



MPC
Social Services

Sixth Annual

Harvest Ball

Saturday, 15 November 2014

The Ritz-Carlton, Moscow

Program of the Evening



18:30 Champagne Reception & Silent Auction Opens

Musical accompaniment by Victoria Pyrlík and MPC's own
Jacquis Steve Andriamampiarintsoa

20:00 Entertainment and Dinner

Guests will enjoy a three-course menu
and a special performance by Erin Wright
and Jacquis Steve Andriamampiarintsoa

21:15 Live Auction

Christie's auctioneer Hugh Edmeades will preside over the
evening's auction.

22:00 Live Music by ДАЙ ЖА.RU

Featuring Marina Lukyanova (vocalist), Dmitrii Lazeev &
Igor Reznikov (guitar), Slava Velichkovskiy (bass) and
Igor Petrovich (keyboards)

22:15 Silent Auction Closes

22:30 Auction Checkout Begins

00:30 Close of the Harvest Ball

Guests are welcome to continue their evening in the
Ritz-Carlton Hotel bar on the Ground Floor

*Throughout the evening, Hugh Edmeades
will guide us through our program.*

Table Raffle



Ornate three-liter decanter depicting Russia's coat of arms in three dimensions. Russia's state symbols, the two-headed eagle and Saint George, both predate Peter the Great. The crowns above the eagles represent Russia's unity and sovereignty. This ceramic work gives texture and depth to the traditional symbols, setting them in raised relief. The decanter adds Russianness to any room and comes with three liters of Russian Standard Vodka.

Raffle tickets: 1500 RUB per ticket / 5000 RUB for four tickets

Kindly donated by Joseph Rishkofski and Melinda Rishkofski

Live Auction



Lot 1: “The Nutcracker” Ballet for Two and a Park Suite at the Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow

Kindly donated by the Bolshoi Theatre and by Stephen Ansell at the Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow.

Enjoy a performance of “The Nutcracker” by the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet company. The package includes two tsar-quality ground floor tickets for Friday, December 19. On the night of the Bolshoi performance or another weekend of your choice, surround yourself in luxury at the five-star Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow, just steps away from the Bolshoi Theatre. Spend a weekend with your special someone in an exclusive Park Suite. Your accommodation will feature two rooms totaling 70-90 square meters and hot breakfast during your stay. Make your reservation at any point from tonight until 15 November 2015.

Live Auction



Lot 2: "South Island Scene" by Ijen Warner

*Oil on canvas, 80 x 60 cm
Kindly donated by the artist*

Ijen Warner is a self-taught artist who comes originally from New Zealand and has lived in Moscow since 1999. Ms. Warner seeks in her work to capture a sense of place. Her frequent subjects are ordinary streets, especially those in her favorite cities Moscow and Beijing. She takes inspiration from travel, everyday life, and the ever-changing sky above. Ms. Warner had a personal exhibition at the Carnegie Moscow Centre in 2010.

Please visit <http://artrate.org/profile/IjenWarner> to see her portfolio.

Live Auction



Lot 3: "View of Red Square" by Lisa Shukov

*Photograph on canvas, 136 x 96 cm
Kindly donated by the artist*

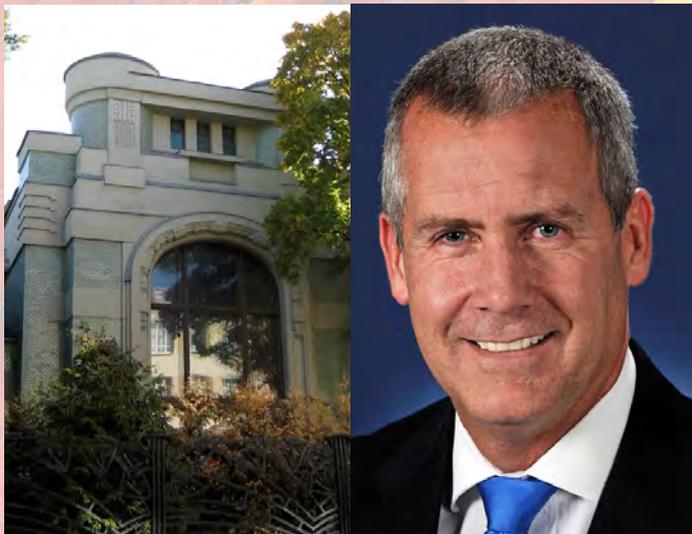
Lisa Shukov is an expat travel photographer who lived in Moscow for eight years before moving to Geneva this summer. This adventurous mother of three enjoys the challenges of living abroad and her passion for photography has led her to find many interesting locations, memorable people, and hidden treasures in the city and beyond.

Her Moscow images are primarily black and white, graphic and edgy as this is the way she sees Moscow. Her love of modern and classic architecture, landscape and street photography come through in her photos, each a unique slice of Moscow life and a wonderful way to remember a truly exciting and dramatic city.

Ms. Shukov has been published in BA Highlife magazine, exhibited throughout Moscow, and over the past six years she has generously donated her canvases and framed prints to countless charity auctions all over Russia.

Her images are available to view at www.lisashukov.com.

Live Auction



Lot 4: Dinner for 10 with Ambassador Paul Myler at the Australian Residence

Kindly donated by Ambassador Paul Myler and Angela Myler

Enjoy a three-course dinner for 10 with Ambassador Myler and his wife Angela at the Australian Residence. The Australian-themed menu will be prepared by Ambassador Myler's personal chef. The Australian Residence, Derozhinsky Mansion, was designed by famed Art Nouveau architect Fyodor Schechtel.

The Dinner will be held on a mutually agreed-upon date.

Australian Residence photo from <http://phoebetaplin.com>. Used with permission from Phoebe Taplin.

Live Auction



Lot 5: "The Winner" by Vadim Kirillov

Bronze, 80 cm tall.

Kindly donated by the artist

The decorative, almost weightless nature of Vadim Kirillov's work balances on the verge of transparency. Sculptures that are traditionally heavy and voluminous appear airy and light, organically fitting in the surrounding modern world.

Mr. Kirillov's resume is vast and impressive. Since his time as an apprentice to the

renowned Soviet sculptor Lev Kerbel, Mr. Kirillov's work has been highly praised for decades. Some of his notable projects include a bas-relief of Roman Ryazansky on the southern façade of the restored Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow, a 200th birthday commemorative monument for the great poet Alexander Pushkin, and a 4.5 meter bronze horseman statue in Sibai.

"The Winner" depicts the heroic tale of Saint George and the dragon. For centuries, the tale has illustrated the triumphal spirit of an ordinary person who rose up to defend his community. The tale features prominently on many coats of arms, including the Moscow flag. Cast in bronze, Mr. Kirillov's interpretation places St. George in a celebratory posture delicately balanced atop the dragon, his horse and spear aligned on a razor's edge.

Live Auction



Lot 6: "Flower of Peace" by Tatyana Zotova

Oil on canvas, 100 x 120 cm.

Kindly donated by the artist

Tatyana Zotova (Gorbasheva) is a doctor with a neurology and psychology background. After working at the Kremlin Hospital for 16 years as the chief of the neurology department, Ms. Zotova now explores the healing power of art. Her artistic inspiration and intuitive painting comes from the soul.

The surrealist work "Flower of Peace" has a large central flower and blue whorls representing a wish for peace, good spirits, and a desire for helping each other. Ms. Zotova highly recommends meditating on the painting!

Live Auction



Lot 7: Antique Wooden Chest by Galina Morozova

Oil on wood, 51 x 40 x 25 cm

Kindly donated by Shona McGrahan

Galina Morozova scours the country for old furniture and breathes new life into it. Inspired by Russia's rich fairytale and folklore heritage, she turns antiques into pieces of art by painting them with oil paint and old Russian writing and symbols. For the final touch, she lines the drawers with fabric in gorgeous patterns.

Ms. Morozova's works are commonly seen in art fairs, private exhibitions, and museums such as the Museum of Moscow History, the Museum of Decorative and Applied Art, the Museum of Folk Art, and the Historical and Architectural Museum of Tsaritsyno. She lives and works in Moscow.

Live Auction



Lot 8: "Domes" by Aurore Créach Paredes

Watercolor on Arches factory paper (380g/m2), 110 x 110 cm

Kindly donated by the artist

Aurore Créach Paredes, the painter of the beautiful Russian golden domes, is a French national who has lived in Moscow for more than ten years. Her contemporary works embody the ancient iconography method of "writing" her spiritual images on large canvases. She typically uses oils, acrylics, mastic, bitumen, and gold leaf: "Domes" is a rare watercolor work. The symbolic use of gold in her composition is quite powerful. Gold is the very last color in the color spectrum. It is the "God" color, the color that floats over and reveals the red color of humanity, which is not surprisingly the very first color in the spectrum. When viewing Ms. Créach Paredes' paintings, everything is reflected and magnified in the gold color. This work will be a treasured addition to your home.

Ms. Créach Paredes is inspired by her life here in Moscow, as well as her deep faith and her five active children. Her works are in private collections worldwide.

Live Auction



Lot 9: Dinner for Two at Turandot

Kindly donated by Andrey Dellos

An absolutely unforgettable experience awaits you at Turandot, described by *JetSetReport* as “one of the most visually dazzling restaurants in the world.” Step into the past with Turandot’s fourteen dramatic rooms decorated with gold, frescoes, marble, and antiques from 18th century French palaces. Every detail was lovingly designed over a six-year period. The culinary experience matches the opulent interior, with the best of European and Pan-Asian dishes complemented by an endless wine list. This is Moscow’s most sought-after place to see and be seen.

Live Auction



Lot 10: South African Photo Safari for Six Days

Kindly donated by Zulu Nyala

A one-of-a-kind vacation in the natural splendor of South Africa's Zulu Nyala Game Reserve. This package for two people includes six days and six nights at the Zulu Nyala Game Lodge, Heritage Safari Lodge, or Tented Safari Camp; three delicious meals per day prepared by the finest international chefs; two game viewing activities per day in open Land Rovers with an experienced ranger; and a personal ranger who will assist you in arranging your activities during your stay. Transport to the game reserve is not included.

This certificate is valid for two years.

Silent Auction Highlights

Over 30 silent auction items and 100 raffle prizes



ART

“Leap of Faith” painting by Harriet Muller

Acrylic on canvas, 60 x 60 cm

Kindly donated by the artist and Helen Watson

After her own life-changing experience, artist Harriet Muller started her Changing Lives project, collecting stories about events that have turned around the lives of people she knows. They are tales of hope and ability to overcome whatever life produces, forming the inspiration for a collection of paintings. Each painting has a corresponding story.



“Leap of Faith” story by Jessi Phoenix

There I stood, on a block 134 metres above a ravine with nothing supporting me apart from a cable and my identity.

What if I jumped? I had come too far now to turn back. Without thinking I leapt into the unknown. A surge of energy rushed through my body – adrenaline, fear, excitement and eventually relief... Finally it dawned on me – I wasn't her. I wasn't her.

I discovered that my fear of heights wasn't my fear. It belonged to someone else: my mother. Realising this has changed my life – always running away from the person I don't want to be when in fact, I don't need to. Bungee jump or no bungee jump, all I need is a new way of seeing.

Silent Auction Highlights



"View in Red Square" and "Sunset over Big Ben" by Jane Hughes

Giclée prints, 21 x 30 cm

Kindly donated by the artist

Jane Hughes came from London to live in Moscow in October 2013, and the first things to be unpacked were the contents of her studio. Mosaic making has been a large part of her life since she took her first lesson ten years ago. Ms. Hughes now works independently on private commissions, helps with community mosaic projects in London, and teaches lessons.

Recently, two of Ms. Hughes' mosaics were selected by the British Association of Modern Mosaics (BAMM) for their yearly exhibition to celebrate mosaic as an art form. The theme was Cities, and "View in Red Square" and "Sunset over Big Ben" made their way over to London for her first showing as an artist.

These giclée prints are on 310 gsm Fine Art Textured Paper and each one is a limited edition. This print-making method has many advantages over other fine art printing methods, as each print is individually produced and carefully inspected by master printers to ensure quality and consistency.

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“Moscow Street” by Ijen Warner

Oil on canvas

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"Rubles and Cupolas" mosaic by Amalia Petroulia-Kitsou

*Glass, coins and tiles on a transparent glass substrate, 23 cm in diameter
Kindly donated by the artist*

Amalia Petroulia-Kitsou is a mosaic artist and instructor who has lived in Moscow for the last four years. She uses various materials including vitreous tiles, glass tiles, china, and coins and creates mosaic works on various surfaces like wood, aluminum, or even Plexiglass. She finds inspiration in architecture, churches, folklore, and everyday life. For this project, Ms. Petroulia-Kitsou creates a beautiful effect by using Russian coins as mosaic tiles.

Silent Auction Highlights



“A Rose in Her Teeth” by Aimee Birnbaum

Color etching

Kindly donated by Teri Lindeberg, Founder and CEO of Staffwell

Aimee Birnbaum is a painter and printmaker with studios in London and Tuscany. Both these places are a great source of inspiration for her. She takes interest in the strange, the uncanny, the magical, and the mysterious. The alchemy of etching fascinates her; she feels there is an unseen force which breathes life into the image.

Ms. Birnbaum was born in New York City and studied at the Boston Museum School of Fine Art before coming to live in London in 1984. She is an Elected Member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolors and is also listed in the 2012 edition of “Who’s Who in Art.” Ms. Birnbaum exhibits her work in the UK, US, Italy, Finland, Germany, Slovenia, and Croatia.

Silent Auction Highlights



"Give Love" painting by Anna Schipper-Cherkasova

Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 50 cm

Kindly donated by the artist

Anna Schipper-Cherkasova studied in the art studios of well-known Polish, Italian, Russian, and Dutch artists. At the same time she developed her own style, which she named "fantasy impressionism".

Ms. Schipper-Cherkasova takes her inspiration from nature, her favourite books, music, human emotions, and the many cultures she has experienced in her travels. Her work was exhibited in Poland, Holland, and now in Russia.

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“Geese Flew Away” by Nikita Pozdnyakov

Oil on cardboard, 49 x 69 cm

Kindly donated by Jelena Bobroussova-Davies, Art Naive Gallery

About the Artist

Nikita Pozdnyakov was born in Omsk in 1987. He started painting at the age of 20 and never received formal training. Mr. Pozdnyakov worked as a janitor, a worker at a slag stone production factory, and a mobile phone shop manager before his current position as a cemetery manager. His favorite subject matter is the landscape of Omsk.

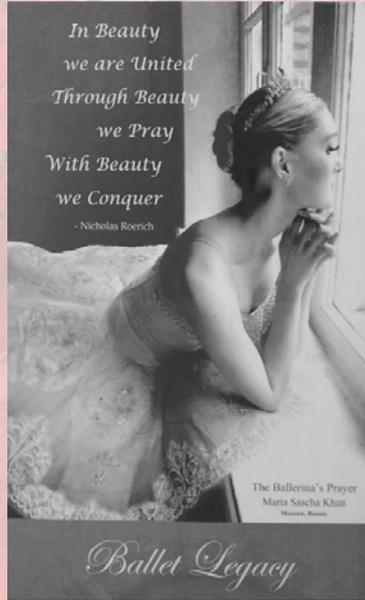
Mr. Pozdnyakov creates a new world that is disturbing and attractive at the same time. It is a fantastic reality featuring religious figures, ghosts, dead politicians, naked people, and dogs, yet his work is full of beauty and poetry.

About the Gallery

Founded in 2008 by Jelena Bobroussova-Davies and Jelena Guschina, Art Naive Gallery is the only gallery in Russia that specializes in naive and outsider art. Art Naive has organized over 100 exhibitions in Russia and abroad. The gallery looks for undiscovered outsider artists and helps them exhibit, publicize, and sell their work.

Please visit www.facebook.com/artnaivegallery to learn more about Art Naive.

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"The Ballerina's Prayer" by Teresa Khan MacKay

Photo print, 28 x 36 cm

Kindly donated by the artist and Youth Arts in Action

Photographed in Moscow, ballerina Maria Sascha Khan has danced around the world as an international guest artist and graced European stages as part of the world's top ballet companies. She is a mentor for Youth Arts in Action and a Gaynor Minden Artist, inspiring and uplifting others through the beauty of ballet!

The mission of Youth Arts in Action is to inspire, educate and sponsor outstanding young artists who have demonstrated an ability to pursue a professional career in the arts. The organization focuses on classical dance and the arts that support it, such as fine arts and music.

Please visit <http://www.youthartsinaction.org> to learn more.

Silent Auction Highlights

GETAWAYS

Night at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Moscow

Kindly donated by Mark Neukomm at the Ritz-Carlton

Discover true comfort at the five-star Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Spend an unforgettable night in a spacious Superior Room featuring a magnificent marble bathroom and a view of Red Square. Make your reservation at any point from tonight until 29 December 2015.

Weekend stay at the Courtyard St. Petersburg Vasilievsky Hotel

Kindly donated by Cornelia Brinkman at the Marriott Hotels in St. Petersburg

Spend a weekend at the Courtyard St. Petersburg Vasilievsky hotel, with its perfect location near the historic city center of Russia's cultural capital. Enjoy the hotel's customer-focused design, upscale accommodation, and impeccable service. This package includes complimentary breakfast. Make your reservation at any point from tonight until 15 November 2015.

Weekend stay at the Renaissance St. Petersburg Baltic Hotel

Kindly donated by Cornelia Brinkman at the Marriott Hotels in St. Petersburg

Enjoy a weekend at the Renaissance St. Petersburg Baltic, one of the finest boutique hotels in St. Petersburg. The hotel is located in the heart of the city, right next to St. Isaac's Cathedral and steps away from the Mariinsky Theatre and the Hermitage Museum. To relax and unwind, visit the fitness center and banya, which is a time-honored Russian tradition perfect for the body and soul. This package includes complimentary breakfast. Make your reservation at any point from tonight until 15 November 2015.

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THEMED BASKETS

Lululemon Women's Fitness Basket

Kindly donated by Peter and Kirsten Layer

Get sweaty in style with this basket of ladies' fitness gear from Lululemon Athletica. This basket includes The Run With Me Reflective Hat, the Run with Me Ear Warmer, and the Evolution Legwarmers to keep you toasty even in the Moscow winter. Stay hydrated with the spill-proof Pure Focus Glass Water Bottle. The Two Times a Yogi bag will hold your workout clothes in style with its wet/dry ventilated compartment, laptop sleeve, and snap to hold your yoga mat in place.

Fat Brain Toys Basket

Kindly donated by Debra Burg

This basket includes a number of adorable, creative, and engaging toys for a child between 1 and 4 years old. The basket itself is a Bilibo, an imaginative toy that can be a tortoise shell, sand toy, swing or spinner, a cradle for dolls and a shell to build in the snow. The basket also includes the card game Swish, a submarine from Green Toys, a Snuggle Pod, construction utensils, and a Tobbles toy, as well as the book Giraffes Can't Dance. All of these are highly rated and sought after gifts that will make a toddler very happy.

American Pantry Basket

Kindly donated by Moscow Women's Bible Study Group

Packs Americana! Taste many of America's most delicious staples in this bountiful basket featuring sweets, treats, and everyday delicacies. Something from this basket is almost certainly found in every American kitchen, but none are easily found in Russia. The basket includes Wheat Thins, Ghirardelli Double Chocolate Brownie Mix and Baking Chips, Goldfish crackers, Brach's candy corn, Oreos, Kraft Macaroni & Cheese, Nestle Dark Chocolate baking chips, Pillsbury Caramel Apple Cake Mix, Ro*Tel, and Hershey's syrup.

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Christmas Basket

Kindly donated by Moscow Women's Bible Study Group

Treasures of Vermont Basket

Kindly donated by Leslie Witt

Lone Star Basket

Kindly donated by Rick Witt

Southern Hospitality Alabama Basket

Kindly donated by Deanna Wetterer

Hot Chocolate Basket

Kindly donated by Debra Burg

Wisconsin Wine and Cheesehead Basket

Kindly donated by Tim and Sandy Koenig

Baking Basket

Kindly donated by Matthew Laferty

Authentic Mexican Basket and Private Dinner for 8

Kindly donated by Ryan Burg, Ruben Flores, and Nicole Carrasco

Silent Auction Highlights



GIFT VOUCHERS

At-Home Whitening Kit

Kindly donated by US Dental Care

Give your smile a Christmas present with US Dental Care's exclusive at-home whitening kit. The procedure is quick and effective, leaving your teeth as many as eight shades lighter. Visit US Dental Care for a free dental consultation, custom-made whitening trays, and professional whitening gel. Please use this certificate by December 31, 2014.

Dinner for 4 and Dinner for 6 at Chicago Prime

Kindly donated by Paul and Kate O'Brien

You are cordially invited to join Chicago Prime for an afternoon, evening, or late night of exceptional cuisine. Rich red oak paneling and warm lighting from custom art deco chandeliers set the tone for a casual yet sophisticated evening. Our impressive menu of prime grade well-marbled steaks and the freshest seafood will spark your dining imagination as our superb wine list awakens your inner sommelier. Our gracious, knowledgeable servers will delight you with their ability to anticipate your every need. Please join us for an amiable lunch, an intimate dinner or a grand soiree in one of our private dining rooms.

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JEWELRY



Necklace And Earring Set; Green Silk Necklace

Handmade by Olya, age 14

Kindly donated by JewelGirls

JewelGirls is an international art therapy program for human trafficking survivors and at-risk girls and women ages 5 to 24. The JewelGirls program is organized in Russia by SafeHouse Foundation. Participants get access to psychological and social assistance as well as financial management, leadership, and life skills training. During workshops, JewelGirls clients produce jewelry which is sold by the organization. 50% of the revenue is paid directly to the jewelry artist and 50% goes back to the organization to support more clients. JewelGirls holds workshops at the MPC Parish Center.

Bronze Pearl Brooch And Earring Set

Handmade by Elena Arlen

Kindly donated by the jeweler

Silent Auction Highlights

DELICACIES

Vintage Collectors' Wines: Two Sets of Three Bottles Each

Kindly donated by Villa Vinifera

Château Villa Vinifera has a glorious 75-year family tradition of quality winemaking. Villa Vinifera creates elite wines exclusively for private clients and wine boutiques. These wines are distinguished by their prestige, elegance, and individuality. Please visit villavinifera.ru to learn more.

Set 1: Mayakovskiy Theatre 90th anniversary collection

This 2008 vintage Mavrud & Rubin wine embodies the artistic and creative spirit of the iconic theatre.

Set 2: Bolshoi Theatre collection

This collection is dedicated to three classic operas: "Carmen," "Ivan the Terrible," and "Giselle." The label, designed by Bolshoi artists, recreates the excitement of the theatre on the night of a premiere. This set of expertly aged Cabernet, Merlot, and Muscat wines was created in a limited batch of 1000 bottles.

Artisanal Cake for a Special Occasion

Kindly donated by Circle of Time Bakery

The Circle of Time Bakery was the Russian winner of the 2013 "Coupe du Monde de la Pâtisserie." This fine bakery is proud to prepare a tiered cake for your next special occasion. Their cakes transcend beauty, providing a truly sensational combination of creative decorations, amazing sugar and caramel flowers, and finely-tuned flavors. This cake will make your special occasion unforgettable.