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DMITRY GRIGORIEVICH LEVITZKY

Portrait of Catherine II the Legislatress in the Temple of the Goddess of Justice, 1783 (detail)

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Opposite

Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky, Director of the State Hermitage Museum and Mr. Amir G. Kabiri,
President of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel



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In the Presence of

Mr. Ron Huldai, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Jafa
Mr. Sergey Y. Yakovlev, Russian Ambassador to Israel

Guest of Honor

Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky, Director of the State Hermitage Museum

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BUILDING CULTURAL BRIDGES

On the occasion of the State Hermitage Museum's 250th anniversary, I would like to welcome you all to our first Tel Aviv Banquet. The Hermitage is not just a Russian museum; it is a world heritage site. Today, we celebrate a milestone that will be remembered for generations to come. Throughout the year, we have had several important shows, including one celebrating imperial court life. We will also be highlighting our archaeological holdings, which are quite extensive.

There will be exhibitions focusing on conservation and museology at the Hermitage. And, of course, it is important to mention "Manifesta", the European Biennial of Contemporary Art—the 10th edition of the show that took place at our museum last June. In November 2014, with the initiative and support of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel, the Israel Museum, lent the State Hermitage Museum works from the Vera and Arturo Schwarz Collection of Dada and Surrealist Art, including a selection of remarkable works by Duchamp, Man Ray and others. This is the first exhibition in Russia of this artistic movement.

In 2015, the Tel Aviv Museum of Art will lend us its collection of works by Alexander Archipenko. It consists of 32 works, most of them from the years 1908 to 1921, and it is the largest of its kind in the world. It will be Archipenko's first exhibition in Russia since his departure from his homeland in 1909. In exchange works by Henri Matisse will be shown in the Tel Aviv Museum of Art.

We are constantly working to expand our holdings of modern and contemporary art through a project called 20/21, and we are currently discussing the inclusion of contemporary Israeli art with the patronage of our Tel Aviv-based Foundation, mainly supported by you, our dear benefactors.

Through the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel, I see the long-term possibility of building bridges between our countries beyond state political initiatives by establishing programs with strong potential for an ongoing cultural exchange and dialogue in the various fields of the arts.

The success and achievement of the Foundation is dependent on your kind support, enthusiasm and engagement for the State Hermitage Museum, and I personally wish each and every one of you a wonderful evening.



Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky
Director
The State Hermitage Museum

ROOTED HISTORICAL TIES

It is a great privilege for us to celebrate the State Hermitage Museum's 250th Anniversary at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, and we would like to thank its director, Ms. Suzanne Landau, for her kind hospitality and collaboration in making this event possible.

The historical ties between Israel and Russia date to the latter 19th and early 20th centuries, when many Russian Jews involved in the cultural and political spheres, were influential in laying the foundation for the future State of Israel. There is a close link between the people of both countries, one that has manifested itself in the arrival of more than one million Russian Jews during the past thirty years.

The main objective of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel will be to introduce the Israeli public to a greater understanding of Russian culture, through the Hermitage State Museum's collections, and to stress their important role in international cultural life.

The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel and its Board of Trustees will act as an affiliate of the Hermitage's international outreach effort committed to preserving and promoting the State Hermitage Museum's collections. It will sponsor loan exhibitions, special events, educational programs and conferences between the State Hermitage Museum and Israeli leading art institutions. We hope to enlist your kind support and that you will play an active and ongoing role in the Foundation's future endeavors.

Marc Scheps

Chairman

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Amir G. Kabiri

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