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Press Release: CRA 50th Anniversary Gala Banquet

Congress of Russian Americans (CRA) announces its 50th Anniversary commemorative gala banquet, exhibits, silent auction, concert and dinner with a no-host bar and dancing to live music to be held on Friday, September 22, 2023, at the Russian Center of San Francisco with a presentation of CRA's history, humanitarian aid programs and projects throughout 50 years since its founding. CRA will also honor and induct several outstanding Russian Americans who contributed to the United States in culture and music to the CRA Hall of Fame.

Founded in 1973, CRA, a nationwide non-profit organization, headquartered in San Francisco, CA, with chapters and members throughout the US, has been the recognized voice of Russian Americans in the US for the past 50 years. The main objectives of CRA are to preserve the Russian spiritual and cultural heritage in the US and to pass it on to the next generation; to defend the interests of Russian Americans and to foster their participation in the social life of the US; to combat Russophobia through cultural diplomacy and enable the development of friendly relations between the US and Russia.

We hope to bring together our Russian American organizations, teachers, scholars, cultural, historical, business activists, community leaders and youth representatives, as well as many of our CRA members from throughout the US. The event will provide an opportunity to meet other community and business leaders from the different cities and states of America, as well as other countries to discuss common interests and concerns, capitalize on the experience of other Russian Americans and to exchange information and network, with a focus on preserving our shared history, our youth and educational programs, as well as future cultural, business and economic prospects.

A portion of the funds raised will go towards CRA humanitarian programs to aid handicapped, underprivileged, needy and orphaned children. This year, especially, the need for family support for refugees, both Russian and Ukrainian, will be of momentous importance. We hope to work with some of our previous partner organizations, such as Russian Children's Benevolent Society, Russian Children's Welfare Society, Russian American Women's League and others, as well as miscellaneous youth and educational programs in support of humanitarian aid and to continue preserving the Russian language, cultural, spiritual and historical heritage for our youth in the United States.

Pre-Registration will be mandatory and all participants, including media, must register before September 10, 2023. For registration and information, contact the CRA office at crahq.sf@gmail.com or telephone 1-415-928-5841 and leave a message with callback information. CRA members receive a discount when all member dues are paid before September 1. For more information, visit the CRA website at www.russian-americans.org.

For sponsorship and/or advertising opportunities in the program brochure, please contact CRA at cra50gala@gmail.com.

We thank you for your interest and support and look forward to your participation at the 50th anniversary gala banquet of the Congress of Russian Americans.

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