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
REPORT





**DANCERS FROM THE  
JOFFREY BALLET ACADEMY  
PERFORM A PIECE FROM  
SERGEI PROKOFIEV'S  
CINDERELLA**

COMMITTEE:

 **MOSCOW**

SISTER CITY SINCE: 1997

CHICAGO MOSCOW

DISTANCE  
FROM  
CHICAGO:

4,977  
MILES

8,008  
KILOMETERS

## RUSSIA DAY

Honoring the National Holiday of the Russian Federation



DATE:

**JUNE 14, 2012**



**ABOVE:**

Moscow Committee Co-Chair Prince Piotr Galitzine, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States Sergey I. Kislyak and Moscow Committee Co-Chair Aleksandra Efimova

On June 14, the Moscow Committee of CSCI hosted more than 250 guests to celebrate Russia Day at a black-tie gala at the Chicago Cultural Center. The event honored Russia's national holiday, which is celebrated on June 12 and commemorates the day when the Russian Parliament formally declared sovereignty over Russia in 1990.

His Excellency Sergey I. Kislyak, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States, delivered a keynote speech that highlighted the importance of strengthening the relationship between the United States and Russia.

In honor of Russia Day, the Moscow Committee also organized a day-long broadcast featuring Russian music on WFMT and presented a Russian language story time for children. Donations were given to the Campanella Children's Choir and to several Russian and American World War II veterans.