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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the West Hollywood City Council and the City's Russian Advisory Board, I would like to invite you to join us for Russian Arts and Culture Month in May 2020. West Hollywood's Russian-speaking community is a cornerstone of the City's cultural and economic foundation and the Russian Arts and Culture Month is a time to celebrate the values, beliefs, identity, and self-expression of our Russian-speaking community.

Two musical events: MaySky Classical Night and Peter Tchaikovsky 180-Year Anniversary will launch a month-long celebration of the Russian Culture in our city. On Saturday, May 9, 2020, the City will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day with a march and ceremony at Plummer Park (7377 Santa Monica Boulevard). Victory in Europe Day is one of the most important Russian holidays, as it marks the end of the Nazi Regime in Germany and is a day of remembrance for the estimated 50 million people who lost their lives during World War II.

On Sunday, May 17, 2020, the City will celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Russian Arts and Culture Festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Plummer Park. The festival is an opportunity for residents and visitors to highlight the visual arts, history, and language of the Russian-speaking community. The festival is free and open to the public. It will include entertainment for adults and children, including music, food vendors, children's activities, Russian crafts and jewelry, and more. The Russian Advisory Board will present three awards in recognition of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have had a positive impact on the Russian-speaking community in the greater West Hollywood area. The presentation will be held at 3 p.m. The festival will culminate with the Annual Gala Concert from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. featuring special guest performances.

We look forward to your participation in this year's events. For additional information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Russian Outreach Coordinator, Tatiana Rodzinek, at (323) 848-6826.

Sincerely,

John D'Amico  
**Mayor**

