

# Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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## Piano Concerto Devoted to the Nobel Day



On 9 December a piano concerto devoted to the Nobel Day took place at the Museum of Music, Sheremetjev Palace, in St. Petersburg. The masterpieces of Mikhail Glinka, Miliy Balakirev, Sergey Rahmaninov, Edvard Grig, Wilhelm Stenhammer and Wilhelm Peterson-Berger were performed by a Moscow pianist Viktor Ryabchikov on a rare Erard piano made in England in 1830.



The event was organized by the St. Petersburg State Museum of Theatre and Musical Arts and the Museum of Music, Sheremetjev Palace, with the support from the Consulate General of Sweden in St. Petersburg as well as the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg.

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## Museum of Carl Fredric Andersson and Johann-Friederich Lidval



The Museum of Carl Fredric Andersson and Johann-Friederich Lidval was opened in St. Petersburg on 7 December. The initiative was taken by the Partnership of Dwelling Owners at Malaya Konjushennaja, 1-3 B in acknowledgement of the Swedish architects that constructed the house they are living in. The official opening of the museum, which comprises hundreds of exhibit items, was dedicated to the 100-years anniversary of the house construction. In particular, photos of all the buildings constructed by Carl Fredric Andersson in St. Petersburg in 1856-1888 and Johann-Friederich Lidval in St. Petersburg in 1901-1925, as well

as in Stockholm in 1925-1945, were presented to the public.

Among the guests of the official opening ceremony of the museum were the representatives of the Consulate General of Sweden in St. Petersburg, Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg, local authorities and mass media.

A monument to Johann-Friederich Lidval will be unveiled in the yard of the house on 27 May 2006 on the St. Petersburg Day.



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## SPIBA 10th Anniversary General Meeting



St. Petersburg International Business Association for the Northwest Russia (SPIBA) has celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2005. The SPIBA 10th Anniversary General Meeting took place on 16 November at the Konstantinovsky Palace. Over 170 persons representing SPIBA members, partners and guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened by Natalia Kudryavtseva, SPIBA Executive Director, who listed the headlines of articles covering SPIBA functions, achievements and comments on crucial business related issues that had appeared in mass media from 1995 till

2005. SPIBA received congratulations, in particular, from Vladimir Blank, Chairman of the St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade, who presented the letter of recognition "For SPIBA's contribution to the development of partnership between authorities and business".

The full text of the press-release on SPIBA 10th Anniversary General Meeting could be found at <http://www.spiba.spb.ru/doc/20051116-press-release-final-eng.doc>

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## Winter Assembly at the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce



The traditional Winter Assembly of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Leningrad region took place on 9 December. The results of the annual contest Business Developing the Region held by the Leningrad region Executive Board and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, were summarized. Over 600 representatives of the Chamber of Commerce members took part in the event. The visitors were greeted by Rashid Ismagilov, President of the Chamber, Lubov

Sovershaeva, Deputy Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Northwest Russia, and Grigory Dvas, Vice-Governor of the Leningrad region.



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## Pulkovo Bridge Express Airport Coach Services



On 14 December a presentation of the *Pulkovo Bridge Express* project took place at the Pulkovo airport in St. Petersburg. The presentation was opened by Krister Litzell, Director of People Travel Group, May Andersson, Consul General of Sweden in St. Petersburg, Alexey Blinov, Marketing and Sales Director of Scania-Peter Group, Nikolay Konstantinov, Deputy Head of the St. Petersburg Committee on Transport, Ekaterina Goloulina, Deputy Head of the St. Petersburg Committee on Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade, and Alexander Medved, Financial Director of Pulkovo Airport.

People Travel Group launches a programme of airport coach services with the support of the Scania Company. As a result of the project to be completed by 27 May 2006 a passenger will get an opportunity to check in, receive a boarding pass and leave a luggage at the terminal constructed in the center of St. Petersburg on Nevsky prospect. Scania Omni Link busses will take the passengers to the airport regardless of the airline they are traveling with.

People Travel Group has already launched international operations in Russia through its subsidiary SilverTravel and was the first Swedish bus operator to establish services in Moscow.

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## Christmas Inspirations at the National Congress Palace



The Christmas Inspirations concert will take place at the National Congress Palace on 17 December as a part of the project *The Musical Seasons at the Konstantinovsky Palace*. The event is organized by the International Chamber Music Festival *The Palaces of St. Petersburg* and the Konstantinovsky International Fund.

The masterpieces of European and Russian classical music will sound within the precincts of the President's mansion house. Musical Christmas congratulations will be performed by the opera singer Galina Gorchakova, Michael Gantvarg and the chamber company *St. Petersburg Solists*, as well as the chamber choir *Lege Artis*.

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## Snowmen on Nevsky!

50 snowmen marched along the Nevsky prospect on the first day of winter, demanding snow.



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# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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