



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Global Advertising Strategies, KartinaTV, and Studio WE in welcoming everyone to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Film Week.

New York is known as a capital of world cinema, and we are proud to be home to some of the most internationally renowned filmmakers and production companies from around the globe. Our City is also a center of Russian culture and heritage, and that is why we are delighted to once again host this exciting film festival that will showcase the very best in Russian cinema. The award-winning pieces featured this week will provide audiences with insightful commentary on the most pressing issues facing society today and also offer them the opportunity to go beyond the films through discussion panels with actors and filmmakers and master classes. We applaud Russian Film Week's organizers and supporters for once again bringing this celebration of Russian cinema to our residents and for encouraging cultural exchange throughout the five boroughs and beyond.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I offer my best wishes for a wonderful festival and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor