

THE JAZZ EXCHANGE PROJECT

From October 7 to October 19, Portland will play host to the first-ever “jazz exchange” between the Rose City and Khabarovsk, Russia.

Presented by Portland Khabarovsk Sister City Association (PKSCA) in conjunction with several community partners, including Portland State University & Mount Hood Community College, the Jazz Exchange Project will bring jazz instructors and students from Khabarovsk Territorial (Krai) College of Arts (KKCA) to Portland for a goodwill visit.

The Khabarovsk delegagion is led by renowned jazz saxophonist Vyacheslav Zakharov, recipient of Russia’s highest musical honor: the “People’s Artist of Russia.” His colleagues include noted drummer Valerie Khusainov, Director of the jazz faculty at KKCA, and veteran pianist Ilya Lushnikov . They will be accompanied on the visit by three of their students, guitarist Dimitri Tyan, vocalists Ekatrina Blednix and Lyubov Fadeeva.

In addition to meeting with cultural and civic leaders, the students and faculty from Khabarovsk will present performances, workshops and community events, visit area K-12 schools, community colleges and universities, and interact with Portland’s jazz community through jam sessions and informal events.

Scheduled Public events include:

Musical Open House

What: The Department of Music at PSU is holding an open house in the newly renovated Lincoln Hall. The public is cordially invited to tour music spaces, hear performances and attend lightening lectures. The Khabarovsk jazz artists will appear as part of a performance by PSU Jazz Faculty from Noon-1 pm in Lincoln Hall 75 on the PSU Campus.

When: October 9th 12 noon to 1 pm

Where: Lincoln Hall, 1620 SW Park Ave Portland OR

Cost: Free

For more information, email grantd@pdx.edu or call 503-725-5828

Radio Interview with saxophonist Vyacheslav Zakharov and pianist Andre Kitaev

What: At 2:30 PM on October 12th, will join Portland pianist and Russian émigré for a live on-air interview with KMHD radio host Marcia Hocker on Portland’s jazz radio station 89.1 KMHD.

When: October 12th 2:30 to 3:15 PM

Where KMHD Jazz Radio 89.1

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“JazzNost: From Russia with Love”

What: Leroy Vinnegar Jazz Institute (LVJI) & Portland Khabarovsk Sister City Association present The Khabarovsk All-Stars in performance at Jimmy Maks. The Khabarovsk faculty and students will be joined by PSU professor Darrell Grant, PSU faculty and students in a jazz-inspired meeting of East and West.

When: October 12th 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Where: Jimmy Maks 300 NW 10th Ave Portland, OR 97209

Cost: \$3.00 cover charge

For more information, email grantd@pdx.edu or call (503) 295-6542

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About PKSCA

The Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association (PKSCA) was formed June 10, 1988 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to foster international friendship through cultural & educational exchange and to facilitate social & economic ties between the citizens of our two communities. PKSCA has undertaken a wide variety of projects over the past 20 years, working with their Russian partners on issues of public safety, healthcare, environmental protection, music and graphic arts, public education and youth programs.

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