



THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS

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MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS PRESENTS NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM AND BOOK LAUNCH OF “RESILIENCE – HOW TO LIVE 100 RUSSIAN YEARS” BY PAUL RICHARDSON

Saturday, October 27, 2:00pm



CLINTON, MA - The Museum of Russian Icons welcomes *Russian Life* magazine publisher and editor, Paul Richardson, for the launch of his latest documentary and companion book “RESILIENCE – How to Live 100 Russian Years” on Saturday, October 27 at 2:00pm.

In his film and book, Richardson explores the lives of children born in 1917, a time when Russia was wracked by revolution, famine, war, political turmoil, and social unrest. Yet, through it all these children survived; their lives intricately intertwined with Russia’s tumultuous history. *Resilience* is a film about 22 of those children, 100 years later, and their remarkable life stories. The book and film were created in collaboration with Russian journalists Mikhail Mordasov and Nadya Grebennikova, after the trio traveled 20,000 kilometers together across Russia and Eastern Europe in 2017, interviewing these centenarians.

Richardson will introduce the film, offer short readings from the book, and a Q&A and book signing will follow the showing of the 25-minute documentary. [Watch the film trailer here.](#) Other books by Richardson (including *The Spine of Russia* and *Driving Down Russia’s Spine*) will also be available for purchase. The event is free with general admission to the museum.

Paul Richardson is a professional photographer and author, and for over 20 years has been the publisher of *Russian Life* magazine – the only regularly published magazine in English on the world’s largest country.

His company, RiS Publishing, was founded in 1990 and, in addition to publishing *Russian Life*, has created over 100 publications of interest to Russophiles, from books, calendars, and literary journals, to maps and cards. Two of the company's books have won the prestigious AATSEEL award for the year's best translation from Russian into English.

Richardson is the author or co-author of over a dozen books, most recently *Driving Down Russia's Spine*, and *Resilience*. He lives in Vermont with his wife of 32 years, Stephanie Ratmeyer, and they have two grown children.

Photo credit: Russian Centenarian Alexandra Antonova

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Museum of Russian Icons inspires the appreciation and study of Russian culture by collecting and exhibiting icons and related objects; igniting the interest of national and international audiences; and offering interactive educational programs. The Museum serves as a leading center for research and scholarship through the Center for Icon Studies and other institutional collaborations. It is the only museum in the US dedicated to Russian icons, and it is the largest collection of icons outside of Russia.

Museum hours: Tuesday - Friday, 11AM to 4PM; Saturday and Sunday, 11AM to 5PM. First Sunday of the month: free admission! Closed Mondays.

Admission: Adults \$10, seniors (59+) \$7, Students \$5, Children (3-7) \$5, Children under 3 Free. For more information, please visit museumofrussianicons.org.