

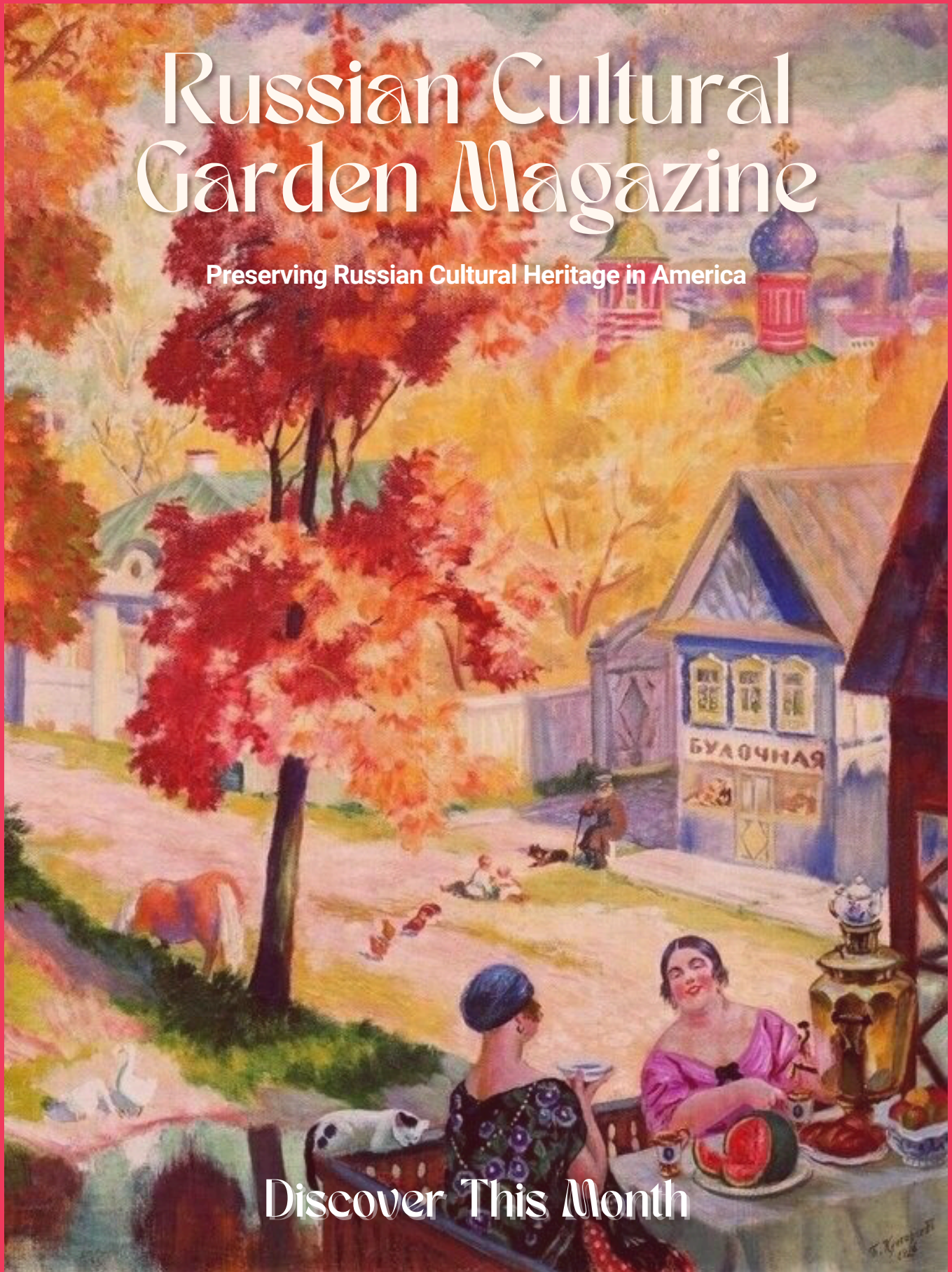
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Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America

Discover This Month



MESSAGE FROM SVETLANA STOLYAROVA

FOUNDER OF RCG

Dear Friends!

If one is to visit Cleveland, it should be in September. The sunny grace of late summer, the festivals, the street concerts—all of this creates the atmosphere of a vibrant, welcoming city. The activists and volunteers of the Russian Cultural Garden have made a significant contribution to shaping this atmosphere. We are proud to have taken part in organizing a remarkable event—the debut concert of the magnificent Russian pianist Polina Osetinskaya, which took place on September 12th at Severance Hall.

Cleveland audiences are accustomed to the greatest names, and musicians consider it an honor to perform before Clevelanders, who have earned the reputation of being an educated, refined, sensitive, and highly discerning public. Polina Osetinskaya was nervous before her concert in Severance Hall's Grand Hall, and with reason: although well known in Russia, Europe, Latin America, and Asia, she had only performed in major U.S. venues such as Carnegie Hall alongside violinist Maxim Vengerov, while her solo concerts had been held in the intimate settings of smaller halls. The main source of her anxiety—and at the same time, the greatest gift to the Cleveland audience—was the very demanding, carefully designed, and meticulously staged program she brought to Cleveland. To perform five works by Bach as a single piece, holding the audience's attention for fifty minutes, is an achievement in itself. And how sensitively, with tears of cleansing and gratitude, the audience received this “unprecedented Bach marathon,” as one attendee called it.

By including in her program technically formidable works by Tchaikovsky, the pianist not only displayed astonishing virtuosity but also paid homage to the great Russian musical tradition, for which we are deeply grateful to the wonderful Polina Osetinskaya. Her performance was met with a standing ovation, flowers, and three encores—something even the seasoned staff of the Hall remarked upon: “We have welcomed the greatest virtuosos of the world at Severance, but three encores—that is truly extraordinary, even for our Hall.” The concert also received glowing reviews from the city's music critics.

I believe that the city's residents and the representatives of the Russian-speaking community will continue to support our future initiatives in bringing the finest musicians of the Russian school to Cleveland audiences. Upcoming plans include a concert by Vadim Repin, musical-literary evenings at the Museum of Art, and concerts by young performers. After all, the mission of the Russian Cultural Garden is to promote Russian culture and present its finest achievements to the people of the United States.

Svetlana Stolyarova

DECEMBER 21ST

**TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN NEW YEAR'S
CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN WITH THE
RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN**



ALL DETAILS COMING NEXT MONTH. STAY TUNED!



WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR SPOKEN ENGLISH, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND HAVE A GREAT TIME? JOIN OUR MULTICULTURAL ESL CLUB OF CLEVELAND, ORGANIZED BY TEACHER TONYA MOHAMED!

CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY – STAY UPDATED ON OUR PAGE:

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THE CLUB INCLUDES:



SPOKEN ENGLISH PRACTICE



SHARING RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCES



BOARD GAMES

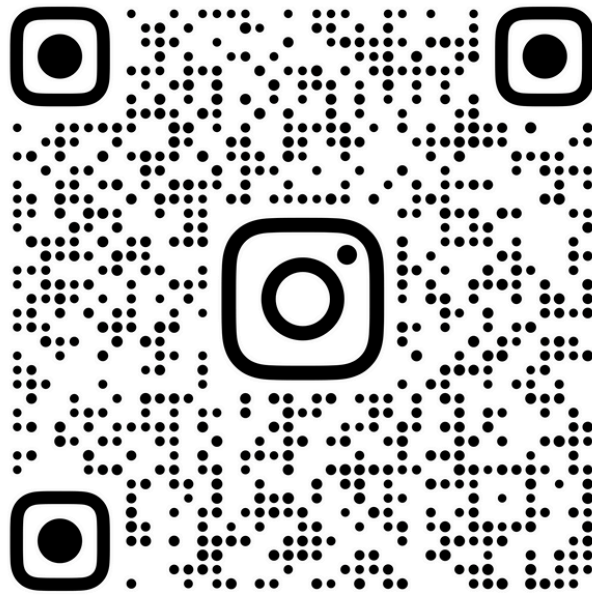


WARM AND FRIENDLY SOCIALIZING

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME – ANY ENGLISH LEVEL, ANY AGE!
COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**WE ARE ON
INSTAGRAM!**

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OPEN AIR MOVIE

FINAL MOVIE NIGHT OF THE SEASON AT THE RUSSIAN GARDEN



On September 19, in the cozy atmosphere of the Russian Cultural Garden, we held the final screening of the season's Open Air Movie Night. Together, we watched the legendary film "Rodnya", enjoyed the fresh fall air, good conversation, and the warmth of friendly company.

Thank you to everyone who spent this evening with us! We are already looking forward to the next season of Open Air Movie Nights—meeting again, watching beloved films, and creating special memories together.





MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2025

On September 20, **Rocky River Public Library** hosted a truly special celebration - the Multicultural Festival. On this day, representatives of different countries and cultures came together to share their heritage through music, dance, traditional costumes, cuisine, and history.

The Russian Cultural Garden was proud to join this vibrant event alongside Kazakhstan, Turkey, Poland, Mexico, Peru, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and many other countries. Each group shared its culture through the language of art, movement, and smiles, creating a unique atmosphere of unity and inspiration.

A special thank you goes to our talented performers. **Aigerim Alibek** and her students presented the audience with graceful and delicate Kazakh dances, filled with beauty and the depth of tradition. **Alena Reshetnikova** and her ensemble "**Paprika Show**" lit up the stage and the hearts of festival guests with their vibrant and joyful performances.

Events like these are a reminder that, despite differences in language and customs, we are united by a love of culture, respect for our roots, and the desire to be together. May there be more and more celebrations of friendship and mutual understanding.



ZODIAC IN SHOCK: WHAT AWAITS IN OCTOBER 2025



ARIES:
OCTOBER WILL PUSH YOU TO ACT FAST, LIKE AN ACTION MOVIE HERO—BUT WITH AN UMBRELLA INSTEAD OF A SWORD. DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOUR IDEAS SUDDENLY FIND SUPPORT IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES.



TAURUS:
A MONTH OF MYSTERIES AND SURPRISES AWAITS YOU. YOU MIGHT SUDDENLY DISCOVER A NEW TALENT—LIKE FINDING EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED IN THE CHAOS FASTER THAN ANY DETECTIVE.



GEMINI:
YOUR MIND WILL BE RUNNING AT COSMIC SPEED. IN OCTOBER, YOU'LL BE LIKE A WI-FI ROUTER: PICKING UP EVERY SIGNAL, EVEN THE STRANGEST ONES, AND SHARING THEM WITH EVERYONE AROUND YOU.



CANCER:
YOU WILL FEEL A SURGE OF MAGICAL ENERGY. YOUR INTUITION AND DREAMS WILL BECOME SO VIVID THAT THEY COULD RIVAL A TAROT READER'S PREDICTIONS.



LEO:
YOUR CHARISMATIC LIGHT WILL BRIGHTEN EVEN THE DARKEST CORNERS OF OCTOBER. PEOPLE WILL BE DRAWN TO YOU FOR INSPIRATION, AND YOU'LL FEEL LIKE THE MAIN CHARACTER IN A MOVIE.



VIRGO:
YOUR PLANS MAY SUDDENLY CHANGE, BUT THAT COULD LEAD TO SOMETHING WONDERFUL. IN OCTOBER, THE STARS ADVISE LEAVING A LITTLE ROOM FOR SPONTANEITY.



LIBRA:
YOUR MONTH! LUCK WILL WINK AT YOU IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS. OCTOBER GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO FEEL LIKE THE CREATOR OF YOUR OWN REALITY.



SCORPIO:
YOU WILL BE MYSTERIOUS AND MAGNETIC. THE WORLD WILL ADJUST TO YOUR RHYTHM, AND SECRETS HIDDEN FROM OTHERS WILL REVEAL THEMSELVES TO YOU.



SAGITTARIUS:
YOUR ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT WILL REACH NEW HORIZONS THIS MONTH. YOU MIGHT FINALLY FIND THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF FOR A LONG TIME.



CAPRICORN:
YOUR INNER STRATEGIST WILL REACH A NEW LEVEL IN OCTOBER. EVEN CHAOS WILL SEEM LIKE A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PATTERN THAT YOU CAN DECIPHER.



AQUARIUS:
IN OCTOBER, YOU WILL FEEL THAT THE WORLD IS FULL OF SIGNS AND HINTS GUIDING YOU TOWARD SOMETHING BIG. THE KEY IS NOT TO MISS THEM AMID THE ROUTINE.



PISCES:
A SPECIAL EMOTIONAL DEPTH AWAITS YOU. YOU WILL SEE BEAUTY WHERE OTHERS SEE DULLNESS, AND YOUR VISION WILL INSPIRE THOSE AROUND YOU.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

VOICES OF THE RUSSIAN GARDEN



**AIGERIM
ALIBEK**

Dear Aigerim, congratulations on your well-deserved title of Volunteer of the Month!

Your energy and love for dance make every celebration at the Russian Cultural Garden vibrant and unforgettable.

You, together with your students, brought joy to the guests at the New Year's Yolka, lit up the stage at Maslenitsa, and added magic to the Children's Day celebration on June 1st with your performances.

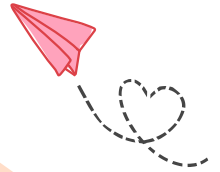
Thank you for your talent, inspiration, and ability to create a festive atmosphere. We are so happy that you are part of our wonderful team!

We wish you new stages, creative ideas, and even more applause!



TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF — WHERE ARE YOU FROM AND WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I am originally from Almaty, Kazakhstan. I have been dancing for over 30 years and also teach flamenco and folk-stage dance. Since 2023, I have served as an ambassador for the Kazakh community in Cleveland. I am married and a mother of two wonderful children. I love traveling and discovering new and interesting places. I am an animal lover, and in my free time, I enjoy knitting.



HOW DID YOUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH OUR GARDEN HAPPEN, AND WHAT WAS IT THAT CAPTURED YOUR HEART?

My first encounter with the Russian Cultural Garden was in 2024, when we prepared a New Year's Yolka for children together. At this celebration, my students—both adults and little ones—also performed. What impressed me most was the atmosphere of openness and support. Here, everyone can be themselves, share ideas, seek inspiration, and receive genuine feedback. It's a rare and special feeling—to be heard and understood, especially in the world of creativity.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU THE MOST IN OUR GARDEN?

I am inspired by the sincerity, the freedom of self-expression, and the energy of people who truly care.

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN!

**LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS IN CLEVELAND? VOLUNTEERING AT THE
RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND
BECOME PART OF A FRIENDLY TEAM!**

**IT DOESN'T REQUIRE A PERMANENT COMMITMENT - YOU CAN HELP
WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME AND DESIRE.**



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WE WELCOME EVERYONE!**

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IF YOU LOVE MUSIC AND
FUN QUIZZES, **YOMAHA**
YOMASHOW IS JUST FOR
YOU!

IT'S AN EXCITING MUSICAL
QUIZ WHERE PARTICIPANTS
GUESS SONGS AND SIMPLY
HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH
FRIENDS.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE
FREQUENT ATTENDEES! WE
COMPETE FOR PRIZES, TAKE
PART IN CONTESTS, AND
SING AT THE TOP OF OUR
LUNGS.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE
NEXT GAME, STAY TUNED
FOR UPDATES AND DON'T
MISS THE CHANCE TO SPEND
AN UNFORGETTABLE
EVENING!



Dear Clevelanders!

The Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland continues its search for a talented **architect** or **landscape designer** to create a design for our grounds. We plan to develop sketches and plans for installing unique installations that will highlight the cultural heritage and beauty of our garden.

If you would like to contribute to the development of the garden or know someone who might be interested, we would be happy to hear from you!

Please contact us by email at: russianguardencle@gmail.com



Let's work together to make the Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland a place that inspires and delights!



DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting and Unusual Facts About October:



The Month of Historical Discoveries

In October 1492, Columbus discovered America, and in 1957, the first artificial satellite, Sputnik-1, was launched. These events became milestones in human history, reshaping the map of the world and ushering in the space age.

The Month of Masquerades and Rituals

Halloween has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when it was believed that the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead blurred. It is from this tradition that the custom of dressing in scary costumes to “trick” evil spirits originated.



Literature Month

Many famous writers were born in October, including Oscar Wilde, Miguel de Cervantes, and Ivan Bunin (by the way, the first Russian Nobel Prize winner in Literature).

Animals Change Their “Wardrobe”

In October, many animals begin to shed and change their coat to a winter color - such as hares and stoats. This helps them better camouflage in the winter forest and survive the harsh cold.

Your support is the future of the Russian-speaking community.

Dear friends,

The Russian Cultural Garden is a place where Russian culture lives: children get to know Pushkin, folk songs fill the air, and we feel like one big family.

With love, our volunteers create a space where people can connect with their roots and pass them on. From flower beds to concerts, everything is done by hand, often using personal resources. The garden needs your support to thrive and grow. Every donation is an investment in **our culture and community**.

Making a contribution is easy:

Send any amount via Zelle to: russianguardencle@gmail.com

In the note, please write: **"Donation for Russian Cultural Garden"**.

Every contribution matters — even the smallest amount makes a big difference.

Thanks to you, culture continues to thrive.



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