

**Dear Controller John Liu,**

I am very grateful and honored to accept the award on a Day of Russian Heritage and Culture from you today.

Russian American Cultural Heritage Center (RACH-C), that I am a co-founder and President of, has been a very active organization in NYC for years.

Our Mission is to save and share the best of Russian Culture with our American friends and neighbors.

We have done a lot of projects: Russian Salons at Columbia University, Exhibits of Russian artists and writers, meetings with Famous people of Russian origin, Forums and Seminars, Russian Opera concerts when not only Russian singers perform Russian music.

But the most known of our projects is the Children's Festival of Russian Culture that we organize once a year in June in Fort Tryon Park, North Manhattan.

This is a Festival at which children perform for children at which families of all ethnic origins come to share our culture and language. This year the Festival was another great success and we are very happy and enthusiastic to continue our work for the sake of Russian Americans and other communities of NYC.

We are proud to have the support of Washington Heights & Inwood political and community leaders and our friends and neighbors.

I thank **Comptroller Liu** for this recognition and I accept the award with great appreciation and fully understanding that it is for the work that RACH-C and its volunteers and supporters are doing for the Russian American community and for the City of New York.