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Russian Heritage Presents Full Schedule of Activities For 1998 - 1999

The purpose of Russian Heritage, Inc. shall be to preserve and promote Russian heritage, history, and culture, and to educate the general public through such activities as, but not limited to, social events, films festivals, artistic venues and educational programs.

(taken from the "Articles of Incorporation of Russian Heritage, Inc.)

Tuesday, September 22. "Inaugural Meeting." We will meet at 5:30 pm for dinner at Malo's restaurant (South Pasadena Avenue before the drawbridge to St. Pete Beach). You may order from the menu, with early bird specials to 6:30. Program will include a presentation by a representative of the Florida Orchestra about its Russian repertoire for the year, short reports by those returning from Russia this summer followed by discussion; and the inauguration of our new officers. RSVP by Sept. 18 to 864-8235. Dues for 1998-99 are due by October 1 (see page 7).

Tuesday, October 13. "The Russian Orthodox Church and Russian Culture." Father Igor of St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church will speak about the Russian Orthodox Church and Vera Espinola will speak about Russian icons and the upcoming exhibit at the St. Petersburg Museum of History. (see article on page 5). Meeting will be in the Pinellas Room of St. Petersburg Junior College (Allstate Campus) at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

November 5 - 8. "St. Petersburg Russian Film Festival." More information about the film festival is given on the blue insert. We hope you will all plan to participate.

Tuesday, December 8. Board of Directors' Meeting open to the general membership for planning programs for 1999, especially the Russian New Year's Gala Event. St. Petersburg Junior College (Allstate Campus) at 7:00 pm.

Friday, January 15, 1999. "An Old Russian New Year's Gala Celebration."
The third annual Russian New Year's dinner/dance/concert at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, with Honorary Chairs, Mayor David Fischer and State Representative Margo Fischer. More details to follow, but mark your calendars now.

Tuesday, February 16. "Tchaikovsky." A program devoted to one of the greatest composers of all times. A lecture and demonstration of Tchaikovsky's music by renowned pianist Vladimir Khokhlov on the Bosendorf grand piano in the Marly Room of the Fine Arts Museum will be featured. Program will be presented from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A Russian buffet will be available in the garden.

Tuesday, March 9. "Program TBA." We plan to have this meeting in Tampa, possibly at a conveniently located restaurant.

Tuesday, April 20. "Second Annual Russian Songfest." Scheduled for 5:30 pm in the back room of the Ming Gardens Restaurant in St. Petersburg. Group singing, perhaps a solo or duet or two, and maybe even some Russian balalaika and guitar music.

Tuesday, May 18. "Business Meeting, Election of Officers, Planning for Future."
A meeting open to the general membership to review our current year's activities, to conduct our elections, and to plan for next year. Meeting will be held at the St. Petersburg Junior College (Allstate Campus) at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, June 6. "Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin's 200th Birthday Celebration."
In Russia the year 1998-99 has been declared the year to prepare for Pushkin's 200th birthday. The great Russian poet was born on June 6, 1799, and we will be a part of this world-wide birthday celebration. Plans are being made to hold an outdoor event, hopefully at Demens Landing, with food, poetry readings, music, and more. (It is interesting to note that Peter Demens participated in a big birthday celebration for Pushkin in California in 1899 for his 100th birthday.)

Greetings from you new officers!

On May 19, 1998 a new slate officers was elected based on our newly reorganized structure for Russian Heritage. Even our organization had its own form of Perestroika. Now we have a board of directors and board chair in addition to the regular officers. Those elected for 1998-99 are the following:

President	Bill Parsons
Vice President	Tatiana Vondersaar
Secretary	France Frankian
Treasurer	Nicholas Milin
Board Chair	Vera Espinola
Board Members	Dr. & Mrs. Anatoly Glen Mr. & Mrs. Konstantin Sidorenko Vladimir Khokhlov Sergei Novikov

At the first board meeting on July 14th, the plans for the 1998-99 year were discussed, and the general outline of our proposals are included in this newsletter. Please feel free to share this newsletter with friends who are interested in Russian history and culture. We hope to have an increased membership this year, and a varied program of events related to Russian culture. We hope to see you at our meetings, and we welcome your ideas for making Russian Heritage an even more exciting organization.

Sincerely,

Bill Parsons, President

St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church celebrates its 50th Anniversary in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1998 with three events:

A Concert of Russian Music: Museum of Fine Arts, Sun. Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, please call 367-2092 or 544-8903. Russian buffet in the garden.

Exhibit of Icons and St. Andrew's History: This exhibit opens at the St. Petersburg Museum of History, November 1st at 4:00 pm with the title - "...the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21)

St. Andrew's Church Banquet: St. Petersburg Yacht Club Sun., Nov. 1st. 6 p.m. Dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$50/person. Please call 367-2092 or 544-8903 for information and reservations.

The Russian-American Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Pasadena Yacht Club on Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. and invites members of *Russian Heritage* to join them. For more information, please call Dr. Anatoly Glen, 397-7297.

Miami City Ballet and The Florida Orchestra
in George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker"

Sat., Dec. 26, 8 pm
Sun., Dec. 27, 2 pm ☉ & 7 pm
Mon., Dec. 28, 7 pm
\$36.50, \$33.50, \$28.50, \$19.50



Russian National Ballet
in "Swan Lake"

Fri., Feb. 26 - 8 pm
\$39.75, \$35.75, \$30.75, \$25.75

THREE STUDENTS COMING FROM TVER, RUSSIA IN JANUARY

Would you like to host a student from Tver, Russia for a day or for a week? Do you have an opportunity for one of them to intern at your business or organization for a day or for a week? They will be here for the first three weeks in January. If interested, please contact Bill Parsons at Eckerd College (864-8235).

FLORIDA ORCHESTRA FEATURES RUSSIAN MUSIC AT MAHAFFEY THEATER

Russian classical music is one of the highest achievements of world culture, and it is popular with American audiences. This year the Florida Orchestra is featuring many outstanding works by Russian composers, and will offer a 15% discount on each ticket if we organize a group of 10 or more. To take advantage of this offer, look over the following offerings listed, and call Dr. Anatoly Glen (397-7297) to indicate which programs are of special interest. Car pooling from the parking lot in South Pasadena will be arranged one hour prior to concerts. We have been told that tickets are being sold quickly for these concerts, so we need to get our orders in early. A brief presentation of this program will be made by a representative of the Florida Orchestra at our first meeting on September 22.

Sat. Oct. 3rd, 8 p.m. *"2001" Countdown to the Millenium* Rachmaninov's piano concerto #3 is on the program.

Sat. Oct. 31st, 8 p.m. *Alexander Nevsky* The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay

The Nutcracker Ballet Theater International with the Fla. Orchestra Fri. Dec 11th 8 p.m.,
Sat. Dec. 12th, 3 & 8 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 13th, 3 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 23rd, 8 p.m. Vladimir Verbitsky conducting Beethoven's "Emperor"

Sat. Feb. 13, 8 p.m. *Sibelius's Majestic Second* Rachmaninov's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" is on the program.

Russian Festival:

Totally Tchaikovsky Sat. Feb. 27th, 8 p.m.

Scheherazade and Beyond Sun. Mar. 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Music of Mussorgsky,

Shostakovich and Rimsky-Korsakov

Sat. March 20th, 8 p.m. Music of Shostakovich is on the program.

Sat. April 17th 8 p.m. *Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances*

Coffee Concert: Finales: Tchaikovsky's 4th and More. Thurs., April 22, 11 a.m.

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would like to invite you to become a member of the Tampa Bay's leading organization for the promotion of Russian Culture in the area.

"The top ten reasons why you should join Russian Heritage."

10. Monthly meetings featuring Russian cultural topics.

9. A good chance to meet many people from Russia who are now living in America.

8. A good chance to meet many Americans who are interested in Russian culture.

7. A meeting of persons with business interests in Russia, and scholars and tourists who have travelled frequently to Russia.

6. Opportunities to see Russian films at the November Russian film festival.

5. A chance to celebrate the Russian New Year at a gala ball.

4. A 10% discount on the cost of the Russian New Year's ball.

3. You will receive a monthly newsletter with activities of Russian Heritage, AND events of Russian culture throughout the Tampa Bay area.

2. If you speak Russian, you will find opportunities to use your Russian; if you know a little Russian you can learn more. But our main language of communication is English.

1. It's a lot of fun!

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(Or bring this form to the first meeting)

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ADDRESS _____

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_____ \$5.00 STUDENT

_____ \$10.00 INDIVIDUAL

_____ \$15.00 FAMILY

_____ \$50.00 SPONSOR

Please make checks payable to:

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What are your interests in Russia and Russian culture?

Have you ever been in Russia? If so when, and why?