

On the opening ceremony of the “Katherine’s Mansfield Russian Dream” exhibition



On March 1, 2017 the “Katherine Mansfield House and Garden” Museum launched the new exhibition called “Katherine’s Mansfield Russian Dream”.

Katherine Mansfield was drawn to the brilliant artistry of Russian composers and writers. Their influence would show her how to create a new form of short story. But more than this, in Russian culture, manners, taste and emotion, Katherine discovered a way of being that she loved.

The Exhibition is presented with the famous red dress portrait of Katherine Mansfield, intimate letters to her friend, the Russian translator Sergey Koteliansky and other related showpieces.

Speaking at the opening ceremony Ambassador of the Russian Federation to New Zealand Valery Tereshchenko has mentioned that “impact of Russia on the life of Katherine Mansfield is not limited by the Russian writers. She famously dressed in Russian clothes, smoked Russian cigarettes, attended Russian concerts and ballet and even chose to end her life living in the Russian commune at Fontainebleau”.



“This wonderful exhibition provides an excellent opportunity not only to learn something from the history of the XX century, but also to feel that no borders, distance and political differences are relevant for the cultural ties and friendship” – he added.