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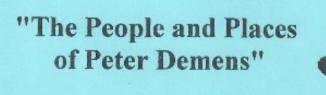
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Who is this man?

You are invited to the opening of a new exhibit at the St. Petersburg Museum of History:



Peter Demens (1850-1919)

This exhibit is organized to help celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Peter Demens.

The opening will be Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 St. Petersburg Museum of History 335 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 (727-894-1052)

For further activities related to the Peter Demens celebration on Monday, May 1, 2000 at Demens Landing, at the museum, and at the Peter Demens Symposium at Eckerd College, see announcement on the following page.

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What journalistic articles did Peter Demens write about life in America for his Russian readers?

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