

MARIINSKY ROMANOV EGG PRESENTATION 2013



What an amazing trip we had to St Petersburg as part of the celebrations for the 400th Anniversary of the Romanov Dynasty.

Flying to St Petersburg non-stop with British Airways, our group of guests arrived in the sunshine to enjoy a week of pleasures, visiting the palaces and sights of St Petersburg.

For some the highlight of the week was the presentation by Philip Birkenstein, chairman of the St Petersburg Collection, of the Mariinsky Romanov Egg by Theo Fabergé.



The presentation took place in the Mariinsky palace, the Legislative Assembly of St Petersburg. The Mariinsky Palace is not generally open to the public but is probably one of the most wonderful palaces within the city of St Petersburg. The palace is mostly white and gold.

The presentation took place very formally with the Chairman and other members of the Legislative sitting on one side of the round table and Philip Birkenstein and members of the tour sitting on the other side.

The Press were there in volume with seven film crews and a host of reporters crowding around the room. Speeches were made Russian style and eventually the Chairman Mr Makarov joined Philip Birkenstein to formally unveil the creation and accept this historical creation from the St Petersburg Collection.



This Egg will be on permanent display within the Halls of Mariinsky Palace.

On receipt of the Egg Mr Makarov presented Philip Birkenstein a 'Citation' for his 20 years of promoting the city of St Petersburg as well as the fundraising for Tsarskoye Selo.



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The Chairman of Legislative Assembly, St. Petersburg
To the Chairman of "St.Petersburg Collection. Creations of Theo Faberge"
Mr. Philip Birkenstein

St.Petersburg, July, 26, 2013

Dear Mr.Birkenstein!

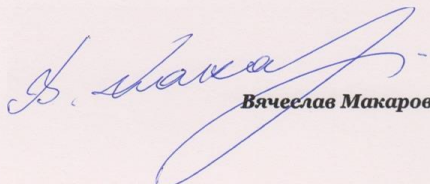
On behalf of the Legislative Assembly of St.Petersburg I wholeheartedly thank You for your active long-term participation in the cultural life of our city, assistance in conservation and popularization of its historical heritage.

For more than twenty years You, a true connoisseur of Russian culture have been carrying out Your noble mission supporting and developing St.Petersburg museums, including such park and palace preserves as "Tsarskoe Selo", "Peterhof", "Pavlovsk" and others, to which You made gifts of priceless creations of great Theo Faberge, comprising now the famous "St.Petersburg Collection". I can't but mention the gratifying fact that after selling exclusive copies of Theo Faberge creations some money, you suggested, is transferred to the museums of our city to be used for necessary expensive restoration work.

St.Petersburg museums and palaces, including Mariinsky Palace - the residence of the Legislative Assembly, are grateful for a great number of valuable rarities which increase their popularity among admirers of Russian art both in our country and abroad.

Welcoming You on the Days of Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the House of Romanovs we consider You to be a sincere friend of St Petersburg and hope that our useful bilateral cooperation will continue. We wish you many successful years of creativity and new accomplishments in Your noble activities.

The Chairman of Legislative Assembly


Вячеслав Макаров



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Санкт-Петербург, 26 июля 2013 года

Уважаемый господин Биркенштейн!

От имени Законодательного Собрания Санкт-Петербурга сердечно благодарю Вас за многолетнее активное участие в культурной жизни нашего города, содействие сохранению и популяризации его исторического наследия.

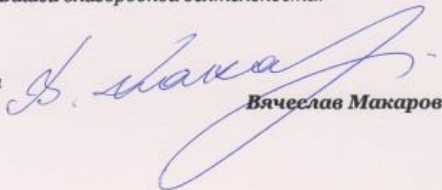
Вот уже более двадцати лет Вы, истинный знаток и ценитель русской культуры, исполняете свою благородную миссию по поддержке и развитию петербургских музеев, включая музеи-заповедники «Царское Село», «Петергоф», «Павловск» и иные, которым Вы передали в дар бесценные произведения работы великого Тео Фаберже, составившие знаменитую ныне «Санкт-Петербургскую коллекцию».

Не могу не отметить тот отрадный факт, что часть средств от продаж эксклюзивных копий указанных ювелирных изделий по Вашему предложению направляется на проведение необходимых и дорогостоящих реставрационных работ в музеях нашего города.

Коллекции музеев и дворцов Санкт-Петербурга, в том числе, и Марининского дворца – резиденции Законодательного Собрания, обязаны Вам многими ценнейшими предметами, раритетами, приумножающими их славу среди поклонников русского искусства как в нашей стране, так и за рубежом.

Приветствуя Вас в дни празднования 400-летия Дома Романовых, мы принимаем Вас как искреннего друга Санкт-Петербурга и в надежде на продолжение нашего доброго сотрудничества желаем Вам творческого долголетия и новых свершений в Вашей благородной деятельности.

**Председатель
Законодательного Собрания
Санкт-Петербурга**


Вячеслав Макаров

Through Philip Birkenstein, St Petersburg Collection and collectors of Theo Fabergé creations, 73 items have been purchased for either Alexander palace or Catherine's Palace. The items have included paintings, furniture, clothing and children's games to name but a few. Many of the items purchased used to belong to Alexander Palace and with the help of St Petersburg Collection are being returned back to their rightful place.