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## Fort Ross & Salt Point News June 2012

Fort Ross Conservancy

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This newsletter provides a partial listing of events for June and July. Yes, summer is here and our bicentennial is in full swing!

### Juno & Avos Rock Opera

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July 25 in San Francisco, 7 pm,  
Herbst Theatre  
([www.cityboxoffice.com](http://www.cityboxoffice.com); 415-392-4400)

July 27 in Santa Rosa at 8 pm,  
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts  
([wellsfargocenterarts.org](http://wellsfargocenterarts.org); 707-546-3600)

Direct from Moscow! Come see the famous Russian rock opera Juno & Avos-the dramatic, true story of the visit to Spanish San Francisco by the Russian explorer Count Nikolai Rezanov in 1806, and the love story that

unfolds between him and Conchita Arquello, the daughter of the Spanish Commandant of the Presidio. As performed by Moscow's acclaimed Alexey Rybnikov Theater, a cast of 25 singers and dancers brings to life a little-known chapter in California's history with music that has enthralled millions world-wide but has never before been performed on the West Coast. Net proceeds from the two performances and the Herbst Theatre After Party reception will benefit the Fort Ross Conservancy, a 501(c)3 that supports Fort Ross State Historic Park.

[Juno & Avos Flyer](#)

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**Join us for Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend**

July 28 & July 29, 2012



Our July event is shaping up to be quite exciting! The main stage has rotating performers every half hour. Saturday & Sunday guests include Russia's Pyatnitsky Russian Folk Choir (performs twice each day, at lunch and late afternoon), Slavianka Mens Chorus, Limpopo, Kedry, Sivka-Burka Children's Cossack Choir; Kashaya sharing traditions, culture, and food; guests from Alaska discussing traditional baidarkas; Marine Mammal Center and Monterey Bay Aquarium stations -- to name but a few.

Saturday only, around lunchtime: Rybnikov ensemble performs a song from the rock opera Juno and Avos.

Also witness a delegation from Sakha Republic construct a Yakutsk totem, hear a presentation about the 1808 shipwreck Nikolai, and watch the kids participate in various old world games. In the fort compound, historic craftspeople practice their trade, visitors learn hands-on crafts and watch historic scenario re-enactments. Also come tour the interior of our newest building in the fort compound, the historic magazin.

A full schedule will be posted online by July 1. [See our website for full details.](#)

Russian, Greek, & Mexican food vendors on site.

[Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend Flyer](#)

**You won't get another chance to celebrate the Fort Ross bicentennial any time soon, so bring a blanket or low folding chairs, dress in layers, and invite your friends! Questions?** Email [info@fortross.org](mailto:info@fortross.org).

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## June Bicentennial Events



June 15, 16, and 28: Californian historian Martha Ann Francisco Vallejo-McGettigan will speak on the Spanish and Russian American Company influences in California, and how they tie into the Presidio's history. She will also share stories of her family, the Vallejos. Please join us as we learn more about this fascinating relationship of Spanish and Russians. Various locations, see [www.fortross.org/events](http://www.fortross.org/events) for full details.

June 29: Pasados del Presidio at the San Francisco Presidio -- Afternoon Fun for Kids

Explore the lifeways and stories of Early California and see history come to life. Day



includes music & dance, Ohlone storytelling and exhibits, and Juanito the donkey. Kids can make adobe bricks, pottery, rope, and more. Our friends from Fort Ross will also join in the fun. Food available for purchase. Afternoon Fun for Kids runs from 12pm to 3pm at the Presidio's Main Post. Please visit the Presidio Trust's website at [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov) for more information.



June 29, 7pm -- Evening Fandango -- From Russia to Alta California with Love

Enjoy an evening concert celebrating the songs and dances of Early California highlighting the Russian influences from our neighbors at Fort Ross, which celebrates its bicentennial. Concert will feature the renowned Coro Hispano de San Francisco directed by Juan Pedro Gaffney R. with special guests from the Massenkoff Russian Folk

Festival, starring the world-celebrated singer Nikolai Massenkoff. Please visit the Presidio Trust's website at [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov) for more information.

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