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BUILDING BRIDGES



Slavyanka's mission and has been building bridges of understanding between Russians and Americans for more than 35 years. Inset below: Artistic Director **Irina Shachneva** poses with the chorus. *Photos by Lorraine Gabbert*

San Jose resident Irina Shachneva shines as Slavyanka's Artistic Director

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

With great emotion, the voices of the Slavyanka Russian Chorus rang out filling the First Lutheran Church in Palo Alto under the direction of San Jose resident Irina Shachneva.

Slavyanka's performance entitled "Reaching Towards Heaven: Sacred Hymns and Songs of Hope from Russia and America," lifted the hearts and spirits of the audience and performers alike. Artistic Director Shachneva shone as chorale conductor, joining in an emotive dance with the singers, evoking their soaring vocals.

With sweeping arms and heartfelt expression, Shachneva led the choir's buoyant voices. Shachneva says she conveys her feelings and how the music speaks to her through her hands. "I never keep anything inside," she says. "I give everything I am to these people and the music."

Shachneva has worked as a musician, director and teacher for more than 25 years. When she became Artistic Director of the Slavyanka Russian Chorus in 2012, it was a men's choir. With the addition of the

women singers, the vocals grew richer in tone and range.

Working as an artistic director and conductor is hard work and a process of learning, she says. "I have to consider the composer, analyze and interpret the music and teach them how to sing to reach this level. I have to be emotionally strong and control pitch and technique. There are things that can't be explained by words; it's the beauty and energy of the performance. Magic happens that can never be exactly repeated."

Slavyanka is the name early 19th century Russian settlers gave the Russian River. Like the river, the a cappella choir's sound flows with vibrancy, strength and purpose. While singing, the bodies of the vocalists rise to meet Shachneva's energy, their voices resonating in harmony.

The chorus' repertoire included songs sung in Russian, English and both, ranging from Orthodox Christian hymns and 18th century Russian kants to folk songs and spirituals. Sometimes ethereal like "Abide with Me" and sometimes a celebration of life like "Vive L'Amour" or

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CREATIVE KIDS SHINE AT DANCIN' ON THE AVENUE

Though it was a tough assignment, winners were selected for an art contest held Saturday June 18 in "The Kids Court" at "Dancin' on the Avenue" in downtown Willow Glen. Many worthy entries were received, and they were scrutinized by a variety of notable judges. Congratulations to the winners!



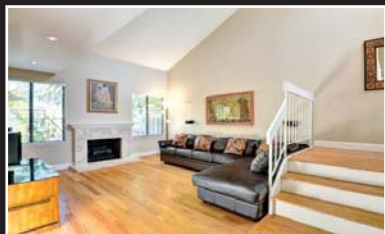
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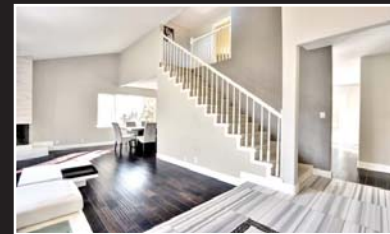
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Chorus

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hopeful like "Somewhere" from West Side Story, the songs started out softly and built with power as the singers sang. In a "Cossack Medley," the men expressed the Cossack's love of freedom and their fearlessness. With deep resonant voices, the soloists led the charge, singing and stomping their feet, and before long, Shachneva joined in. She chose to include "Shenandoah" after seeing the beauty of America on her family's cross-country move from Boston. "I chose pieces that touch my heart," she says.

Although the choir sings many of their songs in Russian transliteration, it remains an additional challenge beyond learning the music. "It amazes me," says Shachneva. "Why do people want to learn to move their tongues in a strange language? It's the power of Russian music, especially spiritual music calling to their hearts and souls."

Shachneva is proud of Slavyanka's diversity as well as its accomplishments: The choir is made up of people of all ages, religions and ethnicities. "Music can bring people together," she says. "It's a light from the heart." Uniting different kinds of people is Slavyanka's mission and it has been building bridges of understanding between Russians and Americans for more than 35 years. "When our governments are at odds, that's when we most need voices to remind us of what we share," notes Slavyanka's website.

As 'Ambassadors of Peace,' Slavyanka is representing America at St. Petersburg's finest concert hall celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in October. They are raising \$12,000 to offset travel expenses for singers who may otherwise be unable to go. To donate online visit their website: www.slavyankachorus.org, or mail a check made out to: Slavyanka Russian Chorus to their treasurer, Tom Warrington at 128 H Lane, Novato, CA 94945.

Past performances include Rachmaninov's "All-Night Vigil" sung in the Russian liturgical tradition at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral and a collection of sacred music sung at the Museum of Russian Icons in Boston. In 2014, Shachneva conducted the first Bay Area International Russian Music Festival, held in Berkeley.

Slavyanka's next concert will be held at The Star of the Sea Catholic Church in San Francisco on July 23, and will include Russian food. Slavyanka invites Bay Area residents to "hear music they have never heard before and discover a whole world of spirit and feeling well beyond their familiar experience."

Looking back

Shachneva was born in the old town of Pemca, Russia to Valentina and Serafim Shachneva. She sang in a children's choir at an early age and attended music school through eighth grade. Since a teen in Russia, Shachneva hoped to become a choral conductor. She received her Bachelor of Music from Penza Music College and a Master of Music from Nizhny Novgorod State Conservatory.

At age 19, the music industry brought her to the little town of Dubna, which boasts six music schools and is home to the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research. "It's a beautiful place with a forest near the Volga River," she says, "filled with scientists and intelligent people who care about their education." It was there that she met her husband, Peter Kulinich, a nuclear physicist.

Upon completing her studies, Shachneva was invited to serve as choirmaster and teacher in the Dubna children's choir studio. At age 26, she founded and was the first artistic director of the Municipal Choral School, Rhapsodie, based on her own philosophy and approach to music. She taught piano, music theory and chorale singing. Within a year, her nine- and ten-year-old students showed such promise that she brought them to perform in Bulgaria. They also toured in France, Poland and Russia.

When in 1994, her husband's new job at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology took them and their young son, Yakov, to the Boston area, Irina had to start over. "I came from another country and had to learn a new language," she says. "It was hard to find a job being a foreigner. I was kind of depressed and isolated."

She decided to continue her education at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, taking three years of conducting classes. There she met Tamara Brooks, Head of the Conducting Department, who invited her to work as a guest conductor of the Conservatory choir. Leading the choir in a performance of Alfred Schnittke's "Requiem" was a dream come true for Shachneva. "Schnittke has a very special style of composing," she says. "When I was in my first year at the Conservatory in Russia, he worked with us and we performed his music. His personality and high level of spirituality deeply affected me." Eighteen years later, at age 33, rather than singing to his music, Shachneva conducted his piece at Jordan Hall in Boston.

"Thank God, I met Tamara Brooks," says Shachneva. "She helped me to continue with music."

In addition, Shachneva acted as guest conductor of the Jordan Hall Festival Chorus and the Plymouth Festival Chorus. She also

worked as an organist, pianist and conductor while Music Director at Mt. Calvary Church in Acton, MA, where she led its choir and orchestra in performing pieces by Bach, Faure and Mozart. The ensemble performed at the International Music Festival in Wurzburg, Germany in 2011.

Shachneva founded and became Artistic Director of the International Rachmaninoff Russian Music Festival in Boston in 2010. Its success led to an invitation to perform at the International Choral Festival celebrating the 450th anniversary of St. Basil's Cathedral on Red Square.

In 2011, her husband's work with Rapiscan Systems brought their family to San Jose. With the births of their sons, Daniel, Anton and Michael, they were now a family of six. "It was like a second emigration and an even harder move from our previous one," says Shachneva. "I left everything I established there: friends, jobs and students to come to California where I didn't know anyone."

Shachneva started a new life for the third time, raising her sons

and teaching piano, theory and voice at Avloni Academy of Music in Saratoga and Pacific Music Academy in San Jose, as well as teaching music from her home. Shachneva still loves teaching piano, voice and music theory to children as well as adults from her home studio.

Shachneva says that Slavyanka is "a close-knit family of wonderful people coming together with new ideas." In the future, she'd like to create additional interesting programs and take Slavyanka to the highest level, challenging them to become even better singers.

"I just love music," says Shachneva. "I love to think about it and create it. The interpretation and performance... the beauty of the music speaks through you and that's what's driven me for years, that emotional satisfaction." With Slavyanka, a group she says is moved by their hearts, she's found her home.

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The reduction lowered the excise tax rate from 30 cents to 27.8 cents per gallon for the 2016-17 fiscal year, effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

"California requires the BOE to adopt a revenue-neutral excise tax rate for each fiscal year, and when the selling price of gasoline falls, we are legally obligated to reduce the excise tax accordingly," said Chair-woman Ma. "This is a mathematical formality and not a policy matter within the discretion of the Board."

Gas prices up locally; down nationally

Average retail gasoline prices in San Jose have risen 3.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.93/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy.com's daily survey of 427 gas outlets in San Jose.

While local gas prices have risen, the national average that has fallen 2.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.31/g. Including the change in gas prices in San Jose during the past week, prices yesterday were 44.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 6.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

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Cambrian Carousel eligible for landmark status

The historic evaluation of the Cambrian Park Plaza Carousel is complete, making the iconic "Merry-Go-Round" sign eligible as a permanent Santa Clara County historic landmark.

The 50 plus year-old carousel is a unique example of Roadside Vernacular architecture and retains sufficient integrity to convey its historic identity.

"This is great news," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager. "Because the shopping center is under new ownership, I was heartened to learn that any future development will preserve the carousel, which is part of our community's heritage."

With the evaluation done, the County's Historical Heritage Commission can now consider a historic recommendation at their next meeting on July 21. Their recommendation will go to the Board of Supervisors for a final vote in August.

The report finds that the Cambrian Park Plaza was first constructed in 1953 during a period of profound change in the Santa Clara Valley. Until the end of World War II, most of



the surrounding area was planted with orchards. With the return of many US servicemen, suburban neighborhoods began to replace these farms and the City of San Jose grew from 17 to 137 square miles during this period.

"While this action confirms what many who grew up with the revolving sign already knew, the report is a necessary step towards protecting the carousel as a Santa Clara County historic landmark," added Supervisor Yeager. "Though change in our region is inevitable, I believe it's important to protect the landmarks that make our communities unique and hold memories for all of us."

The Cambrian Park Plaza's merry-go-round sign embodies the distinctive characteristics of American architecture at that time. "With its whimsical kinetic sculpture depicting a carousel in motion, the unique sign is an eye-catching example of Roadside Vernacular architecture," said the report.

Furthermore, the report concludes, "The carousel sign is one of the largest and most distinctive signs designed within this context (no other local examples are known to incorporate mechanical moving parts). It is also an important monument for the Cambrian neighborhood, which lacks a downtown business district and other traditional landmarks for wayfinding and community identity."

JetSuiteX introduces Montana Service at San Jose Airport

Want to explore Montana? Here's your chance.

New public charter service JetSuiteX is introduced seasonal June-September service between San Jose, CA and Bozeman, MT starting this week.

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County supervisor outlines recent investments and initiatives to benefit the community

By Ken Yeager

Special to the Times

Support for disabled athletes

Power Soccer is the first competitive team sport designed and developed specifically for power wheelchair users. These participants include persons with quadriplegia, multiple sclerosis, and other disabilities.

I have proposed funding that will provide the San Jose Power Soccer program with two specialized wheelchairs to be shared among its three teams. The wheelchairs will

help the athletes improve their skills and become more competitive against the other teams they face who are currently utilizing this equipment.

Health and wellness for local seniors

Bay Area Older Adults (BAO) provides 3,000 seniors in the County with physical activities, lifelong learning, nutrition, health and social support programs. These programs ensure the physical and emotional needs of seniors are addressed early to prevent future ill-

nesses and stabilize existing chronic diseases.

I have proposed funding for BAO's Healthy Living Programs that will make up for other sources of financial support that are no longer viable. This will provide local seniors with uninterrupted access to the services they need and enjoy, such as hiking activities, health education, and more.

Investments in community health solutions

In order to continue providing residents with some of the best

healthcare services in the country, the County Public Health Department must be able to bring in experts and foster innovative ideas and approaches. I am proposing that the County fund two cutting edge health conferences in the coming year for this purpose.

The Healthy Innovative Practices Conference will bring together diverse leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to create and share innovative solutions to complex health challenges facing our communities.

The Healthy Cities Conference will bring together local city leaders and recipients of Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) project grants from the 2015 "Healthy Cities Forum" to leverage these diverse partnerships and achieve organizational and policy solutions to address pre-diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Funding for childcare services

Due to its recent merger with the San Francisco branch of the United Way, the United Way of Silicon Valley will not be awarding new grants to local nonprofits after June 30th. This is an effective cut to over two-dozen local nonprofits, including many of whom provide critical childcare and family support services.

Two of these organizations, San Jose Day Nursery and Estrella Family Services, are vulnerable and in need of financial support to continue serving local families. I have proposed funding for these organizations that will go a long way towards securing access to affordable childcare and early education for low-income families.

Support for LGBTQ youth

The County always strives to more be competent and comprehensive in providing outreach and services to LGBTQ residents. One of the region's primary centers for LGBTQ youth, the LGBTQ Youth Space in San Jose, needs critical funding to continue providing programs and services for youth ages 16-25.

The funding I have proposed for the Youth Space will allow it to continue offering peer mentoring services, outpatient counseling, skills for independent living, access to community resources, and engagement opportunities. By investing in this organization, we are ensuring that local LGBTQ youth have a safe, supportive environment in which they can

grow and connect for years to come.

Healthy Food Incentive Grocery Project

Last year, I was proud to lead the creation of the the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone (UAIZ) program in the unincorporated County. It provides tax breaks for landowners who use vacant, unimproved, or blighted lands for small-scale agricultural production and animal husbandry with the goal of expanding residents' access to healthy, affordable food in urban areas. I am proud to announce

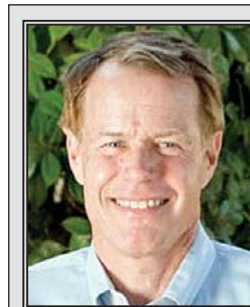
that the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) will further this goal with the upcoming launch of its Healthy Food Incentive Grocery Project.

The project will provide matching funds on grocery store purchases of local fruits and vegetables by families and individuals participating in the CalFresh program. For example, a shopper who spends \$10 of CalFresh benefits on California-grown fruits and vegetables at participating stores will get an extra \$10 to spend on any fresh produce in the store. This integration of healthy food incentives into the CalFresh program will help make produce more affordable for low-income residents and increase the economic viability of our local agricultural economy.

SPUR is leading the project in coalition with the County's Social Services Agency, Public Health Department, FIRST 5, and Second Harvest Food Bank.

Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Fair Food Network, and John Snow Inc. Since securing a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help make fruits and vegetables more affordable and accessible in the County, SPUR and its partners have worked to secure a list of participating grocery stores for the project, with the goal of launching it later this summer.

I am excited to see this project build upon my efforts to expand access to affordable, healthy food in the County.



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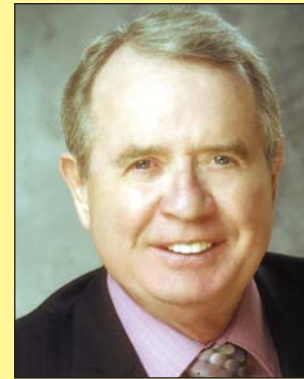
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Friday April 29
7 a.m. Royal Hours
3:30 p.m. Descent from the Cross
7 p.m. Lamentation Service
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
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Memory of an educator

By Terry Denevan

Special to the Times

Teacher and administrator, Norman Carter of Saratoga, passed away June 9th.

While teaching 5th grade for the Santa Clara Unified School District, he earned his Masters degree at San Jose State and an Administrative Credential from Stanford University. Norman worked his way from teacher to principal, to Coordinator of Curriculum and the Director of Elementary Education. He retired in 1992, completing 36 years in the same school district.

In the spring of 1996, the Board of Education appointed three retired principals to bring order to a school experiencing major administrative problems. Tranquility followed.

I vividly remember Mr. Carter's first day as one of those short-term school administrators.

That morning, he and I stood on the sidewalk between the office and the parking lot. In a quiet voice, Mr. Carter said, "Houston, we have a problem."

Children arriving by car were let off at the curb in front of the office. Most drivers turned their engine off, then got out, came around the opposite side, and following a quick hug and kiss, helped one or more children exit. The time-consuming process was then reversed and the parent drove away from the morning's lingering congestion.

As a result of this routine, cars overflowed the parking lot and driveway. Drivers were backed up onto Scott Boulevard and into rush-hour traffic.

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Within minutes the backup had dissipated and there were a lot of smiles, mostly from parents.

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A friend for 50 years, I miss Norm Carter.

Terry Denevan is a retired teacher of 37 years and a local writer.

San Jose business tax may be initiated to avoid ballot measure

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo is proposing a plan to increase the city's business tax. While most businesses reject the proposal, the tax would likely be less costly than a proposed ballot measure.

The business tax has not been updated for the past 30 years, so Professor Scot Meyers-Lipton filed a ballot initiative earlier this year that would remove a \$25,000 a year cap and tie business tax to

gross receipts.

Revenue, the initiative author suggested, would pay for police, fire and road repairs. But wait a minute, didn't voters just pass Measure B to take care of these basics.

Business groups say the ballot measure is a jobs killer, especially after the recent stock market crash and the slowing global economy.

The city plan would raise business tax revenue from \$12 million to \$25 million starting next year.

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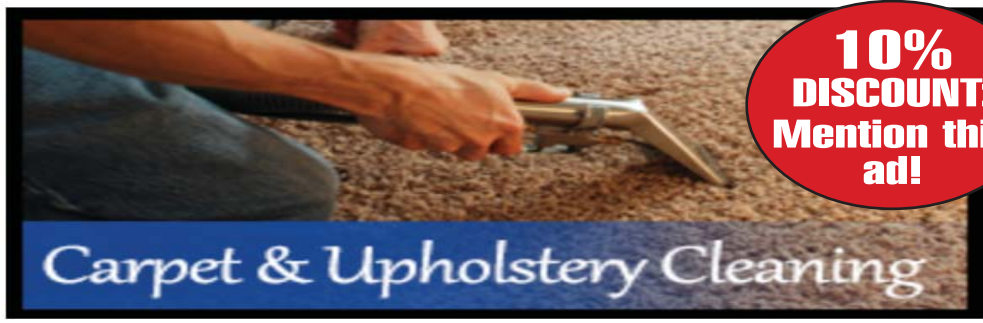
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