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## **Press Release**

### **GAZPROM Germania Supports the Potsdam Schloessernacht 2010**

The XII Potsdam Schloessernacht is set to take place on 21 August 2010 at Sanssouci Park, which will be specially illuminated for the occasion. The event will feature classical music and dance performances, theatre, and literature readings that will offer visitors an experience of the Baroque age.

"We are especially looking forward to the open-air performance by the world-renowned Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra in Sanssouci Park on the eve of the Potsdam Schloessernacht – a performance that will bring Russian culture to Germany and be one of the musical highlights of the summer," says Vladimir V. Kotenev, Senior Managing Director of GAZPROM Germania GmbH.

Under the musical direction of head conductor Vladimir Fedoseyev, the Moscow-based ensemble will perform its interpretations of works by Russian composers Sergei Rachmaninoff and Peter Tchaikovsky. The performance will also feature Nikolai Lugansky, one of Russia's most promising up-and-coming pianists.

GAZPROM Germania's sponsorship of the Potsdam Schloessernacht and the performance by the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra are just another example of the company's contribution to German-Russian cultural exchange. By offering its sponsorship, GAZPROM Germania is also providing up-and-coming Russian soloists with the opportunity to perform in Brandenburg's capital city and increase their profiles. Support for young talent is an important focus of GAZPROM Germania's social commitment.

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