

SRF Bulletin

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1. SRF NEWS

A busy start to the new year – put the events in your diaries now! Hope to see lots of you at our **cinema club** tomorrow and the unique **theatrical event** on Saturday.

New Year Quiz: Anniversaries in 2012.

Free 2011-12 SRF membership (for non-members) to the first person who can identify what happened on all these 2012 anniversaries: 1150 years ago, 400 years ago, 300 years ago, 200 years ago (Sept), 135 years ago (Sept), 60 years ago (Oct), and 9 years ago (Feb). Answers to srfnews@scotlandrussiaforum.org

2. SRF EVENTS in JANUARY

Exhibition continues until 28 January: Russian Theatre in Performance.

Photographs by **Ken Reynolds**

Inspired by a performance of the Maly Drama Theatre of St. Petersburg directed by Lev Dodin at the Tramway, Glasgow in 1992. Ken Reynolds has been continuously exploring Russian theatre ever since. From the beginning the desire was to capture the essence, atmosphere, vitality and originality of Russian theatre in performance or dress rehearsal.

Since the turn of the century he has had two major exhibitions in the Bakhrushkin State Theatre Museum in Moscow. The exhibition includes images from the major productions of Dodin, Fokin, Ginkas, Butusov, Kramer, Kozlov, AKHE and others taken in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Edinburgh, Helsinki, Amsterdam, Paris, Weimar, and New York

Wednesday 11 January: Cinema Club. Kin-Dza-Dza! / Кин-дза-дза!

1986, apx 125min. In Russian with English subtitles

Take your average Moscow construction foreman and Georgian student - then teleport them to a desert planet called Pluke in a galaxy called Kin-Dza-Dza, where people occasionally turn into cacti and the humanoid inhabitants possess deceptively advanced technology yet seem only to know two words: 'koo' and 'kew' (one of which is apparently an obscenity). Welcome to the world of Georgi Daneliya's indisputably strange satire from the end of the Soviet era and a decided cult favourite of Russian cinema.

Programme begins at 8:00pm (with an introduction and a discussion to follow)

£1 donation requested (includes snacks!). Scotland-Russia Institute, 9 South College Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9AA

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Saturday 14 January: Theatrical Mini Entourage

SRF presents **Theatrical Mini Entourage** inspired by **Ken Reynolds photo exhibition "Russian Theatre in Performance"** (currently on display in the Institute).

A professional magician and actors will recreate the atmosphere of Russian theatre. Meet bizarre characters, witness mind-blowing magical effects and listen to readings from famous Russian authors.

Come to engage in conversations about the theatre and experience a **Theatrical Mini Entourage** that will culminate in a 'malenkiy' Russian feast and Old New Year celebration! Performers include magician Kevin McMahon and other actors.

7pm, Scotland-Russia Institute, 9 South College St, Edinburgh EH8 9AA. Donations requested - £2 (SRF members), £5 (non-members), payable at the door. Booking essential.

Friday 20 January 2012: Vladimir Nabokov: Sirin to V.N. A talk by Michael Rodgers

A trilingual novelist, poet, dramatist, lecturer, lepidopterist, and tennis tutor, who spent his life in Russia, Europe, America, and then Europe again, Vladimir Nabokov's life was one marked by transition. From his place amongst émigré intellectuals as his alter-ego Sirin, to his later fiction where he intrudes upon the narrative as 'V.N', Nabokov's works are also incredibly tricky and demonstrate a marked preoccupation with self. The talk

aims to elucidate significant factors in Nabokov's life and explore his claim that moving 'from my palatial Russian to the narrow quarters of my English was like moving from one darkened house to another on a starless night during a strike of candlemakers and torchbearers'.

Michael Rodgers is currently finishing his PhD thesis 'A Nietzschean Analysis of Vladimir Nabokov's Fiction' at the University of Strathclyde. He has given several talks on Nabokov, including at the Fourth International Nabokov Conference in St Petersburg. *6.30pm, Scotland-Russia Institute, 9 South College St, Edinburgh EH8 9AA. Donations requested - £2 (SRF members), £5 (non-members), payable at the door. Booking essential.*

Wednesday 25 January: Cinema Club. Mirror / Зеркало

1974, 106min. In Russian with English subtitles

A beautiful evocation of memory, life and loss, and an undisputed masterpiece by its legendary master director Andrei Tarkovsky. Featuring some of the greatest artistry in all of cinema - particularly in its mesmerising interplay between beautifully poetic imagery; the spoken poetry of the director's father, Arseny Tarkovsky; and the music of Artemiev, Bach, Pergolesi and Henry Purcell - he creates a work both intensely personal yet still immediately accessible: as much a dream as it is a film.

Programme begins at 8:00pm (with an introduction and a discussion to follow)

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Thursday 26 January: Чай н Чат

11am, Scotland-Russia Institute, 9 South College St, Edinburgh EH8 9AA

Tel. 0131 668 3635

All welcome to join us for sparkling conversation in Russian and English and delicious cakes. No charge but contributions of cakes and help with washing up appreciated

For events Feb-April see <http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org> (What's On / Events and Exhibitions)

3. OTHER EVENTS

Russian Orthodox services in January

- **Jan – April: Chapel of St Andrew – see**
<http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/resources/Edinburgh+Orthodox+Edinburgh.pdf>
- **January: Orthodox Community of St Nicholas.**
<http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/resources/Dunbane+Dec-Jan+2012.pdf>
- **15 Jan: St Kentigerns will hold Orthodox Liturgy in Edinburgh**

Первая в этом году русская православная Литургия состоится в воскресенье, 15 января, в помещении **немецкой** церкви: 1 Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh EH9 1TW (<http://www.germanchurch.org.uk/edinburgh-map.php>).

Начало Литургии в 10:30 утра, исповедь с 9:30 утра перед Литургией. Пожалуйста, приходите и пригласите ваших друзей и знакомых.

На этом сайте можно найти информацию о (праздничных) службах в других городах Шотландии: <http://kentigern.squarespace.com/schedule-rus/>

26 January: The Princess Dashkova Russian Centre - Research Seminar

Dr Petre Petrov (Princeton University): The generic present in Stalinist discourse.
5:15pm, The Princess Dashkova Russian Centre, 14 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh. Free.

31 January: Film "Khodorkovsky" (2011)

The film tells the drama of Khodorkovsky's Odyssey, all the way from a socialist believer to a perfect capitalist and subsequently becoming the most known Russian prisoner. The film is preceded by a short introductory talk.

111 minutes. In Russian. Free.

5:15pm, The Princess Dashkova Russian Centre, 14 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh

8 February: Erickson Lecture: 'Modernisation in Russia: Things to Come, Things to be Overcome'

Dr. Igor Yurgens, Chairman of Management Board of the Institute for Contemporary Development, Moscow

The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception.

Entrance free but ticketed: tickets will be available at www.eventbrite.com

In association with the Europa Institute and Princess Dashkova Russia Centre

5:15pm, Playfair Library Hall, Old College, The University of Edinburgh

9 February: Putin's Russia? A Mid-Election Round Table

Princess Dashkova Russian Centre in cooperation with the Europa Institute

Chaired by Luke March (University of Edinburgh)

The Parliamentary Elections and Party System (Paul Chaisty, University of Oxford)

The Presidential Elections and the Presidency (Stephen White, University of Glasgow)

Russia-EU Relations Post-Election (Derek Averre, CREES, University of Birmingham)

Followed by reception at the Princess Dashkova Russian Centre

Free.

3-5pm, Edinburgh University, David Hume Tower, Conference Room

16 February: The Dashkova Lecture: 'Bez stali i leni: Aesopian Language and Legitimacy in Discourse'

Professor Irina Sandomirskaia (Södertörn University)

5:15 pm, The Princess Dashkova Russian Centre, 14 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh.

Free.

23 February: Concert - Russkaya Cappella: 'Images of Russia in choral music'

Russkaya Cappella ('the choir that sings Russian music') presents sacred compositions by Bortnyansky, L'vov, Rimsky-Korsakov, Rakhmaninoff, Chesnokov, Gretchaninoff, secular music written by Glinka, Taneyev, Tchaikovsky and others as well as arrangements of folksongs. In the first half the choir will sing a short anthology of some of the finest examples of Russian sacred music, drawn from various seasons of the church calendar. The second half contains images from history, nature and folk celebrations.

7:30pm – 8:45pm, St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Lane, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Entry: £8. Free ticketed admission to students and children under 10

Tickets can be obtained here:

<http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=64>

Other forthcoming Russkaya Cappella performances:

18 March, 3pm: Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow

27 May, 6pm: St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.

<http://russkayacappella.yolasite.com/news-and-concerts.php>

7 March - Doing Business in Russia event in Edinburgh

Very interesting free event from the SDI. We'll send full details to everyone on our business mailing list. If you aren't on that but think you should be let me know!

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March – June: Bolshoi Ballet Season 2012. Live HD transmission direct from the Bolshoi to local cinemas all over Scotland – incl the Cameo Cinema in Edinburgh.

Sunday 11 March: Le Corsaire 4 pm

Sunday 29 April: The Bright Stream 4 pm

Sunday 24 June: Raymonda 4 pm

19-22 April: Russia Week in St Andrews

Student members of St Andrews University Russian Society have some very exciting plans for a Russian Week in April. Provisional programme below - make a note in your diary now! If you have ideas / can offer funding they would love to hear from you.

Contact Rebecca Emerick rae8@st-andrews.ac.uk

Provisional Programme: Further details will be available soon

Mon-Wed 16-18 April: Schools programme (details tbc).

Norstein animation talk

Russian traditional dance show

Russian Language Taster Lessons

Thurs 19 April: Music.

Piano- Prokofiev/Shostakovitch

Eastern European Folk Singing/Russian Choral

Poetry

Tuvan Throat Singing

Friday 20 April: Literature

1. Three Authors in focus- slightly earlier than the evening event

Harvey Pitcher- Chekov

Dr Rosamund Bartlett- Tolstoy

Dr Claire Whitehead/Dr Finer- Pushkin/Dostoevsky/Gogol

2. Friday Evening

Michelle Berdy

Oleg Borushko

Another speaker tbc

Saturday 21 April: Art

Courtauld Institute art experts

The Art of Russia- TV programme by Andrew Graham Dixon

Constructivism - speaker from the Royal Academy exhibition (tbc)

Questions to panel of all speakers, incl Andrew Graham Dixon

Sunday 22 April: Current Affairs

Round One: aspects of Russia

Teresa Cherfas' film, "Grass roots Russia"

(tbc) Angus Roxburgh film

Questions from audience and discussion chaired by Bridget Kendall

Lunch

Round Two: Where is Russia headed?

Angus Roxburgh/Bridget Kendall/Dr John Anderson

Questions from audience

4. MISC ITEMS

24 December – Russian election protest in Edinburgh

A group of Edinburgh Russians and others met on 24 December to support the fair elections protests in Russia. YouTube videos here –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiRQDkwCuSs>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Zm7A8gs1NY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOY1FYZpPIs>

Russian classes in Stirling

A new language school in Stirling offers classes in Russian and Spanish for adults. For Russian contact Galya McIntosh - 07967935892 or courses@thelanguagestudio.co.uk

John Swinney to meet Russian companies in London

The Scottish Finance Minister is due to brief diplomats and invited businessmen on the Scottish economy at the Russian Embassy on 16 January.

(information from an embassy press release)

Russian Studies Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Israel

The Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies is offering for the academic year 2012-2013 postdoctoral and doctoral fellowships for researchers in the field of Russian and East European Studies.

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