I welcome the III Delphic Games 2009 in Jeju, which will help to enlargement of international cultural exchange and common understanding among people!

Saint Petersburg, 28 August 2009, Elena Obraztsova

Elena Obraztsova is the first Russian singer since Fyodor Chaliapin to become one of opera's greatest stars. Ms. Obraztsova has performed on the most celebrated opera stages of the world: the Bolshoi and Mariinsky Theatres, La Scala, El Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, the Grand Opera, Covent Garden, the Metropolitan Opera, and the San Francisco Opera; she has performed and collaborated with many of the worlds most famous singers like Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras, Nicolai Ghiaurov, Mirella Freni, Renata Scotto, Carlo Bergonzi, Fedora Barbieri, Nikolai Gliuselev, Montserrat Caballe... She has performed under the most prominent opera and symphony orchestra conductors, including Herbert von Karajan, Ricardo Mutti, Lorin Maazel, and Claudio Abbado...

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