

“Embassy of Musical Mastery” will come to Bethlehem for the first time

On June 2, Tuesday, at 6pm, the Saint-Petersburg Music House and Rossotrudnichestvo invite you to **Bethlehem** where the “**Embassy of Musical Mastery**” will take place. The laureates of international competitions **Vitaliy Vatulya** (saxophone) and **Filipp Kopachevskiy** (piano) will perform in the **Bethlehem Peace Center** which was created in 2000 to promote tolerance to cultural and religious diversity. On the day before concert, **June 1**, soloists will also give master classes.

Vitaliy Vatulya will play Concerto Capriccio by **Grigoriy Kalinkovich**. This composition on Paganini themes will give the soloist an opportunity to demonstrate the potential of the instrument. Furthermore, the unique lyric and dramatic Sonata by **Brahms** which was created initially for clarinet and then arranged for alto saxophone will feature. Filipp Kopachevskiy will perform **Ravel’s Noble and Sentimental Waltzes** for admirers of music. The great composer whose 140th anniversary is celebrated this year was inspired for the Waltzes creation by Schubert’s works. **Brahms’s** musical works – romantic fantasies and virtuoso Hungarian Dances will be the crowning glory of the evening.

Vitaliy Vatulya (28 years old). Was born in Moscow. Graduate of the Gnessins Academy of Music. Laureate of the International Competition of Winds Performers (Tolyatti, 2006). Laureate of Delphic Games (Russia, 2011). Laureate of the “Voice of the saxophone in the modern world” International Competition of saxophonists (Moscow, 2011). Participant of the Music House programs since 2010.

Filipp Kopachevskiy (25 years old). Was born in Moscow. Postgraduate student of the Moscow Conservatory. Laureate of the Shubert International Piano Competition (Germany, 2005). Laureate of the International Competition dedicated to the memory of Vera Lotar-Shevchenko (Novosibirsk, 2006). Diploma holder of the Jose Iturbi International Piano Competition (Spain, 2006). Participant of the Music House programs since 2013.

<u>Vitaliy Vatulya’s master classes, June1:</u> Russian Centre of Science and Culture in Bethlehem 15.00-17.00 Address: Bethlehem, Jerusalem-Hebron/ Putin str. Tel.: (+970) 2-2761131	<u>Filipp Kopachevskiy’s master classes, June1:</u> Bethlehem Academy of Music 15.00-17.00 Address: Bethlehem, Beit Jala Tel.: +970 (02) 277 7141	<u>Concert on June 2:</u> Вифлеемский «Центр мира» Starting time 18.00 Free admission Address: Bethlehem, Manger Square Tel.: (+970) 2-2761131
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“**Embassy of Musical Mastery**” is a unique project of the Saint-Petersburg Music House and Rossotrudnichestvo which started in 2012 and includes the away meetings of the leading musicians in Russia, as well as tours and guest performances of the young soloists in the Russian Centers of Science and Culture in Europe.

The Saint-Petersburg Music House is the Federal State Institution of Culture founded in 2006 to prepare young Russian musicians for international competitions and festivals and accommodated in the Palace of Grand Duke Alexey Romanov at Moika Embankment, 122.

The artistic director of the Music House is professor Sergey Roldugin, famous cellist, People’s Artist of Russia.

For more details, see web-site: www.spdm.ru