

The Joseph Brodsky Memorial Fellowship Fund had its beginnings in 1995, when Mr. Brodsky approached the mayor of Rome to urge the creation of a Russian Academy in Rome. “Italy was a revelation to the Russians,” he wrote to the mayor, referring to Russia’s nineteenth-century tradition of artistic pilgrimage to Italy. “Now it can become the source of their renaissance.” A group of Mr. Brodsky’s friends—including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Isaiah Berlin, Roberto Calasso, Mstislav Rostropovich, and Robert Silvers— assembled after his death to continue his effort by sending creative Russians to Italy for periods of work and study.

Six poets have now resided in Italy for sojourns of several months as Brodsky Fellows. In 2003 the Fund received a grant from the Trust for Mutual Understanding to expand its fellowships to visual artists, allowing the Fund to send six visual artists to Rome as well, as residents of the American Academy. Italian works of the Fund’s fellows have been published and exhibited throughout Russia.

The Fund continues to strive to fulfill Mr. Brodsky’s dream of expanding Russia’s creative horizons through the ancient tradition of artistic journeying that has been so important to the Western arts—Russia’s in particular—and was so deeply missed in the long years of Soviet isolation.



“There . . .”

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*are pleased to invite you to an intimate evening of music
to benefit the Joseph Brodsky Memorial Fellowship Fund*

Chamber Orchestra Kremlin

Misha Rachlevsky, Conductor

Julia Kogan, Soprano

ESKENDER BEKMAMBETOV, "There..."

a cycle of songs based on poems by Joseph Brodsky,
commissioned by the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART,

Divertimento in D, K. 136

JOSEPH HAYDN,

Quartet in F Major, Op. 3, No. 5: II. Serenade

Quartet in D Major, Op. 64, No. 5: IV. Vivace

ALFRED SCHNITTKE,

"Moz-Art à la Haydn," for violins and orchestra

February 13, 2008

8:00 PM Hors d'œuvres and cocktails

9:00 PM Concert

10:15 PM Supper with the artists

The Baryshnikov Arts Center, 450 West 37th Street

Business or cocktail attire.

Seating is limited and tickets must be ordered in advance.