

## Russian music and art at Bass Museum



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The Bass Museum of Art on Miami Beach will present *Russian Passion*, a concert of Russian music by classical pianist [Damira Feldman](#), at 3 PM on Sunday, February 1.

The concert is in conjunction with *Russian Dreams...*, an exhibition of contemporary Russian art, which opened at the Bass Museum for Art Basel in December and will remain through February 8. If you haven't seen it yet, this would be a good opportunity.



Damira Feldman Photo:  
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In addition to her considerable musical skills, Feldman is a knowledgeable musicologist. She often adds to the appreciation of her audiences by sharing insights about the music she plays and the composers who wrote it.

For this concert, her program includes Russian music from the late Romantic era to the early 20th century – works by one of the world's best-known composers, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; the great pianist Sergei Rachmaninoff; one of the most innovative and most controversial of composers, Alexander Scriabin; and a giant of 20th century composition, Sergei Prokofiev.

Born in Russia, Feldman attended the Kazan Academy of Music there. Later she taught piano at the Kazan Academy and performed as a soloist with several symphony orchestras before relocating to Israel in 1993 and then to the U.S. in 2001.

### **The Russian Dreams... exhibition**

*Russian Dreams...* is a collaboration between the Bass Museum of Art and the Multimedia Art Museum in Moscow. It presents works of 23 contemporary Russian artists, and spans the era from the 1980s through the 1991 break-up of the Soviet Union to the present.

Based on the premise that dreaming is a traditional feature of the Russian character, the exhibition explores the various ways in which these artists have expressed their dreams of an opportunity to build an essentially new life and new spiritual reality.

The Bass Museum has posted to its Web site a [detailed press release](#) – actually a scholarly essay – describing the artistic trends and works of art featured in the exhibition.

The Bass Museum of Art is open from 10 AM to 5 PM Tuesday through Saturday, and 11 AM to 5 PM Sunday, closed Mondays and holidays. Bass Museum of Art, 2121 Park Ave. (in Collins Park), Miami Beach FL 33139. 305-673-7530