St. Petersburg in song, poetry

Da Camera of Houston will perform “St. Petersburg Legacy” at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in Hall Auditorium, part of Miami’s Performing Arts Series.

The performance is sponsored by Miami’s Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, part of a yearlong series of events marking the 300th anniversary of the Russian city.

“St. Petersburg Legacy” expresses a history of the 20th century from the cafes and salons to the revolutionary era to war-torn Leningrad and into the ’70s. Russian poets from Anna Akhmatova to the Nobel Prize-winning Joseph Brodsky are represented in readings, song settings and chamber music by St. Petersburg composers including Dmitri Shostakovich.

Da Camera of Houston was founded in 1987 as a response to concerns about a dwindling audience for classical music in America. The group, founded by artistic director Sarah Rothenberg, unites different artists and performers in theme-centered multimedia evenings.

Tickets are $5 for Miami students and youth, $8 for senior citizens and $10 for adults. For tickets, call the Miami box office, 9-3200.

Sarah Rothenberg