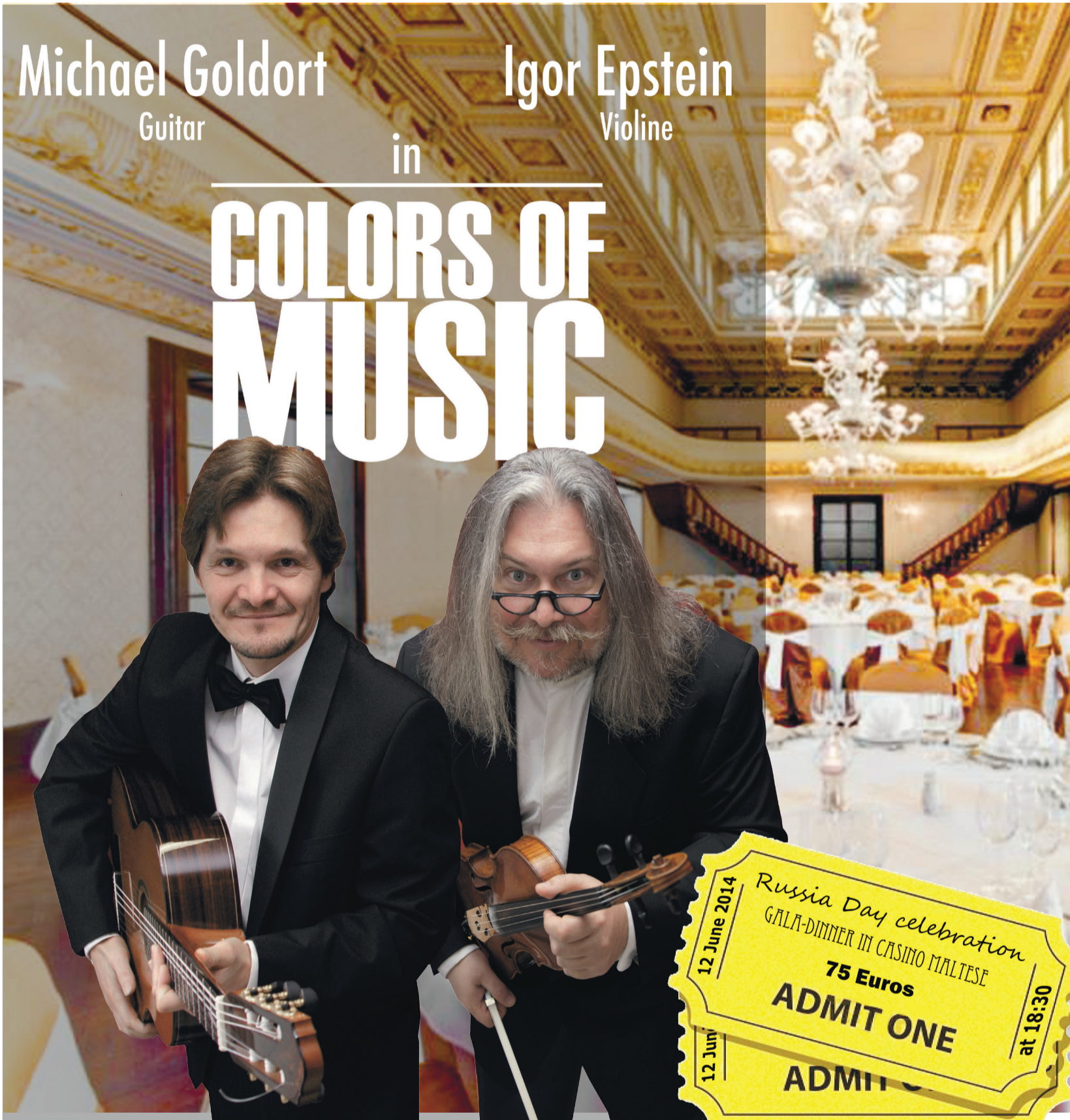


RUSSIAN MALTA

"A healthy criticism from the press is useful for government at any level." (V.Putin)

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Michael Goldort
Guitar

Igor Epstein
Violine

in

COLORS OF MUSIC



12th June Russia Day celebration at 18.30 in Casino Maltese ballroom

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONCERTS

12 JUNE 2014

AT 18.30

RUSSIA DAY
CELEBRATION

ART
EXHIBITION

IN CASINO
MALTESE

(VALLETTA).

DURING RUSSIA DAY
CELEBRATION THE ART
EXHIBITION "THE DEEP
PICTORIAL ART" BY
RENOWNED RUSSIAN
ARTIST ALEXANDER
TELIN SHALL BE
PRESENTED TO THE
GUESTS.



THE CELEBRATION EVENING PROGRAMME SHALL SURPRISE AND GÁTER UN PEU OUR GUESTS BY UNIQUE PERFORMANCE OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST FROM GERMANY - THE ACCLAIMED VIOLINIST IGOR EPSTIEN TOGETHER WITH MICHAEL GOLDORT, WHO SHALL PRESENT THE LIVELY PROGRAMME "COLORS OF

MUSIC". GEORGE CURMI AND YURISHARIGIN (MALTA) SHALL ALSO GREET OUR GUESTS WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE.. THE PRESIDENT OF THE "WOMEN'S PLANET" FOUNDATION SHALL ANNOUNCE THE 12 LADIES-CANDIDATES TO BE MODELS IN THE RUSSIAN-MALTESE CIRCLE CALENDAR 2015.

THE EVENING SHALL CONTINUE WITH THE CHARISMATIC PERFORMANCE OF THE VOCAL GROUP "KALINKA" AND THEN FOLLOWED BY DANCE MUSIC, KARAOKE, SHAMPAGNE.

The venue Casino Maltese has the unique and intriguing history: Originally used as

the treasury of the knights of St. John, today it retains most of its original 16th Century features.

The Reception hall is large and decorated with antique paintings. The Ballroom decorated with Beautiful parquet flooring, carved wooden balconies and crystal candeliers.◆

ECONOMICS

Moscow to host a major festival marking Russian Entrepreneurship Day



Moscow will host over 60 business and official events on Russian Entrepreneurship Day. The I, Entrepreneur business festival, the main event of the upcoming celebrations, will be held at the Flakon Design Factory. The celebrations are sponsored by the Moscow Department of Science, Industrial Policy and Entrepreneurship.

On the day of the festival, the outdoor exhibition grounds of the Flakon Design Factory will be converted into the Small Business Country, with its own constitution, visas and rules for obtaining citizenship. Festival guests can take part in numerous contests and competitions, and can collect special "visas" allowing them eventually to become full-fledged citizens of Small Business Country. Five

thematic areas will be open during the festival. The Smart Business City will focus on human capital, the main factor of creating an innovative economy, ensuring its development and transitioning to a knowledge-based economy. The creation of this site is connected with the fact that intellectual business based on knowledge and high professional competence is developing in Moscow particularly actively.

The Mobile Business City will inform visitors about the new ideology of doing business based on mobility, flexibility and accessibility. This area will deal with the implementation of innovative business models the creation of which is becoming possible through well-developed lines of communication

and infrastructure of the metropolitan city. The Creative Business City will focus on individual creativity, aptitude and talents that make it possible to generate added value and to create jobs. The capital's cultural resources are creating a new image of the modern postindustrial economy, including city blocks for creative individuals, business incubators and co-working concepts.

The Kind Business City will deal with business activity aiming to solve social problems or to mitigate their impact. This area will feature projects combining charity projects and the business community's entrepreneurial initiative.

The Hospitable Business City will present businesses operating in the hospitality industry and

creating comfortable conditions for city residents and tourists in various spheres. While responding to the development of the metropolitan city's urban environment, Moscow's business persons implement projects that create the city's special image. The festival will feature over 60 projects, including mobile co-working concepts, anti-hostels, a workshop of emotions, a cinema for individual relaxation, taxi cabs for people with disabilities and lots more.

The festival's thematic areas will unite representatives of the business community, government agencies, public associations, students and young specialists wishing to try their hand at business operations. Over 4,000 people

are expected to take part in the festival.

Apart from thematic areas, people will be able to visit an exhibition of successful business persons that includes modern and interesting projects being implemented in the capital.

They will also be able to relax in a lounge area and network with other festival participants.

Another informational area called Moscow is a City of Honest Business will invite officials who will tell about the efforts of city departments to establish transparent and partner-like relations with small businesses.

At the end of the festival, entrepreneurs who have made a major contribution to the city's business infrastructure will receive awards. ●

BUSINESSMEN ABOUT MOSCOW'S INVESTMENT POLICY

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During the 10th Goszakaz-2014 All-Russian Forum & Exhibition, Moscow Government Minister and Head of the Department for Economic Policy and Development Maxim Reshetnikov spoke to representatives of the business community about Moscow's investment policy. The round table was also attended by Head of the Department for Competition Policy and Chairman of the Committee for Tenders and Auctions Gennady Dyogtev.

Mr Reshetnikov spoke about the priorities of the city investment strategy and gave examples of their implementation. Among the major achievements, he highlighted the adoption of the Investment Strategy up to 2025 and the launch of the Unified Information Investment Portal.

The Minister also addressed the development of public-private partnership. According

to him, in 2013 and 2014, the amount of contracts concluded in this format totalled \$10 billion. In particular, a number of ambitious projects are being developed by investors, including a northern alternate route to Kutuzovsky Prospekt, City Clinical Hospital No. 63 and some 250 transit hubs.

Mr Reshetnikov noted that the city involves in its initiatives not only large and medium-sized businesses, but also small businesses. Last year, Moscow launched programmes on reduced rent for healthcare facilities.

The Government also announced an initiative to support the interests of Moscow businesses in their interaction with large corporations when developing programmes.

Mr Dyogtev and Mr Reshetnikov answered questions from the participants and proposed holding such meetings on a regular basis. ●



RUSSIA AND MOSCOW SEEN BY FOREIGN ANALYSTS



DEPARTMENT FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MOSCOW GOVERNMENT

POLITICS

Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan Sign Eurasian Union Treaty

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ASTANA, May 29 – The presidents of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan have signed a treaty to create the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), with a target date of January 1, 2015.

The binding treaty is expected to raise the three nations to a higher level of integration. The three countries have committed to guaranteeing the free movement of goods, services, capital and labor as well as the implementation of coordinated policies in key sectors including energy, industry, agriculture and transportation.

The accord was inked during Thursday's session of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council in Astana, Kazakhstan. The council regulates the Eurasian Economic Community created by several former Soviet states in the 1990s.

The agreement will finalize the establishment of the CIS's largest common market, which is slated to become a new economic powerhouse.

Bids from other potential member states were also considered at the meeting, including from Armenia and Kyrgyzstan. The Armenian president today said his country hoped to sign the Eurasian Economic Union Treaty by June 15.

The Eurasian Economic Union was conceived of as an EU-style bloc aimed at promoting integration and free trade between its three member states, Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus, with more countries to follow. ●

EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION TO HELP CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES'

● MINSK, May 30 – Eurasian integration is beneficial for Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan as it will help to improve people's lives, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Friday during a meeting with Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko. "Our colleagues, presidents, had been working hard but we got the result.

Our countries are happy with that. Maybe someone doesn't like it [Eurasian integration] that much but we realize that only by expanding this integration we can reach new levels of economic and national development, and thus improve our citizens' quality of life which is of the utmost importance for any government," he said.

The leaders of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan on Thursday signed the Eurasian Economic Union Treaty in Astana that will enter into force on January 1, 2015.

The treaty is bringing Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus to a higher level of integration, as the three commit to guarantee the free movement of goods, services, capital and labor as well as the implementation of coordinated policies in key sectors, including energy, industry, agriculture and transport. ●

RUSSIAN COOPERATION WITH BEIJING CONSISTENT WITH JAPANESE TIES

TOKYO, May 30 (– Cooperation with Beijing does not contradict relations between Russia and Japan, which Moscow sees as a priority, the speaker of Russia's lower house of parliament told the Nikkei newspaper in an interview Friday.

"The Russian-Japanese relations are extremely important to security guarantees of Russia and the Asia-Pacific region. They do not contradict the Russian-Chinese relations," State Duma Speaker Sergei Naryshkin said.

During President Vladimir Putin's expected visit to Japan this fall, the sides could adopt a joint statement increasing the level of Russian-Japanese cooperation, Naryshkin added. After Japan announced sanctions against Russia in mid-March amid the Ukrainian crisis, many Japanese politicians



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suggested that Moscow would toughen its stance against Japan. In the interview, which comes ahead of Naryshkin's June 2 visit to Japan, he said "dialogue among all the political forces" is the only way to ease tensions, including in Ukraine.

The Japanese government said in late April it will impose additional sanctions against Russia over the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Tokyo said it will deny visas to 23 Russian nationals, including government officials, amid Moscow's "lack of visible action to reduce tensions in Ukraine."

Naryshkin's visit does not contradict the sanctions, as his name is not included on the list, Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said. During his visit, the Duma speaker plans to attend an opening ceremony of a

Russian cultural festival in Japan. Earlier this month, Naryshkin called on Japan's leadership not to succumb to blackmail by the US over the situation in Ukraine.

At the recent St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), President Putin expressed Russia's willingness to negotiate with Japan when asked about his visit to Tokyo. ●

Russia, Slovenian Ministers Discuss Ukrainian Crisis

MOSCOW, May 30 – Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and his Slovenian counterpart Karl Erjavec met on Friday in Moscow to discuss the settlement of the Ukrainian crisis. "Ukraine

is the hottest topic nowadays. We hope for a confidential, honest exchange of views on how to start the fulfilling the principles of the road map drafted by the OSCE's Swiss Presidency as soon as possible. First of all we are talking about the end of violence and the launch of inclusive all-Ukrainian dialogue, including on the issue of constitutional reform," Lavrov said.

The parties will also exchange views on EU issues, he added.

The ongoing clashes between nationalists and federalists in Ukraine's east and south have led to hundreds of deaths in recent months. The violence followed the unconstitutional overthrow of President Viktor Yanukovich in February, which led to the reunification of the Crimean peninsula with Russia. ●

CULTURE

Russian School in Malta (RBSM) Graduation Ball 2014

Albert de Marco



Every beginning has an end but every end presents an opportunity for a new beginning. That is how we at RBSM say to our successful students who will leave to face their exciting future after years of professional preparation. They leave prepared, not only academically but also socially. Everyone has to make choices and our graduates leave with an embedded knowledge and wisdom to make the right ones.

As in every year, we bid farewell to our graduate with a graduation show that shall reside in their memory forever. This year was no exception. Our special guest this year was honour Evarist Bartolo Minister for Education and Employment. The minister congratulated the 30 students and presented them with the certificates. Ironically minister Bartolo was the minister responsible for education when RBSM welcomed its first students in Malta back in 1996.

This was followed by an outside reception with delicious foods and exquisite wines, which enriched the moments that guests used to socialise and take some group photos. It took some effort to get the guests back inside to be entertained by the annual show.

The show was choreographed by Olesya Komarova and preformed by the students. The show included some 15 numbers and crowned by guest star DJ Grebentshikov from Russia.

We at RBSM wish to take the opportunity to thank the parents for trusting us with their children's education and thank the students for being part of the joyful and educational journey of RBSM. We wish you all a future full of prosperity, joy and happiness. ◆

