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Dear Rusalka Alumni,

In 2012 Rusalka will once again celebrate another milestone in its amazing history; its 50th anniversary. Certainly a milestone of epic proportions!

To commemorate this remarkable achievement the Rusalka Alumni Executive has decided to undertake the project of publishing a coffee table book with photographs and stories depicting the rich history of the group.

While this project is of great historic importance to Rusalka, it presents many challenges. The vast amount of archival material stored away in basements across the country will form the foundation of the book. But first, this material must be gathered, collected and sorted.

The Rusalka Alumni Executive has now embarked on a quest to collect archival material and needs your assistance in this huge endeavour. Archival material consists of **original** documents that are considered primary sources. For example: minutes of board meetings, posters, programs, ticket stubs, reviews, original photographs, audio and video tapes.

If you are in possession of such archival materials please consider donating them to this cause.

To help Rusalka preserve its archival material for generations to come, an arrangement has been secured with Oseredok Cultural Centre, which has agreed to officially house all of the Rusalka archives. Oseredok has also agreed to provide work space in the museum for the collection and organization of the archives.

A formal, legal transfer of ownership of the archives to Oseredok will occur in the near future. At that point, all materials classified as archival will be under the professional care and protection of the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center in Winnipeg. This will be of great importance not only to the Ukrainian community but to the community at large.

If you are willing to donate archival material in support of this project or are willing to contribute some of your time and energy in assisting the Alumni Executive in collecting and organizing the archives, please contact one of the following executive members:

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Once again, the Alumni Committee urges you to search through boxes, drawers, shelves and basements to gather the important bits of Rusalka history. Your donations will help immensely in the creation of the Rusalka book and help to preserve the archives for years to come. Your assistance and support of this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rusalka Alumni Executive