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**"March Madness"** *We call it "March Madness" because of all the exciting opportunities!*

**February 28, 2006. "FOCUS ON RUSSIAN MUSIC AND DANCE"**

*AT THE PALLADIUM . . . (253 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg.)*

**Ekaterina Gumenyuk**, Musical Ambassador from St. Petersburg, Russia on the piano;  
**Dmitry Serebrennikov**, Musical Ambassador from St. Petersburg, on the violin.

and

**The St. Petersburg Folk Ensemble** directed by **Suzanne Pomerantzeff**

This will be a night to remember, with talented youth musicians from Russia playing their favorites, and a dance program by our own local "Ambassadors of Russian Culture". The two musicians from Russia are students at the Special Music School of the St. Petersburg Conservatory, invited by Russian Heritage as part of our student exchange program. They will also be visiting schools in the area and will perform in concert on Sunday, March 5 and Sunday, March 12 (see below). Those who saw the Russian Dancers perform at the Old Russian New Year's Party, or with the St. Petersburg Balalaika Trio last year, or at SPIFFS in recent years will want to see again this exciting dance extravaganza.

7:30 pm, Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Adults: \$12; Seniors: \$10; Students: \$5.

**Saturday, March 4, 2006. "Russian Extravaganza" by the Florida Orchestra.**

This all-Russian program conducted by Susan Haig includes the following outstanding compositions: Tchaikovsky's "Mozartiana"; Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1, Karen Gomyo, violin; and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. Group discount prices of \$39 or \$21 are offered to members and guests of Russian Heritage. To order tickets, members should call the Florida Orchestra's Ticket Center at (813) 286-2403, and identify themselves as members of Russian Heritage. The Saturday night performance begins at 7:30 pm at Pasadena Community Church at 69th Street and Pasadena Avenue in St. Petersburg. A pre-concert conversation will begin at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, March 5, the same program will be performed at the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater at 7:30 pm. And on Monday, March 6 you can see the "Russian Extravaganza" in the Ferguson Hall of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday, March 5, 2006.** Russian Musical Ambassadors, **Ekaterina Gumenyuk and Dmitry**

**Serebrennikov** performing in concert at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo. **3:00 pm. Note the time change from the earlier announcement.**

Check our New Web Site! [www.russianheritage.org](http://www.russianheritage.org)



**Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Russian Heritage Ensemble. "Celebrating the centennial of Shostakovich"** at the Palladium Theater, as part of the Encore Series. 7:30 pm.

(Eugene and Natasha Bazhanov, violins; Scott Kluksdahl, Cello; Olga Glick, Piano)

Shostakovich: Trio No. 2 I E Minor.

Shostakovich: Preludes for Violin and Piano.

Schnittke, Prelude in Memory of Shostakovich for two violins.

Mozart: Trio for two violins and cello.

**March 12, 2006. Russian Musical Ambassadors.** Concert at Eckerd College. Room RO 104 in Music Building at 3:00 pm.

**March 14, 2006 - 7:30 pm**

**Poetry Reading: Yevgeny Yevtushenko**, acclaimed Russian poet, filmmaker and political activist, will read his poetry at The Studio@620, located in downtown St. Petersburg at 620 First Avenue South. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$10 for students.

**Yevgeny Yevtushenko**, Russia's most famous living poet, was born near Irkutsk in Siberia in 1933. He was a leading member of the "new generation" of Russian poets of the 1960's, and became famous for such poems as *Babi Yar* and *Heirs of Stalin* which had political messages. He has continued to write political verse, love lyrics, and playful poems. He is also an accomplished filmmaker, directing the film *Kindergarten* (1984) and *Stalin's Funeral* (1990). He now teaches courses in Russian and European poetry and film at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma.



**March 15, 2006. Yevtushenko** will present a lecture in the Presidential Series entitled "**Every Wall is a Door: Ten Centuries of Russian Poetry**" in the Miller Auditorium at Eckerd College at 7:30 on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Learn why a poet in Russia is more than a poet. Free and open to public.

**March 19, 2006. Tchaikovsky and a Dynamic Duo of Russian Folk Instruments.** The Symphony will play Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, and Tamara Volskaya on domra and Anatoly Trofimov on bayan will perform Russian folk melodies and classical selections, at 7:30 pm, March 19 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701- Carmalita Street in Punta Gorda. For more information; call box office (941-505-7469). This will be a great program!

**SPIFFS (St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society)  
Annual FOLK FAIR, MARCH 22-26 in Vinoy Park**

*Russian Heritage* will participate in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual SPIFFS Folk Fair. We are now planning our exhibit on the theme "Russian Culture in America". It will be located in a *Russian Heritage* tent in the Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. On March 22-24 the exhibits will be open for school visits. On Friday afternoon, Saturday, and Sunday, the fair is open to the general public. This year Russian foods will be served and Russian souvenirs will be available for purchase. Plan to come. And if have an ethnic Russian costume, we'd like to have you participate in the "Parade of Nations" on Saturday, and we'd like to have you volunteer to work in our booth. Contact Zina Downen, our representative to SPIFFS (727-399-1713), or check our web site ([www.russianheritage.com](http://www.russianheritage.com)) for more information.

**St. Petersburg College: Trip to Russia: May 25-June 2, 2006**

The program for students to Moscow, Novgorod, and St. Petersburg emphasizes Russian Arts and Ideas. The cost is \$2,600. For more information, call (727) 712-5207, or send an email to [studyabroad@spcollege.edu](mailto:studyabroad@spcollege.edu).

***Russian Heritage* Cruise: Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2006**

NOW is the time to sign up for the *Russian Heritage* Cruise! Only a limited number of cabins are being reserved at the special price of \$413.50 per person on this Carnival Trip to Mexico. For further information, and for application forms, call 727-864-8235, or refer to the November newsletter. . Those participating in the cruise will help plan the special "Russian" program. All participants will receive a free "Russian Heritage" t-shirt.