crisis, we have a new purpose. This year, the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS) Annual Folk Fair reminds us who we are: a fabric of cultures woven into a United States.*

*SPIFFS 44th Annual International Folk Fair will be held from October 25 - 28, 2018 at Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg, FL. The 4-day festival showcases food and culture from 36+ member organizations, each representing immigrants from nations across the globe. The groups will unite in a Grand Parade of Nations, culminating in a swearing-in ceremony of new American citizens.*

*Russian Heritage will participate in this event, representing Russia and Russian culture. Consider being a volunteer at this special event.*



The times we need volunteers for selling items and/or for stamping passports is as follows:

Thursday, October 25: 8:30 - 11:30; or 11:30 - 2:30.

Friday, October 26: 8:30 - 11:30; or 11:30 - 2:30.

Saturday, October 27: 9:30 - 12:30; or 12:30 - 3:00; or 2:30 - 5:00; or 5:30 - 8:30.

(Parade of Nations at 2pm Saturday)

Sunday, October 28: 9:30 - 12:30; or 12:30 - 3:00; or 3:00 - 6:00.

**If you are able to work out your schedule to join us as a volunteer, please contact us at [russianheritageflorida@gmail.com](mailto:russianheritageflorida@gmail.com).**

## ROBERT W. COURTNEY PRESENTS ON OCTOBER 3

**Sponsored by the USF Institute on Russia.** Robert Courtney is a globally successful entrepreneur, business leader, and senior strategic and legal advisor, with more than 25 years of experience in international business, including Russia and Eastern Europe. He will give a talk on "Doing Business in Russia."

Mr. Courtney established the first Western medical and dental centers in Russia and Azerbaijan, the first international real estate brokerage network in Russia, and the several new-to-Russia retail brands, including Le Pain Quotidien. He served on the Board and Executive Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia, which advances the US-Russia commercial relationship through advocacy and business-friendly regulatory improvements.

Robert holds an International MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management, a JD from Stetson University Law School, and a BA from Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the Bar associations of California and Florida and serves as a lecturer on international business and law in both the US and Russia, including Vanderbilt University, Georgetown University, and the Pericles Law Center in Moscow. Mr. Courtney will speak to two classes as indicated below, but all USF students **and Russian Heritage members** are welcome.

Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:00 PM  
Science and Technology Building (STG) Room 113  
USF-St. Petersburg

Thursday, October 4th at 11:00 AM  
Physical Education Building (PED) Room 109  
USF-Tampa

## SPECIAL PROGRAM ON TURGENEV ON NOVEMBER 9, 2018

Many of you may have read Fathers and Sons in high school, or at least many years ago. It is considered one of the classics not only of Russian Literature, but also of World Literature, ranking close to the novels of Tolstoy and Dostoevsky. On November 9 we will have a program at the St. Petersburg Public Library beginning at 4:00 pm which will feature readings from the novel (in English) and film clips from a film version (in Russian) as well as commentary by members of Russian Heritage and general discussion. More details will be given in the November Newsletter, but we hope you will begin reading (or re-reading) the novel during October.

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***Our Annual Winter Ball will take place at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Be sure that this special celebration is on your calendar. You will be hearing more about this in the near future!***

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