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**Girls Travel Thousands of Miles, Cross Oceans for  
*International Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition*  
in Syracuse  
March 14 – March 16**

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**SYRACUSE, March 5, 2008**— Got rhythm? Visit the Women's Building at Syracuse University to see what real rhythm is. Girls ages six and up will be competing in the **Coaches Cup International Invitational Tournament and New York State Championships for Rhythmic Gymnastics**, March 14-16, 2008. This event is sponsored by USA Gymnastics Federation.

What makes this meet exceptional is that this is the second time Central New York has hosted *international rhythmic competitors*--from **Hungary, Ukraine, Holland, Russia, Germany, England and Norway**; as well as competitors from all around the U.S, including **8 members of USA National Rhythmic Gymnastics Team**. The Europeans have dominated Rhythmic Gymnastics for decades. Now the American girls have the chance to match their skills against the international athletes and observe their techniques first-hand.

**WHERE:** Women's Building at Syracuse University, 820 Comstock Street, Syracuse.  
A small admission fee will be charged.

**WHEN:** March 14, afternoon.  
March 15, 8 am – 6 pm: Levels 7 – 10  
March 16, 8 am – 6 pm: Levels 7 – 10 (followed by  
Exhibition Gala and closing awards ceremony)

***The media are encouraged to send photographers or interview Coach Savenkova. This is a unique sport that clearly has a large international following.***

**ABOUT THE COACH:**

The local Rhythmic Gymnastics coach, Elena Savenkova, has been coaching in Syracuse since 1993. Her reputation as a skilled coach and judge has grown over the years. She is on the Technical Committee for U.S.A. Gymnastics; National Team Coach for Group (World Championship in 2002); New York State Rhythmic Gymnastics Chairman; qualified as an international Brevet Judge, and is highly sought after for clinics and choreography. Elena received her Ph.D. in coaching from the State Sports University of Moscow in 2005. It is through her expertise that local organizations have been able to attract the high caliber of competition at the upcoming Tournament.

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