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## RUSSIAN FILMS AND CULTURE IN ST. PETERSBURG

What a season for Russian culture!

The 50th anniversary of St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church has been celebrated with a wonderful concert at the Fine Arts Museum, a temporary exhibit at the Museum of History (see insert), and a Special Banquet on November 1. The Russian American Club will also be observing its 25th anniversary on Nov. 15th.

November is also the month of the **St. Petersburg Russian Film Festival**. A copy of the schedule is included in this newsletter. Please share this information with friends, or post it on a bulletin board, or make copies to distribute. And plan to come to see the films that interest you most.

There are also many programs of Russian music coming up at the Mahaffey Theater and Ruth Eckerd Hall. The excellent performance of "Alexander Nevsky" by the Master Choral and the

Florida Orchestra should inspire many to come out to see the original version of "Alexander Nevsky" at our film festival.

We now have 35 official members of Russian Heritage, and if you have not joined this year, we encourage you to send in your membership form found in this newsletter. We have some exciting activities planned for the spring.

## RUSSIAN NEW YEAR'S GALA CELEBRATION

Russian Heritage presents its third annual "Old Russian New Year's Gala Celebration" on Friday, January 15, 1999 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Official invitations will be going out soon. On December 8th at 7:00 pm at the Allstate Campus of S.P.J.C. the Board of Directors will make the final plans for New Year's and 1999. All members are welcome.

# ST. PETERSBURG RUSSIAN FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 5 - 8

**DENDY AUDITORIUM  
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Experience a variety of Russian film experiences at the Russian Film Festival. The festival begins with a Round Table Discussion on the current state of Russian Cinema and three contemporary Russian films on Thursday and Friday evenings. Saturday evening, Sergei Eisenstein, the most influential Russian film director of the twentieth century will be featured. The retrospective of these films by Eisenstein is particularly appropriate this year because it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Ten Days That Shook the World," and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Alexander Nevsky."

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, animated Russian films based on Russian folktales and stories will be shown. Although the themes of some of these films are sometimes similar to Disney, the approach is quite different and represents something rather characteristically Russian.

All films are free and open to the public. The feature films are in Russian with English subtitles; the animated features are dubbed into English, unless otherwise noted. Additional information will be available for each film, so plan to arrive early.

We thank our Film Festival Sponsors:

John and Rosemary Galbraith  
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# RUSSIAN FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 5 - 9  
DENDY AUDITORIUM  
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## Thursday, November 5: FESTIVAL OPENING

7:00 pm Round Table Discussion "The State of Russian Cinema"  
(Professors Sergei Novikov, Bill Parsons, and Victor Peppard)

8:00 pm Intermission: Russian Tea and zakuski (hors d'oeuvres)

8:30 pm "THE THIEF. Nominated for an Oscar as the best foreign film of 1997. The story of a young man who befriends a single mother and her son Tolyan, with surprising results.

## Friday, November 6: FILMS OF CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA

7:00 pm "WINDOW TO PARIS." A comedy showing a clash of cultures, as a resident of St. Petersburg, Russia finds he can pass through a magic window and arrive in Paris.

8:45 pm "THE BROTHER." (Florida Premiere) An action film about a young man who goes to St. Petersburg, Russia, only to find that his brother is a mafia man.

## Saturday, November 7: CLASSIC FILMS OF EISENSTEIN

7:00 pm "TEN DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD." A propaganda film about the Russian Revolution. A silent film with a soundtrack by Shostakovich.

8:45 pm "ALEXANDER NEVSKY." Eisenstein's first sound film about the defeat of the German knights by the Russians in the thirteenth century. Music by Prokofiev.



# ANIMATED RUSSIAN FOLKTALES AND STORIES

ST. PETERSBURG RUSSIAN FILM FESTIVAL  
November 8 - 9

Saturday Matinee November 8 in Dendy Auditorium

1:30 pm "The Russian Beauty and the Beast: The Tale of the Crimson Flower." Russian folk tale dubbed into English.

2:15 pm "Rusalka: The Mermaid." A classic folktale about a young man who fell in love with a mermaid. This Russian short film was nominated for an Oscar in 1998.

2:30 pm "The Twelve Months." A Russian folktale is about a young girl and a wicked stepmother. It is dubbed into English.

3:30 pm "The Magic Horse." A fairy tale about a special horse and the Firebird. This was the first animated Russian feature film.

Sunday Matinee November 9 in Franklin-Templeton

(This is a part of the **Times Reading Festival** at Eckerd College)

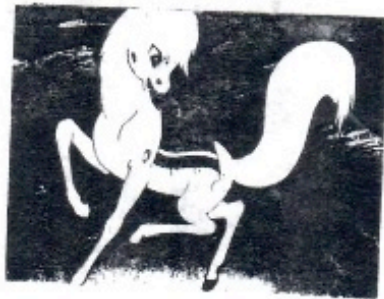
12 noon "The Russian Beauty and the Beast: The Tale of the Crimson Flower." This film will be shown in Franklin-Templeton 210 dubbed into English, and in F-T 211 shown in Russian.

1:00 pm "Rusalka: the Mermaid." Nominated for an Oscar as the best short feature for 1997.

"You're Going to Get It." A series of Russian cartoons similar to the American Roadrunner cartoons with an obnoxious wolf and a nice rabbit.

2:00 pm "The Magic Horse." Shown in English in F-T 210 and in Russian in F-T 211.

3:00 pm "The Twelve Months." Shown in English in F-T 210.





## THE ST. PETERSBURG MUSEUM OF HISTORY PARTICIPATES IN THE RUSSIAN FILM FESTIVAL

**Sunday, November 8**

7:00 pm "Alexander Nevsky."

**Monday, November 9**

7:00 pm Animated Russian Films.

If you missed the showing of "Alexander Nevsky" or the Russian animated films at Eckerd College, or if you would like to see some of them a second time, come to the St. Petersburg Museum of History on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Also of interest to members of Russian Heritage is the current exhibition "**... the things that are God's,**" commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Our exhibit will feature icons and artifacts of the church traditions, and will honor both the historic and the contemporary relationship between our community and the rich culture of Russia.

St. Petersburg Museum of History  
335 Second Avenue N.E.  
894-1052



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Please return this form to:

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.

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

(Or bring this form to the Film Festival, or to the Russian Heritage Booth at the Times Reading Festival at Eckerd College on Sunday, November 8, 1998)

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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Indicate here if you are planning to come to the Gala Russian New Year's Celebration on Friday, January 15, 1999.

\_\_\_ Yes; \_\_\_ No; \_\_\_ Uncertain

