



Sophia Loren

As chair of the Russian Arts Foundation's Artists Council, Sophia Loren is in a class all her own. She is a symbol of glamour, style and beauty whose appeal - like the RNO's - is universal. Ms. Loren gives generously of her time and energies to advance the orchestra and its youth programs and international artistic exchanges. "The beauty and sound of the RNO carry me away," says Sophia, "and what it is doing to bring people together is inspiring. It is truly the International Orchestra."

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Special Issue Celebrating the RNO's 10th Anniversary

*Supporting the RNO Around the World
10th Anniversary Tour Highlights*

Timeline

Traveling with the RNO

Concerts and Special Events Coming in 2001-2002

July 2001 finds the Russian National Orchestra back in the Western US for its annual Summer Concert Series, this year with Grove Street Winery as sponsor. (See page 7 for the full schedule.) Highlighting the tour is the residency at Villa Montalvo in Silicon Valley. Two new compositions for the RNO double bass quintet will debut during the residency. These works, by Mikhail Pletnev and David A. Jaffe, were commissioned by Montalvo and the Russian Arts Foundation.

Events during the Summer Concert Series include Gordon Getty's San Francisco dinner for major donors, and a dinner and wine auction hosted by Tower Records founder and CEO Russ Solomon at his Sacramento home. Sponsors and friends will also gather for events in Reno, Lake Tahoe and at Villa Montalvo.

The September 18-26, 2001 donor trip to Russia again combines unprecedented behind-the-scenes tours, private evenings in imperial

palaces and the incomparable music of the RNO. For information contact Martha Bredon, 415.225.4634 or mbredon@pacbell.net

The annual *Imagine* auction will be held on November 10 at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Connoisseurs won't want to miss the opportunity to snap up fine wine and art, exotic trips and unique entertainment packages - and to support programs for children in the US and Russia.

In March, the RNO's sensational chamber ensembles have gala appearances in New York, Washington, DC, Palm Beach and other cities. Enthusiasts can also watch for East Coast expansion of the Summer Concert Series in 2002.

The Autumn 2002 donor trip will be to France, ending in Paris for the RNO's debut at the Théâtre du Châtelet. Alan Grossman has contributed a fabulous collection of rare 1945-1980 Chateau Mouton-Rothschild, which will be featured in special wine dinners during the trip.

Carroll Petrie Receives 2001 Gordon P. Getty Award

Mrs. Carroll Petrie was presented the 2001 Gordon P. Getty Award at Carnegie Hall on February 15.

The evening was part of the Russian National Orchestra's 10th Anniversary Tour, which included a concert at Carnegie Hall sponsored by Troika Dialog Investments, Russia's oldest investment bank. The evening's co-chairs were Pia and Christopher Getty.

The Russian Arts Foundation Gordon P. Getty Award

recognizes persons who make a significant contribution to international understanding through their dedica-

tion to arts, science and culture worldwide. Mrs. Petrie's vision and generous support of leading international cultural organizations is legendary. The Russian Arts Foundation is proud to count Carroll Petrie as a longtime friend and patron, and congratulates her on this recognition.



Tom Ferguson, honoree Carroll Petrie and Gordon Getty at Carnegie Hall, February 15, 2001

Leading philanthropists celebrate the RNO's 10th Anniversary Tour

Richard Colburn's January 31 pre-concert dinner at the Los Angeles Music Center was the first of many special events of the 10th Anniversary US Tour. Patron Mary Ann Pocapalia was the surprise honoree and guests included Florence Thornton, Marc Stern, Virginia Mancini, RNO Associate Conductor Carlo Ponti Jr., and William Funderburk of Stanzler, Funderburk & Castellon. James Armstrong of Austin, Texas was performance sponsor of the Los Angeles concert.

Barbara Roach welcomed patrons to her Piedmont residence for a luncheon before the February 4 Berkeley concert. Guests included Lucy and Fritz Jewett, Tatiana and Serge Sorokko, and Tamami Tsunoda, who flew in from Japan for the

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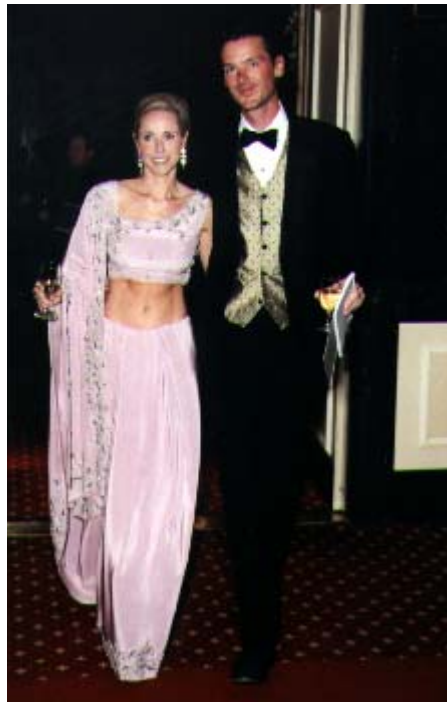
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Oren & Jacquie Michels, Charles & Beth Perrell, Garen & Shari Staglin at Imagine 2000 Committee Dinner. Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



Imagine 2000 Co-Chairs Vanessa & Bill Getty. Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



Richard Colburn, host of U.S. Tour dinner in Los Angeles.



Serge & Tatiana Sorokko with honoree William Fries II at Villa Montalvo 2000 dinner. Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



Lucy & Fritz Jewett attend February 2001 luncheon hosted by Barbara Roach in Piedmont, RNO 10th Anniversary Tour. Photo courtesy of Peg Skorpinski.



Board member John Rydzewski, Barton Gubelmann and Thor Ramsing at patron dinner in London.



Mikhail Pletnev and Sophia Loren. Photo courtesy of Anita & Steve Shevett.



Ann Moller Caen and Ken Rainin at Imagine 2000 Auction. Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



Lord Jacob Rothchild and Barbara Roach at Waddesdon Manor, RNO Endowment Trip, December 2001.

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Decade of RNO Achievement

RNO Website: www.rno.ru

1990

Founded in Moscow during the peak of glasnost. Top musicians from throughout the country join Mikhail Pletnev in Russia's first independent orchestra. Debut concert leads to immediate offer to record Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony for Virgin Classics.

1991

Debut CD wows critics. *Gramophone* calls it "awe-inspiring. Should human beings be able to play like this?" and lists it as best *Pathétique* recording in history. RNO becomes first Russian orchestra to perform at the Vatican and to tour Israel.

1992

Premieres in music capitals around the world. Russian Arts Foundation formed in the US and selects the RNO as its initial project.

1993

First US tour brings the RNO to Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center and 15 other sold-out venues. Contract with prestigious Deutsche Grammophon label signed, a partnership that will produce a series of award-winning recordings.

1994

International Board of prominent multinational executives and public figures formed in Moscow. First Deutsche Grammophon release. *Classic CD* says this recording of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony "has no, and may never have, any serious rivals."

1995

Mikhail Pletnev announces initiative to make the RNO a "multi-conductor orchestra that attracts the leading artists of today." Appearing with the RNO since have been conductors Kent Nagano, Paavo Berglund, Mstislav Rostropovich and Michael Tilson Thomas, and guest artists Wynton Marsalis, Gidon Kremer, Martha Argerich, Gil Shaham and Luciano Pavarotti.

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Troika Dialog CEO Ruben Vardanian, sponsor of 2001 Carnegie Hall concert, with Vladimir Spivakov and Jessye Norman.



Russian National Orchestra



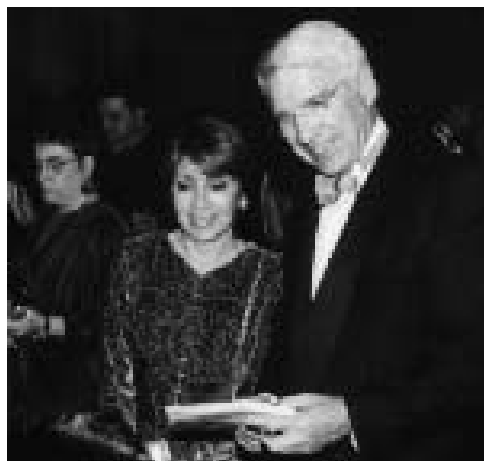
Lady Egremont, Lord Egremont, Kyoko Takeuchi, Alec Cobbe and HRH Prince Michael of Kent listen to Mikhail Pletnev performing on the historic pianos at Hatchlands Park, RNO Endowment Trip, December 2000. Photo courtesy of David Mees.



Mikhail Pletnev and Marimar Torres at Hatchlands Park, December 2000. Photo courtesy of David Mees.



Donald Kendall with Jim Wolfensohn, President of The World Bank and host of Washington, DC dinner honoring the RNO Board, February 2001.



Athena Troxel, sponsor of the RNO's 10th Anniversary concert in Berkeley, with husband Timothy Blackburn.
Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons



Sophia Loren and Pamela Fiori, Editor of Town & Country, at the 10th Anniversary kick-off, Russian Tea Room, New York.
Photo courtesy of Julie Skarratt Photo.



Principal Conductor Vladimir Spivakov.



Board members Diana Kern and Barbara Roach at the opening of the Moscow Season.

1996

RNO opens the Summer Olympics Arts Festival in Atlanta in a concert broadcast on National Public Radio's "Performance Today." Patrons travel to Russia for first annual donor trip.

1997

RNO breaks box office record for a visiting orchestra in one-week residency at Sydney Opera House. Private evening hosted by Sophia Loren a highlight of donor trip to Italy. RNO's new *Magic of Music* program brings the arts into Russia's orphanages and children's hospitals.

1998

Benefactor Gordon Getty feted at New York's Metropolitan Club. More than 300 guests applaud creation of RAF award named in his honor. Second donor trip to Russia features spectacular Volga River cruise. First of a yearly RNO residency in St. Petersburg and appearance as lead orchestra of the city's famed Easter Festival.

1999

Key appointments announced: Vladimir Spivakov as Principal Conductor, Mikhail Pletnev as Conductor Laureate, and Andrey Boreyko, Dmitri Liss and Robert Bachman as Associate Conductors. American Kent Nagano begins multi-year guest conductor affiliation. Summer Concert Series launched with performances at Hollywood Bowl, Silicon Valley's Villa Montalvo Center for the Arts and other Western US venues. Patrons join the RNO on tours of France, Germany and Luxembourg.

2000

Gordon Getty and Richard Colburn make leadership gifts to the RNO Endowment and other commitments soon follow. Maintained in the US by the Russian Arts Foundation, the fund will "preserve the RNO as a precious gem in perpetuity." Lord Jacob Rothschild, Gordon Getty and others host endowment donors on a special trip to London and Madrid.

2001

10th Anniversary World Tour comes to the US for 22 concerts. Summer Concert Series, underwritten by Peter T. Paul and Grove Street Winery, grows to two weeks of performances, outreach and special events in Northern and Southern California and Nevada.



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anniversary festivities. A party honoring the musicians followed the concert. Hosted by the Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation and the Russian Arts Foundation, the event featured RNO private label vodka and a spectacular three-tiered cake topped with a marzipan piano. Russian Consul General Yury V. Popov, attending with his daughters, joined in toasting the RNO for its decade of achievements.

Betty and Dick Hedreen hosted the February 5 dinner and auction celebrating the RNO's Seattle debut. Charles Simonyi of Microsoft and John Schmidt of The Boeing Company, sponsor of the Seattle concert, were among those who attended, along with Linda Nordstrom and Christian Seifert, and Dale Chihuly and Leslie Jackson. Special thanks go to Greg Lill of DeLille Cellars, Mallory Hill and Dennis Foley who helped organize the gala at Benaroya Hall.

New York concert sponsor Troika Dialog Investments hosted special events surrounding the February 15 Carnegie Hall performance. Along with Gordon P. Getty award recipient Carroll Petrie, guests included Jessye Norman, Veronica Hearst, Rick Stierwalt and Lilia Yanark of Orbitex, and Ruben Vardanian of Troika Dialog.

In Washington, DC on February 16, the RNO Board was honored at a dinner hosted by World Bank President James Wolfensohn and his daughter Sara. Attending were representatives of the RNO Board from BP Amoco, ExxonMobil, Chase Manhattan Bank, Cargill, Radisson Hotels, Troika Dialog Investments, Chevron, Ernst & Young, Daimler Chrysler, American Express and Oracle Corporation.

Guests that evening included PepsiCo Chairman Emeritus Donald Kendall and his wife, Bim, and Chevron Overseas President Peter Robertson and his wife, Candy. Also attending were Len and Emily Blavatnik of Access Industries and Tom Thomson, Senior Vice President, The PBN Company and Chairman, RNO Board of Trustees.

10th Anniversary Tour acclaim:

I saw the greatest orchestra in the world play Friday night. If you think that's hyperbole, ask anyone who was in Yardley Hall that night. The Russian National Orchestra is the Rolls-Royce of orchestras. [It] is like nothing we are used to in America, even from our very best.
- The Kansas City Star, February 10, 2001



Jim Wolfensohn with daughter, Sara Wolfensohn, at February 2001 Washington, D.C. dinner.



Robert Miller attends 10th Anniversary kick-off in New York.
Photo courtesy of Anita & Steve Shevett.



Denise Hale and Vanessa Getty at Imagine 2000 Auction, San Francisco.
Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



Honoree Mary Ann Pocapalia with husband Dan at Richard Colburn's U.S. Tour dinner, January 2001.
Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



Rebecca & Roger Emerick at Villa Montalvo Dinner honoring William Fries II.
Photo courtesy of Thomas John Gibbons.



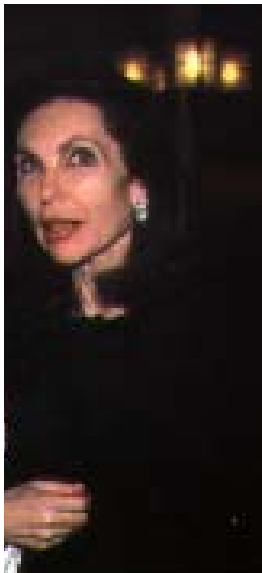
RNO endowment patrons outside the Hotel Ritz, Madrid, December 2000.



George Gund with RNO Chief Executive Sergei Markov during patron trip.



Christopher Getty at 10th Anniversary kick-off, Russian Tea Room, New York. Photo courtesy of Julie Skarratt Photo.



Veronica Hearst at RNO's February 2001 Carnegie Hall concert.



Mikhail Pletnev with Cecile Zilkha at RNO dinner in New York.



Ann & Gordon Getty and Sophia Loren at 10th Anniversary kick-off, Russian Tea Room, New York. Photo courtesy of Julie Skarratt Photo.

**RNO-Grove Street Winery
Summer 2001 Concert Series**
Conducted by RNO Associate Conductor,
Carlo Ponti Jr.

July 14
Tour kick-off dinner and wine tasting at the residence of Gordon Getty, San Francisco

July 19
Dinner and wine auction at the home of Tower Records CEO Russ Solomon, Sacramento

July 20
Concert, Cal State University Sacramento
Information: Cathie Bradley, CJB & Associates, cjbasso@aol.com

July 21
Concert, Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys, CA
Information: 209.728.1251,
www.ironstonevineyards.com

July 22
Concert and benefit auction, Eldorado Hotel Showroom, Reno.
Information and tickets: 775.786.5700

July 23
Magic of Music concert for young audiences, Eldorado Hotel Showroom.
Information and tickets: 775.746.0378

July 23
Concert and gala, Sand Harbor, presented by Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival.
Information: 800.747.4697

July 24
Progressive chamber night, Villa Montalvo Center for the Arts, Saratoga, CA. Information: 408.961.5800,
www.villamontalvo.org

July 25
World Presidents Organization concert and symposium, Villa Montalvo (private event)

July 26
Magic of Music concert for young audiences, Villa Montalvo

July 27
Concert, Villa Montalvo
Information: 408.961.5800,
www.villamontalvo.org

July 29
Concert, California Theater, San Bernardino, presented by San Bernardino Symphony. Information: 909.381.5388,
sb_symphony@eee.org

RAF Board Welcomes New Directors

Joining the RAF International Board in 2001 are John Rydzewski (New York), Diana Kern (Nevada), and Barbara Roach and Mallory Hill (both of California). Each brings a proven commitment to the Foundation's mission and to the Russian National Orchestra.

The new directors have been actively involved as major sponsors of the RNO endowment, patron trips, US tours and the Summer Concert Series, and of the annual *Imagine* auction benefiting the RAF's programs for children. The collective contribution they have already made is impressive and we look forward to their continued support and counsel as valued members of the RAF International Board.

Grove Street Winery Summer Concert Series

With Grove Street Winery as title sponsor and the addition of several new locations, the RNO Summer Concert Series continues to grow. July 2001 debut venues include Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe, Cal State University Sacramento and the historic California Theater in San Bernardino.

Welcoming the RNO back for return engagements are the Eldorado Hotel in Reno, Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, CA and Villa Montalvo in Silicon Valley.

Grove Street Winery is owned by Peter T. Paul, who made a major gift to support the 2001 Summer Concert Series. Located in Healdsburg in Sonoma County, Grove Street has won numerous awards for its ultra-premium chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and merlot wines.

Paul joined the RNO family in 1999 when his partnership made possible the first *Imagine* auction benefiting the children's programs of the Russian Arts Foundation and The Headlands

Foundation. Established by Paul to support projects in San Francisco North Bay counties, The Headlands Foundation makes capital and general operating grants to community projects that positively impact the lives of children and their families. Paul's generosity to the now annual *Imagine* auction continues and he, through his foundation, has made a charitable



Peter T. Paul of Grove Street Winery

contribution to underwrite expenses of the 2001 event that will be held on Saturday, November 10, in San Francisco.

For information about the *Imagine* 2001 Auction, contact Heather Dunfield, dunfield@napanet.net

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