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# Fort Ross & Salt Point News June 2012

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## Fort Ross In the News



All the world's a stage, and for this year, Fort Ross is front & center: The Fort Ross Bicentennial is acknowledged in the June 18, 2012, Joint Statement by the President of the United States of America Barack Obama and the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin:

"This year we together celebrate the 200th anniversary of Fort Ross in California, which was founded by Russian settlers and underscores the historic ties between our countries. In order to give our bilateral relations a new quality, we intend to pay special attention to broadening

contacts between our peoples and societies, including by liberalizing the visa regime..."

## Juno & Avos



And speaking of stages, we encourage you to buy your tickets for our two performances of Russia's acclaimed rock opera, "**Juno & Avos**," a romantic tale set in early nineteenth century San Francisco. Performing will be Moscow's famous Alexey Rybnikov Theater ensemble in its first-ever tour in the United States.

**Tickets for the July 25 San Francisco performance at the Herbst Theatre can be purchased via City Box Office ([www.cityboxoffice.com](http://www.cityboxoffice.com)).**

**Tickets for the July 27 San Rosa performance at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts can be purchased at [wellsfargocenterarts.org](http://wellsfargocenterarts.org).**

The rock-influenced musical tells the story of a Russian seafaring explorer's trip to San Francisco -- then called Yerba Buena -- in 1806. The Russian, Count Nikolai Rezanov, fell in love with the Spanish commandant's daughter, Conchita Arguello. He needed the Tsar's permission to marry her, but died in Siberia while on his way home trying to fulfill his pledge. Conchita later entered a convent at Monterey and is buried at Benicia, where her gravesite is preserved to this day at the local cemetery.

For more information on Juno, or for details on the July 28 & July 29 Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend, visit [www.fortross.org](http://www.fortross.org).

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