



XIII annual conference of the Peterhof State Museum-Reserve

CHILDHOOD IN THE PALACE

October 17-18, 2022

The year 2022 unites the anniversaries of several representatives of the Russian Imperial Family at once, the ones of Grand Duchess Olga Nikolaevna, Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna, and Grand Duchess Tatiana Nikolaevna, born in Peterhof, Grand Duchess Ekaterina Mikhailovna (Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz) and her daughter Elena Georgievna (Duchess of Saxe-Altenburg). They spent their childhood in the palaces and parks of Peterhof and Oranienbaum, which gives the Peterhof State Museum-Reserve an occasion to devote the conference of this year to understanding the children's world of palace spaces.

In the works of 20th century researchers childhood found its own history. In Russian scholarship, childhood as a historical and cultural phenomenon has been actively and variously studied in recent decades. The theme of childhood in the palace space was addressed by I. V. Zimin, A. N. Sidorova, S. I. Solovyova, a number of publications by E. Ya. Kalnitskaya were devoted to childhood in the context of the Peterhof residence. It was the interdisciplinary efforts of colleagues that made it possible to see the potential of this topic and devote a special discussion to it.

We suggest turning to the topic of childhood in the palace spaces: to consider the daily life of imperial, grand ducal children and the young years of those who joined the Imperial House at an older age.

The socio-historical construction of childhood and children's experience in palace spaces is of interest for discussion. What was the environment for children, how interpersonal relationships were built, what was the spatial-subject environment created by adults and how children interacted with it.

The following topics are proposed for discussion:

- children's palace space: creation, arrangement, rules, appropriation, perception of the house;
- childhood companions: objects from museum collections related to young residents of palaces; childhood themes in the decoration of palaces;
- an adult in the children's court world: crowned parents, nannies, educators, teachers, lackeys, ladies-in-waiting and others;
- friendship circle: relationships in the children's environment in the palace and beyond;
- the child's activities in the palace space: education, leisure, trips, games, holidays, sports, sleep and more;
- childhood memory: a palace childhood in the reflection of ego-documents;
- children in palace-museums: childhood as an object of museumification in former residences, history of childhood in palace-museum.

Within the framework of the conference, it is planned to hold a round table on the topic of the modern presence of children's agenda in museums, features of interaction and narration the palace history to a children's audience.

To participate in the conference, submit an application by August 1, 2022 to: research@peterhofmuseum.ru . The application should specify:

- your full name;
- academic degree and title (if any);
- place of work or study and position;
- contact phone number, e-mail;
- topic of the report;
- summary of the report (from 1500 to 2500 characters with spaces);
- expected form of participation in the conference (offline or online).

The event will be held in hybrid format (offline and online). No registration fee. Travel and accommodation of nonresident participants are at the expense of the sending institution.

Presentation: 15-20 minutes.

Working languages — Russian, English.

The Organizing Committee of the conference reserves the right to select reports and reject applications without explanation. Following the results of the conference, it is planned to publish a conference proceedings with its subsequent inclusion in the RSCI (Russian Science Citation Index).

The format and dates of the conference may be changed due to the epidemiological situation. It is possible that the event will be held completely online.

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