

# Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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## VI International Summer Festival of Modern Dance *OPEN LOOK*\*

The VI International Summer Festival of Modern Dance *OPEN LOOK* took place in St. Petersburg in July. The Festival presented new international projects: compatible work of American choreographer Riz Jarosloy and troupe of Russian School of jazz-modern dance *Kannon Dance* and brightly, prevocational play *Adam and Adam* compatibly staged by Russian choreographer Nikolay Shetnev and Swedish choreographer Benno Vorama.

Vadim Kasparov, director of *Kannon Dance* school, took part in the Swedish governmental programme *Nordpraktik – New Managers for Russia*. Participation in *OPEN LOOK* of such Swedish dance shows as Jan Astrem (on the photo), Modern Jazz Dance Ensemble, Anna-Karin Larsson, Virpi Pahkinen became the result of the internship.

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\*The reception arranged by the Consulate General of Sweden in St. Petersburg and devoted to the festival was held on 2 July. Organizers of the festival, participants, partners, representatives of the City of St. Petersburg, branch organizations, mass-media as well as representatives of the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg were invited to the reception.

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[www.kannondance.ru](http://www.kannondance.ru)

## Hermitage and Mariinsky Theatre – Cultural Brands of St. Petersburg

According to the research made by the Russian Museum and made public at the round-table discussion *Museums and Problems of Cultural Tourism*, the Hermitage and the Mariinsky Theater are the most famous cultural objects of St. Petersburg.

The Hermitage figures show that one third of tourists in St. Petersburg visit the museum. 68% of them visit the Hermitage for the first time, 16% - for the second, 11% - for the third and more. At the same time, 13% tourists of the Hermitage visit it more than once during their stay in the city.

Nearly 50% of tourists coming to St. Petersburg visit the Hermitage only, 30% - the Hermitage, the Russian Museum and a couple of other large museums, 11% visit the Hermitage and suburbs of the city – Tsarskoe Selo, Peterhof etc. The most active visitors of the Hermitage are the Germans, Americans, French, English and tourists from Scandinavia. Every foreign tourist spends approximately 10-15 USD on buying souvenirs at the museum.

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## Summer Assembly of Regional Business Circles



The Summer Assembly of regional business circles, arranged by the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was held in St. Petersburg on 24 June. Valery Serdukov, Governor of the Leningrad Region, Kirill Poliakov, Chairman of the Leningrad Region Legislative Assembly, vice-governors, chairmen of the Leningrad Region committees and over 500 members of the Chamber took part in the event.

The topic of the Assembly was *Business and Power: From Dialogue to*

*Cooperation*. Rashid Ismagilov, President of the Leningrad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, pointed out main directions, that need intense partnership of business and power: elaboration of the logistic system in the region, preparing regional companies to joining the World Trade Organization (WTO), housing and communal services reform and qualified staff training.

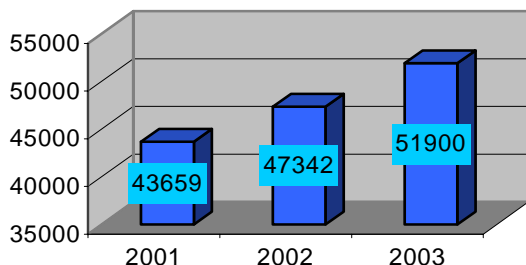
The work of the Chamber now including over 700 members is highly appreciated by Valery Serdukov.



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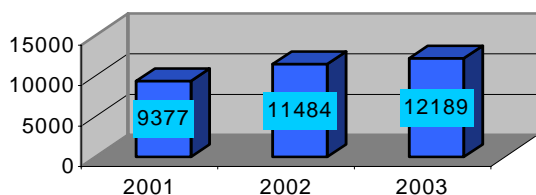
## Leningrad Region. Facts and Figures

**The number of entrepreneurs**



- Currently there are 43 small enterprises per 1000 inhabitants in the Leningrad Region.
- The number of small enterprises increased by 6% last year.
- About 27% of all employees in the sphere of economy work in private sector.

**The number of small enterprises**



### The branch structure of small enterprises in Leningrad Region (as if of 1 October 2003):

#### **By number of enterprises (total – 12.2 thousand)**

- 32% trade and catering
- 26% industry
- 17% construction
- 5% transport and communications
- 17% others

#### **By number of employees (total – 121.2 thousand):**

- 34% industry
- 28% construction
- 22% trade and catering
- 7% transport and communication

#### **By production of goods and services (total – 186864 mln roubles, approximately 644 mln USD)**

- 29% industry
- 27% construction
- 26% trade and catering
- 19% others
- 7% transport and communications

Source: *Nasha vlast: dela i litsa* (Our authorities: activities and personalities), N 4, 2004

## Unified System of Collecting, Removal and Recycling of Household Waste in St. Petersburg



The hearings about the *Unified System of Collecting, Removal and Recycling of Household Waste in St. Petersburg* were arranged by the St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly in July 2004.

According to Alexey Gurnev, Director of the Northwest department of the Federal Center of City Improvement and Waste Recycling, it is impossible to solve the problem of household waste recycling effectively without separate waste collecting. As this field of activities is not attractive for

investors the City itself should undertake expenses for waste recycling. There should be a City law that sets up the structure rates on waste removal and recycling as well as the inflation rate necessary for the indexation.

Mikhail Amosov, Chairman of the Standing Commission on Housing, Construction and Land-surveying of the St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly, considers the hearings to be positive. Special legislation on solid household waste recycling should be elaborated and issues of waste removal should be taken into consideration within the frames of the St. Petersburg budget planning.

Source: Ekho Nedeli (Week's Echo), newsletter issued by the press center of the St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly, 5-11 July 2004



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## Swedish Companies To Build a Waste Recycling Plant in St. Petersburg

A group of Swedish companies, such as *Arcona*, *Semren & Mansson*, *Ogram* and others, is going to build a waste recycling plant in St. Petersburg. The enterprise is supposed to recycle 500 000 tons of solid household waste annually. To implement the project, a new company called *Miljö SPb* was registered in St. Petersburg. Estimated costs of the project are 100-120 million Euros. Construction of the first part is expected to be completed by 2007.

According to the City of St. Petersburg, there is about 10,5 million cubic meters of waste per year in St. Petersburg, including 6,5 million cubic meters of household waste and about 3-4 million cubic meters of industrial waste.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg, 27 July 2004

## Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Will Accept 11% of Untreated Sewage

According to the city water supply company *Vodokanal SPb*, at present 26% of sewage are damped in the Gulf of Finland without purification. Southwest wastewater treatment plant will take in 11% of the untreated sewage. Purification of the other 15% will start just after the main collector of the northern part of St. Petersburg has been built. The completion is planned for 2009.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg, 20 July 2004

## Development of Waste Collecting, Removal and Recycling in St. Petersburg 2004-2006

The City of St. Petersburg has planned following activities on waste collecting, removal and recycling improvement in for 2004-2006:

- construction of new waste recycling plants by budget funds
- reconstruction of the *MPBO* plant in order to increase its waste recycling capacity up to 1,8 million cubic meters per year with non-budget funds
- construction of waste burning plant with the capacity of 1,5 million cubic meters per year by means of private funds



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- providing from the City budget 173 million roubles (approximately 6 million USD) for waste collecting, removal and recycling in 2004-2006

Source: Delovoy Peterburg, 27 July 2004

## Contemporary Technologies and Equipment for Local Manufacturers of Components for Various Industries as Alternative for Imported Components, 9 September 2004



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International Business Cooperation Center (IBCC) *White Nights* has been entrusted by the St. Petersburg Committee on Economic Development, International Policy and Trade to arrange an international seminar *Contemporary Technologies and Equipment for Local Manufacturers of Components for Various Industries as Alternative for Imported Components* on 9 September 2004. The seminar is being held in cooperation with the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry and with the support from a number of foreign Consulates General in St. Petersburg. Foreign Agencies providing guaranties for export credits, European companies-manufacturers of industrial equipment and machinery and developers of modern technologies, European and Russian financial institutions and leasing companies able to assist Russian manufacturers in purchasing of equipment and technologies, as well as various enterprises from St. Petersburg and Northwest Russia are invited to take part in the seminar. The event will take place at the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 9th September 2004.



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