

Kremlin to Ring Bells 400 Times for Romanov Anniversary

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The bells of the Kremlin's Ivan the Great tower on Wednesday will perform a unique melody to mark the 400th anniversary of the Romanov royal dynasty's ascent to power, a news report said.

"At the end of ceremonial worship on March 6, a celebratory 'royal' peal will be performed. The peal was prepared especially to mark the 400th anniversary of the end of the Time of Troubles in Russia and the accession of the new ruling dynasty," Igor Konovalov, the artistic director of the Kremlin's and the Christ the Savior's bells, told Interfax on Tuesday.

He said that a 19.6-ton bell called Reut would dominate in the performance and be rung exactly 400 times.

"We can say with confidence that the Reut bell was heard by every single Romanov royalty —

from Mikhail Fyodorovich to Nicholas II," he said.

The bell was cast in 1622 to mark the end of the 15 chaotic years in Russia known as the Time of Troubles from 1598 to 1613.

The Romanov dynasty ruled Russia for three centuries, until the Russian Revolution in 1917. Nicholas II and all his immediate family were executed in July 1918 in Yekaterinburg.

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