

The Russian Debutante Ball 2016



Honouring the 90th Birthday of HM the Queen Elizabeth II

- PATRON -

Princess Olga Romanoff

- GUESTS OF HONOUR -

Admiral the Rt Hon Baron West of Spithead

and the Lady West

The Russian Debutante Ball will be celebrating the historical and cultural links between Russia and Great Britain, and in particular in 2016, year of the 90th birthday of HM the Queen Elisabeth II.

And what better location for this glittering ball to take place than in the Great Ballroom of The Grosvenor House, once an ice skating rink where Queen Elizabeth learnt to ice skate as a little girl?

Stellar Musical Performances

Now in its fourth consecutive year in London, the Russian Debutante Ball will take place on **19th November 2016**, and will be an even more spectacular event than in previous years.

The legendary opening ceremony performed by sixty debutantes and their partners - choreographed by **Leonid Pletnev**, Honorary President of the International Dance Union and former Russian dance master of *Strictly Come Dancing* star Kristina Rihanoff – will be introduced by a unique musical performance never seen before in London.

Award-winning Russian violinist **Yury Revich** will be playing on a **Stradivarius** - one of the few surviving legendary 18th c violins worth in excess of £3 million – while **Maria Yakovleva**, prima ballerina of the **Vienna State Opera**, will perform the famous ballet *The Dying Swan*.

Soprano **Yulia Mazurova**, soloist at **The Bolshoi Theatre**, is amongst other world class performers who will entertain the guests during this magical evening.

Admiral Lord West, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the British Home Office and his wife the **Lady West** will again attend this year as our guests of honour, having enormously enjoyed the ball last year.



Champagne & Caviar Reception and Gala Dinner

Before the much awaited opening ceremony, guests will be treated to the best Russian black caviar by **Mottra** and French champagne during a glitzy reception. Menu for the gala dinner, specially created by Grosvenor House's executive chef, will be accompanied by fine wines, 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 this year. Her great grandmother **Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia** and HM the Queen Elizabeth II's great grandmother **Queen Alexandra of Great Britain**, were sisters and Danish royal princesses.

Princess Olga Romanoff is at present writing her memoirs scheduled to be published in 2017 to coincide with the centenary anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

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.
- **Mottra** produces the purest **caviar** – a combination of old Russian traditions and modern ecologically sustainable farming methods. Caviar from Riga has been served in the Royal Courts of Europe since the 17th c. www.mottra.eu
- **Ivan The Terrible vodka** is a traditional style luxury vodka from Russia. Its smooth finish comes from a carefully balanced formula of the finest grain spirit, natural spring water and delicate infusions of Siberian cedar nuts and wild buckwheat honey. www.ivantheterriblevodka.co.uk

