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The Music Center at
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"RUSSIAN HERITAGE
ENSEMBLE"

Vladimir Khokhlov and Olga Glick, Piano
Eugene Bazhanov, Violin
With special guest soprano Solveiga Raja (Riga, Latvia)

PRESENTS A CONCERT of
INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC BY
GLINKA, TCHAIKOVSKY, RACHMANINOV, VERDI,
SCHUBERT, FRANK, HONEGGER
And other composers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 3 P.M.

At the Music Center of
St.Petersburg Junior College Gibbs Campus
6605 5th Avenue North, St.Petersburg

Admission \$10
Free for students
For more information please call (727) 576-7787

An Old Russian New Year Celebration

Sunday, January 13, 2002

The fifth **Old Russian New Year Celebration** sponsored by *Russian Heritage* was held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida on Sunday, January 13, 2002. Present were 167 happy party-goers who enjoyed a delicious dinner, an excellent concert, wonderful dance music, and decorations that were out of this world.

The Dinner – Dance began with a reception at 5:00 p.m. and an official welcome and New Year Toast by Master of Ceremonies, France Frankian at 6:15. Dr. Carl Kuttler, president of St. Petersburg College, presented his guest, Lyudmila Antonova, the Cultural Attache from the Russian Embassy in Washington, who brought greetings from the Embassy and the people of Russia. Dinner offered a choice of Beef Stroganoff or Salmon al la Russe. Special performers included musicians Vladimir Khokhlov and Solveiga Raja, and dancers Andrei Ustinov and Elena Martinson. Dance music was provided by the Dazzlers. For a more complete program and menu, and for a more visual image of the happenings, please look at the next three pages of this newsletter.

Many people worked hard to prepare for this event. The planning committee was led by France Frankian, and included Zina Downen, Vladimir Khokhlov, Elena Novikov, Bernie Orlando, Bill Parsons, and Tania Vondersaar. The beautiful decorations and the raffle prizes were provided by Margo Calmatidis. Who will ever forget the bird cages or the other elaborate favors and decorations! And the roses were beautiful! Thanks Margo! The elaborate invitations were provided by Zina and John Downen. Zina also helped out a lot at the event as our "Snegurochka". Thanks Zina! We also want to thank our honorary Chairpersons, Mayor Rick Baker and his wife, Joyce.

Some people were having so much fun at this party that they were already talking about looking forward to planning, and coming to the party next year, in 2003!

RUSSIAN HERITAGE PRESENTS

AN OLD RUSSIAN
NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



5:00 p.m.
Reception

5:00 ч.
Приём

6:15
Welcome!
New Year's Toast
France Frankian

6:15
Добро Пожаловать!
Новогодний тост
Франц Франкиян

6:30
Dinner
Caesar Salad
Mushroom Soup
Beef Stroganoff
or
Salmon a la Russe
Red Wine or White Wine

6:30
Обед
Салат
Грибной суп
Беф-Строганов
или
Лососина по-русски
Красное или белое вино

7:30
Dessert and Dancing
Ice Cream "Novogodnee"

7:30
Десерт и танцы
Мороженое "Новогоднее"

Tango
Andrei Ustinov and Elena Martinson

Танго
Андрей Устинов и Елена Мартинсон

8:00
Concert
"March of the Chernomor" - Glinka
From the ballet "Romeo and Juliet" - Prokofiev
Vladimir Khokhlov

8:00
Концерт
"Марш Черномора" - Глинка
Из балета "Ромео и Джульетта" - Прокофьев
Владимир Хохлов

Old Russian Romances
"Two Songs" - Glinka
Solveiga Raja

Старинные русские романсы
"Две Песни" - Глинка
Солвейга Рай

Dancing

Танцы

9:00
Raffle

9:00
Лотерея

Dancing Till 11:00

Танцы до 11:00



"Reception Committee"
Jim LaBudde, Bernie Orlando,
Helen and Sam DiPietro



Carl Kuttler, President of St. Petersburg Co
with Lyudmila Antonova, Cultural Attache
from the Russian Embassy in Washington



Bishop Gabriel and Father Igor



"Belles of the Ball"
President Tania Vondersaar
with daughter Margo Catsimatidis



MC France Frankian
with Margo Catsimatidis



Vic Peppard, Sergei Novikov, Elena Martinson, Andrei Ustinov,
Vladimir Khokhlov, Victoria Peppard, Nadia Yevstigneyeva



Mayor Rick Baker
with Board Chair
Bill Parsons



"Leaving with the prize"
Chris and Ellen Martinez

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, February 16, 2002.** **Russian Heritage Ensemble** will perform at the Music Center of the Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College at 3 p.m. Featured performers include Eugene Bazhanov, Vladimir Khokhlov, Olga Glick, and Soprono Solveiga Raja, a leading soloist of the Latvian National Opera from Riga, Latvia. Raja and Khokhlov performed at the Old Russian New Year Celebration on January 13th.
- March 6-10, 2002.** **St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS)** presents annual Folk Fair. The Folk Fair is open to schools March 6-8, and opens to the general public from 3 p.m. on March 8 to 6 p.m. on March 10. The Russian entertainment is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, but you can check SPIFFS website (www.spiffs.org) for latest details.
- Sunday, March 10, 2002.** **Russian Blini.** St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church presents a special program featuring Blini (Sourdough Pancakes) with all the fixings as a part of the Maslenitsa tradition in Russia before the Lenten fast. Special live gypsy entertainment featured. The program will take place from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of *Our Savior Luthern Church* (301-58th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707). \$35 per person. For reservations call Masha Tregubov (941-795-6817) or Vera Espinola-Beery (727-384-5177) by March 4.
- Saturday, March 16, 2002.** **Russian Choir Concert at 7 p.m.** The Christ Episcopal Church in Bradenton (4030 Manatee Avenue West) has developed a strong interest in Russian spirituality, and has four exquisite icons by Father Andrei from Pskov in the church, as well as sponsoring several Russian choral performances this spring. For more information, call 941-747-3709.
- Tuesday, March 19, 2002.** **Russian Heritage General Meeting to Explore Options for Celebrating "The Two St. Petersburgs" in 2003.** The Executive Board of *Russian Heritage* decided to propose this format for focusing on our response to the upcoming events. The meeting is now planned for 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, but the exact location and the participants will be announced in the March newsletter.
- Monday, March 25, 2002.** Russian Soprano **Elena Lewenson** will perform at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.
- Sunday, March 31, 2002.** **Easter for Western Christians**
- Saturday, April 27, 2002.** **Russian Heritage Ensemble** will perform at the Music Center of the Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College at 3 p.m. The program will include Brahms' Trio #1 for Violin, Cello, and Piano, and other selections.
- Sunday, May 5, 2002.** **Russian Easter**
- Tuesday, May 14, 2002.** **Russian Heritage Business Meeting and Elections.**