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Choir Members Need No Interpreters  
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Two amateur choirs both came to the residence of Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium **Bertrand de Crombrughe** and his spouse on February 23. The Vocal Ensemble Galemarde under the direction of **Paul Jacquet** from the town of La Hulpe, Belgium, has been friends with the chamber choir conducted by **Alexey Kuznetsov** at the Yury Gagarin Palace of Culture in the town of Sergiyev Posad near Moscow for several years now. The Muscovites have already toured Belgium and now are receiving their friends as guests here.

The Belgian choir included classical works by 16th—20th century French composers as well as several present-day Latin American melodies in its 30-minute program. It is not by accident that Sergiyev Posad, the town famous for the Trinity-Sergius Lavra, is the center of Russian Orthodoxy. The choir sang several prayers and Russian traditional songs.

The most touching moment came when the two choirs began singing together. The guests, including **V.N. Likhachev**, deputy chairman of the Federation Council's Committee on International Affairs, Russian and foreign diplomats, clergymen, representatives of the Belgian community in Moscow, little by little began singing along with the choirs.

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