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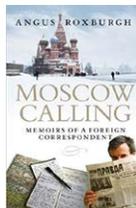


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SRF NEWS



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**RUSSIAN
FILM
WEEK**



8 Nov - Russia: Past and Future

6pm, NLS Kelvin Hall, Glasgow

Former BBC and 'Sunday Times' Moscow correspondent Angus Roxburgh will talk about his new book "Moscow Calling", a memoir of 45 years' studying and working in Russia, and look at the legacy of communism and Russia's place in the world today. In conversation with 'Sunday Herald' foreign editor David Pratt.

A National Library of Scotland and [Cable Dialogues](#) event, in association with the Scotland-Russia Forum. Free. Still places left - book on [Eventbrite](#).

[Review of the book](#) in the *Scotsman* by SRF member Vin Arthey.

What is the present state of Russian studies in Scotland?

Russian studies has been established in Scotland for a century so Cable Magazine asked the SRF's Jenny Carr to bring them up to date with the situation today in an article published in their October issue: <https://www.cablemagazine.scot/one-hundred-years-of-russian-what-next/>. Does anyone have an answer to the question at the end?

What is the SRF doing about it?

Offering a Russian taster to any school which requests it (latest was Liberton School where I recently addressed an audience of students from S1 to S6 during their annual books week, well behaved despite the week's theme this year "Revolution"); speaking to teachers (SALT conference next week); and planning to follow up and repeat the very successful schools workshop we held at Glasgow University in September - starting with the addition of Russian, Polish and Czech materials to the "For Learners" part of our [website](#). Other languages to follow I hope.

Russian Film Week in Edinburgh 21-25 November

Russian Film Week is getting closer and we are promised details of the films to be shown very soon. Keep an eye on our [Films page](#). The programme is being organised by the Dashkova Centre and Russian Film Week with publicity support from the SRF. We are excited that the Week will begin with a screening of "The Seagull" by [StageRussia](#) and hope to see more StageRussia screenings in Scotland in future.

Чай н Чат / Chai n Chat

The organisers of our monthly conversation group have asked me to remind you that they now meet at [Cafe de la Poste](#) in a **downstairs room**. Details on <https://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/social.html>. Next meeting 2 November, 11am. New members always very welcome.



A listing of events from or about Russia and her neighbours.

Please check www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/whatson.html in between these bulletins for changes - the listings are updated all the time.

Scotland

Church services: [details](#) of Orthodox (Russian, Romanian and Georgian) and Ukrainian services in Scotland

4 August-26 November: [Shadows of War: Roger Fenton's Photographs of the Crimea, 1855](#). Edinburgh

3 October: [100 Years of Russian Music: an introduction](#). 10 week course. Edinburgh

12-28 October: [Brothers Karamazov](#). Tron Theatre, Glasgow

27-29 October: [Representing Revolution: Russia in 1917](#). Films, Dumfries

28 October: [1917-2017: 100 years since the Russian Revolution](#). Edinburgh

29 October: [Tchaikovsky's lolanta - concert performance](#). Glasgow

30 October: Discussion about *Shadows of War* [In Conversation with Alan Little](#). Edinburgh

2 November: [Чай н Чат \(Chai n Chat\)](#). Edinburgh. **SRF event**

2 November: [Russian Music and Poetry: an evening with Vera Pavlova](#). Edinburgh

3 November: [Taras Kuzio - Putin's War on Ukraine](#). Edinburgh

6 November: [British architects, landscape designers and gardeners in Russia](#). Edinburgh

6-24 November: [The Winner Takes It All: Exhibition](#). Edinburgh

8 November: [Russia: Past and future](#). Glasgow. **SRF event**

10-11 November: [Rethinking Soviet Legacies](#). Glasgow
14-20 November: [Frank Kane - Expanding our Voices in Georgian Singing](#). Findhorn
15 November: [Estonian Ambassador: Setting Your Own Agenda in the World](#). Edinburgh
11 November: [Malkhaz Erkvanidze - Georgian singing workshop](#). Edinburgh
21-25 November: [Russian Film Week in Edinburgh](#).
30 Nov, 3 Dec: [Kozukhin plays Tchaikovsky](#). Glasgow, Edinburgh
3 December: [By the Law](#). Filmhouse. Edinburgh
3 December: [Prokofiev's The Fiery Angel - concert performance](#). Glasgow
7 December: [Чай и Чат \(Chai n Chat\)](#). Edinburgh. **SRF event**
18 Jan - 22 March: [Russian literature courses from Edinburgh University Open Learning \(Term 2\)](#). Edinburgh
25 February: [From Russia With Love - concert performance](#). Glasgow
23-25 March: [Frank Kane - Georgian singing workshop](#). Edinburgh
19 April - 17 May: [Russian literature courses from Edinburgh University Open Learning \(Term 3\)](#). Edinburgh
6 May: [Rachmaninov's Aleko and Francesca Da Rimini - concert performance](#). Glasgow
May-August: [Soyuz spacecraft on display at the National Museum of Scotland](#).
 Edinburgh

outside Scotland

Regular events in London and nearby:

[ARCC](#) (Anglo Russian culture club), [Arbuzz](#), [CamRuSS](#) (Cambridge), [Dash Arts](#), [GB-Russia Society lectures](#), [Open Russia Club](#), [Pryamaya Rech](#), [Pushkin House](#), [RBCC business networking events \(London and Russia\)](#), SCRSS, Stonehill House Russian Days (Abingdon), Ukrainian events in London

Events all over the UK:

Many art and cultural events are listed by [Russian Art and Culture](#).

14 Sept-14 January 2018: [Scythians. Warriors of ancient Siberia](#). British Museum exhibition. London
2 November: [30th Annual Georgian Studies Day](#). University of Westminster, London
2-3 November: [Russian outside Russia: The Challenges of Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language outside the Language Environment](#). Conference organised by the RLC at Pushkin House, London
2-26 November: [The Bathhouse](#). Calder Bookshop Theatre, London
4-5 November: [Russia's Revolutionary Century 1917-2017](#). UCL SSEES / Open Russia. London
10 Oct-4 Feb 2018: [Ilya and Emilia Kabakov](#). Tate Modern, London
14 Oct - 11 Feb 2018: [Two "Russia Season" exhibitions - "Royal Faberge" and "Radical Russia"](#). Sainsbury Centre, UEA, Norwich
8 Nov-18 Feb 2018: [Red Star Over Russia](#). Tate Modern, London
10 Nov: [Conference on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia](#). BEARR Trust, London
19-26 November: [Russian Film Week](#). London, Cambridge, Oxford, Warwick and Edinburgh.



NOTICES

Solovki exhibition on the Glasgow Uni website

A reminder that Andrea Gullotta's virtual exhibition "Beauty in Hell: Culture in the Gulag" is now on gla.ac.uk/beautyinhell. This was very briefly mentioned in last month's bulletin - hence "reminder".

The exhibition is devoted to the Solovki prison camp and the cultural resistance of its inmates. It is the result of a collaborative effort with The Hunterian Museum and Russian partners (mainly Memorial, but also state institutions such as the Museum of the History of the Gulag). The exhibition displays unpublished documents from Russian archives, and includes prisoners' paintings, theatre photographs, a selection of literary texts composed by the prisoners (with audio recordings in Russian and English) and some historical documents such as the personal file of Naftalii Frenkel', the camp's guide prepared by the prisoner Vladimir Zotov for his fiancée and the photo album created by camp administration as a gift for Gor'kii, Stalin and Kirov.

Cable Magazine - a new Scottish international affairs journal

Cable Magazine is an exciting new online magazine and events organiser which published its first issue in July 2017. We were delighted to join with them on the Angus Roxburgh event in Glasgow on 8 Nov and contributed an article to the Oct issue of the magazine (details of both in [SRF News](#) above).

[Check them out](#) - and if you would like to contribute an article or know of an event that might interest them contact the editor on editor@cablemagazine.scot.

Estonian ambassador in Edinburgh 15 November

Newly appointed Ambassador Tiina Intelmann will give a lecture exploring what Estonia has called its Digital EU Presidency, building on the country's reputation as a pioneering e-State. Ms Intelmann will also address topics including cybersecurity and government accountability, where Estonia has been at the forefront. Drawing on a wealth of diplomatic expertise, the Ambassador will reflect on how Estonia engages on the international stage. [Book here](#).

What do local Russians think about Brexit?

A Journalism MA student at Edinburgh Napier University, and former student of Russian at Edinburgh Uni, would like to interview Russians in Scotland about their thoughts on the impact of Brexit on UK - Russian relations. Email info@scotlandrussiaforum.org if you would like to be interviewed and I will pass your details to the student.

Russia in 1917

A member has asked me to draw your attention to the very interesting [Project 1917.com](#), a day to day account of what people were writing etc in the fashion of social media had it been available at the time. Apologies for not doing so much earlier.

Vodka is good for you

Researchers from the Universities of Liverpool and London have proved that alcohol (in moderation NB) can help you speak a foreign language more fluently and with better pronunciation. So you weren't imagining it. [The Independent, 19 Oct 2017](#).

How can you support the Scotland-Russia Forum?

The SRF works to improve understanding of Russia and her neighbours in Scotland. We are a voluntary organisation and an educational charity (reg.no. SC038728).

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