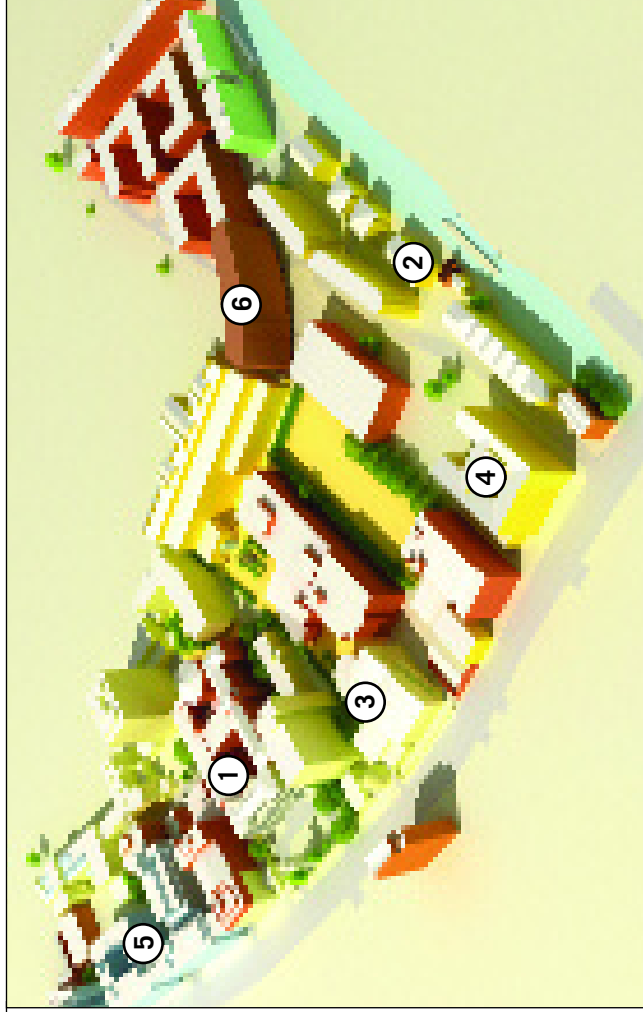


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Russian Alumni Celebration (17.03.07)
Queen Mary, University of London
Mile End Road
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Mile End Campus**

- 1** Main Entrance/Queens' Building and Clocktower
- 2** Lock-keeper's Graduate Centre
- 3** Catering Building
– The Gallery Restaurant
- 4** Arts Building
- 5** Engineering Building
- 6** The Curve

Invitation to Russian Alumni Celebration

Celebrating the teaching of Russian

at Queen Mary, University of London

Including a performance in Russian of *Fatal Eggs*, a play by Mikhail Bulgakov by students in the Russian Department at Queen Mary

17 March 2007
From 12.30pm onwards

Lock-keeper's Cottage
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Dear Friend,

The study of Russian at Queen Mary has a distinguished and sometimes heroic history, with enrolments fluctuating along with political events. In recent years there has been a revival of interest and commitment, with new academic appointments and more than 40 students studying with the Department.

This event has been planned as a celebration of the past and a commitment to the future.

We look forward to welcoming you to Queen Mary.

Susan Nettle
Head of Alumni Relations

Andreas Schonle
Professor and Chair, Russian

Programme

All events take place in the Lock-keeper's Cottage unless otherwise stated

12.30pm

Lunch (optional) – Hosted by Professor Philip Ogden, Senior Vice-Principal

The three-course lunch with wine will be shared with alumni attending the QMWA Spring Visit and Lunch

2pm

The Department and its history

Professor Donald Rayfield (Professor Emeritus) in conversation with Dr Jeremy Hicks (Senior Lecturer)

2.30pm

Alexander Medvedkin Film Footage

UK premiere of reconstructed Alexander Medvedkin footage, introduced by Dr Nikolai Izvolov, Cinema Art Institute, Moscow

3pm

Russian Roundtable Discussion

Russian Politics and Society, with presentations by Queen Mary alumni and moderated by Masha Karp, Russian Service, BBC

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4pm

Afternoon Tea and Campus Tours

An opportunity to visit new developments on Campus

4.30pm

Keynote Address – Young Stalin

Simon Sebag Montefiore, author and historian, will talk about his soon to be published book *Young Stalin*, a companion and prequel volume to his *Stalin: The Court of The Red Tsar*, which won the History Book of the Year Award in 2004

5.30pm

Dinner

A three-course Russian-inspired dinner with wine, held in **The Curve**

7pm

Fatal Eggs, a play by Mikhail Bulgakov*

Arts Lecture Theatre

Performed by Queen Mary Russian Department Students

*In Russian with English language script

Fatal Eggs

Inspired by the works of HG Wells, Bulgakov wrote *Fatal Eggs* in 1924. The play tells of a Professor who, while experimenting with eggs, discovers a red ray that accelerates growth in living organisms. At the same time an illness has killed off the majority of the chickens in Moscow. The government then decides to use the ray at a government-run farm. When a mix-up occurs between egg shipments, the trouble that ensues is levelled upon the Professor. It is said that this tale of a bungling government earned Bulgakov his label as a counter-revolutionary.

Mikhail Bulgakov

Mikhail Bulgakov was born in 1891 to Russian parents living in the Ukraine. He, along with his brothers, enlisted in the Volunteer Army, Mikhail as a field doctor, fighting against the Red Army in the Caucasus. In 1919 he decided to pursue his love of literature and published a number of works in the early and mid-1920s. However, towards the end of the decade he began to suffer criticism in the Soviet press and his works were left unpublished due to censorship. Many of his novels, including his masterpiece *Master and Margarita*, were published only in the 1960s. Bulgakov died in 1940 and was buried in Moscow.

Reply

Russian Alumni Day

Saturday 17 March 2007

Please complete, detach and return the form below. Alternatively, contact the Alumni Relations Office via email at s.j.mannion@qmul.ac.uk

I would like to attend the :

	No of guests	Total (£)
Lunch, Talks, Tour, Afternoon Tea	£26.50	
Talks, Tour, Afternoon Tea, Dinner and Play	£33.50	
Dinner and Play	£32	
Lunch, Talks, Tour, Afternoon Tea, Dinner and Play	£55	

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to Queen Mary, University of London

Name: _____

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If you have any special requirements, please detail below:

I studied at Queen Mary

Subject: _____

Year: _____

I am happy to have my name listed in the online delegate list