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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the West Hollywood City Council and the City's Russian Advisory Board, I would like to invite you to join us for our virtual celebration of Russian Arts and Culture Month this May. West Hollywood's Russian-speaking community is a cornerstone of the City's cultural and economic foundation, and the Russian Arts and Culture Month is a time to celebrate the values, beliefs, identity, and self-expression of our Russian-speaking community.

An array of musical events, activities for kids, master classes, virtual tours, concerts, contests, interviews with interesting people and much more will comprise a month-long celebration of the Russian culture in our city. On Sunday, May 9, 2021, the City will commemorate the 76th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Victory in Europe Day is one of the most important Russian holidays, as it marks the end of the Nazi regime in Germany and is a day of remembrance for the estimated 50 million people who lost their lives during World War II.

This year, in May, the City will present its 20th annual celebration of Russian Arts and Culture. The upcoming virtual events are an opportunity for residents and visitors to highlight the visual arts, history, and language of the Russian-speaking community. The program of the events can be viewed at www.weho.org/russian. The Russian Advisory Board will present awards in recognition of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have had a significant impact on the West Hollywood community and surrounding area during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We look forward to your participation in this year's events. For additional information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Russian Outreach Coordinator, Tatiana Rodzinek, at (323) 848-6826 or WeHoRusEvents@weho.org

Sincerely,

Lindsey P. Horvath
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