

May 11, 2014

Dear Friends:

It is with great respect that I join the Diana Bagrationi Foundation in honoring courageous World War II veterans and commemorating the lives that were tragically lost in the Holocaust.

Tonight, as you gather to enjoy the music of Villi Tokarev and celebrate Russian culture, let us also reaffirm our commitment to expanding opportunities, battling injustice, and spreading peace. I thank the Foundation for not only enriching our lives through music and strengthening the bonds between our communities, but also for its dedication to serving others. I look forward to working with its many supporters to build a stronger, healthier future for those here in New York City and beyond.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable concert and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio

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