

**2nd Annual “From Russia with Arts  
And Culture” Festival  
At Newton Cultural Center, April 26,27,28**

A three day “From Russia With Arts and Culture” Russian festival, planned with Olesya and Jerry Koenig, From Russia With Art Gallery ([www.fromrussiawithart.org](http://www.fromrussiawithart.org)) and their committee, at the Newton Cultural Center will open with an Art Exhibition, Concert and **Reception on Friday, April 26 from 5-9pm**. The Exhibition which will also be open Saturday and Sunday, features work by leading Boston area and Russian artists.

A concert by Alexander Prokhorov, bass-baritone and opera singers from Commonwealth Lyric Theater presenting the highlights from Rachmaninoff’s masterpiece *Aleko* will be followed by violinist Vera Rubin and pianist Evgenia Semeina. Vera Rubin is the President of the Massachusetts Music Teachers Association and founder of Newton “Roman Totenberg String Competition.” Performing Mussorgsky and Rachmaninoff songs, will be baritone John Spaulding King and professor of New England Conservatory Tatyana Dudochkin, piano. Finally, the young pianist *Seza Kaya* will perform *The Masquerade Waltz* by A. Khachaturian.

Newton Center restaurants Inna’s Kitchen and Café St. Petersburg will generously donate delicacies for the Reception.

Featured artists in the weekend long Exhibition are *Anatoly Dverin, Boris Karafelov, Ekaterina Khromin, Georgy Lapchinsky, Misha Lenn, Irina Makoveeva, Stanislav Nikireyev (1932-2007), Zachar Shapiro, Yelena Sirota, Alexander Vetrov, Vladimir Volosov, Rimma Zaika-Veksler, Jan Zarembo and Alexandr Zavarin.*

**Saturday events** include a discussion by members of the Russian-American Cultural Center of Boston at Russia Wharf of *Louise Catherine Adams (1811-1812)*, daughter of John Quincy Adams, a presentation by Margaret Dyer Coleman, Sally B.Springer and Olesya Koenig about Dutch Delftware and Russian Gzhel pottery *“Is There a Connection?”* Jan Zaremba will demonstrate sumi-e-painting. Russian tea will be served during books presentations with authors, including *Dr. Elena Neva*, art historian and Adj. Prof. of Russian language at BHCC, Boston (5pm.) The evening will conclude with a screening and discussion of award winning Director Mariya Gershteyn’s film *Second Life – Boston* at 5:50pm.

**On Sunday, April 28** from noon–1pm and 3-4pm, *Larisa Dyan* from the Museum of Russian Icons will discuss Matryoshka, Russian dolls “Sweet fairy tale”. At 1:00 PM the dance group “Maslennitsa” will perform Russian folk dances on the big stage in Auditorium. *A fashion show of Boston designer Rimma Zaika-Veksler’s latest clothes and jewelry designs* begins at 1:30pm. The fashion editor and stylist for the show are *Tatyana Kovaleva* and *Naira Zakaryan*.

The day ends with a concert by soprano Yelena Dudochkin, Boston Midsummer Opera accompanied by pianist Alla Kachan, singing Rachmaninoff, Rimsky-Korsakov and Massenet. The “From Russian with Arts and Culture” event is sponsored by the Mayor’s Office for Cultural Affairs and Newton Community Pride with their Platinum Sponsor Cambridge Savings Bank and Gold Sponsors First Commons Bank and Whole Foods Market. Admission is free. Please bring a donation for the Newton Food Pantries. A complete program is available at [www.newtoncommunitypride.org](http://www.newtoncommunitypride.org). Contact phones are 617 796-1540 and 857 253-8421.