

Russian Debutante Ball



LONDON

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With the hugely popular series *War and Peace* on British TV recently, interest in Russian culture and history has never been greater. This year the Russian Debutante Ball returns to London for the fourth year running, in celebration of the shared traditions and cultural links between these two great nations.

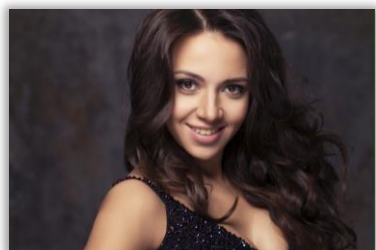
This prestigious and glittering event is taking place on Saturday **19th November** at the five star **Grosvenor House** Hotel in Park Lane, London, and offers world class entertainment and fine dining to over 700 guests jetting in from all over the world.

DEBUTANTES



The most spectacular feature remains the opening ceremony performed by sixty carefully selected debutantes and their partners. They will be allowed to take part in the ceremony once they have perfected their dancing skills and passed the test under the expert eye of choreographer **Leonid Pletnev**, honorary president of the International Dance Union, and former Russian dance master of Kristina Rihanoff.

ENTERTAINMENT



Yulia Mazurova, mezzo-soprano and soloist at the world famous Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, will be one of the star performers - accompanied by highly acclaimed Russian pianist **Alexander Pokidchenko**.

Chamber orchestra **Russian Virtuosi of Europe**, under the baton of acclaimed conductor **Andrey Lebedev**, will provide further musical entertainment. And catering to all tastes, **Len Phillips Big Band** and his 16-piece swing orchestra will take guests back to the jazz age,

while accordionist and BBC Introducing Classical artist **Iosif Purits** will add further variety to the world class musical programme.



GALA DINNER

A specially created menu by Grosvenor House's executive chef will be accompanied by fine Bordeaux wines from the vineyards of the Honorary Consul of Russia in Biarritz Alexandre de Miller de La Cerda and his wife Countess Tolstoy, while generous shots of Ivan the Terrible vodka will delight those with a taste for something stronger.

HH PRINCESS OLGA ROMANOFF - PATRON



Great niece of Tsar Nicholas II, the last tsar of Russia executed with his family in 1918, HH Princess Olga Romanoff has kindly agreed to be patron again of this year's event. She is the daughter of Prince Andrei Alexandrovich and the granddaughter of Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich and Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna.

CHARITY EVENT

The Russian Debutante Ball supports the charity "*Chance For Life*" that provides care for disadvantaged children in Russian orphanages – www.chanceforlife.co.uk – Registration no 1142753.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Russian Debutante Ball is organised by ESM Event Management. The company, founded by Dr Elisabeth Smagin-Melloni, has been staging the most glittering balls in Europe and Russia for the past twelve years. The Viennese Ball in Moscow and the Moscow Ball in Vienna are the longest established ones, and others followed in Kiev, Almaty, Rome, Montreux, Biarritz and more recently in Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic.
