

Recent Events:

ACM Board meeting

"What Is It?" Street Art Festival

Focus on Kids photography project

"I can do it" pilot project for disabled children

ACM Grants competitions 2005

Workshop on "Museum management and fundraising"

Modern Dance Training

"I can, I'm talented" summer arts camp

Danzanravjaa museum preservation project

During the "White Circle" International Festival, ACM grantee



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The mission of the Arts Council of Mongolia is to advocate and support the sustainable development of Mongolian arts and culture.

The winners of ACM 2005 Grants Competition are announced

The 2005 ACM Organizational Grant Competition was announced in December, 2004 to fund project proposals supporting partnerships of art and education institutions to promote after school arts education programs for secondary school students and to assist arts and cultural organizations in developing new cultural products and to support new initiatives. The ACM Individual Grant Competition was announced in January, 2005 in order to support projects aimed to facilitate contacts between international, foreign and local arts institutions, dealers and art professionals and to establish network to gather and disseminate information between Mongolian and foreign artists and to subscribe related periodicals and magazines on arts and culture.

ACM has received about 80 project proposals to the 2005 ACM Grants Competitions. ACM Grants Committee and ACM Board selected the projects through certain selection criteria. Twenty-four organizations and twenty

three individuals have been selected as recipients of nearly \$58,988 in grants to support Mongolian arts and culture.

Arts education grantees include projects aimed to deliver traditional song and music to local kids as

well as *Khatar* project of Khentii province to run after school program to teach and establish a band of Buriad national song and music; *Melody of Tsukhan khuur* arts project of cultural center in Dornod province; *Children & Arts* project of Education &

Culture Department of Bayan-Ulgii province to develop new music lesson curriculum for local schools and arts education project of Temujin theater in Bayankhongor province, which will involve over 10000 children in the area. There are also *Outer Space Music* project for visually impaired kids of 116th special school; *Rainbow strings* project of Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum to run after school program to teach traditional silk applique for kids; *Opera and Children* project of Opera and Ballet Academic Theater; *Arts and Kids* song and music education project of State Philharmonic Hall and the MUCA project to conduct professional capacity building training for secondary school music teachers.

International events supported by ACM

This summer was rich in international festivals. These include the *Roaring Hooves* 7-8th international actual music festival, which was organized in Umnugobi and Khuvsgul provinces involving over 200 artists from 20 countries and the International theater

festival of State Drama Theater organized on August 22-29, 2005, which became an important event for artists to learn about new theater genres, to exchange experiences and to promote partnerships internationally.

The fest festivity *Khutaar* by "Duuren Sanaa" Foundation and the *White Circle* international festival organized by Mongolian Felt Artists Association in August, 2005 were also vital activities to promote cultural heritage restoration and to reintroduce the traditional felt making technology and methods locally and internationally. The *World-Melody* Second International Folk Arts Festival was organized during September 4-9, 2005 in Ulaanbaatar and Erdenet cities, involving over 50 artists from 10 countries in its roundtable discussions, meetings, handicrafts exhibitions and folk art performances. Other ACM grantees include *Khuree tsam* project of Chojin Lama Temple Museum, Hunnu Golden Man and XIII century Mongolia etc.

A man should listen to a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life.

J. W. von Goethe

ACM's New Program: Cultural Heritage

Over the past few years the issue of cultural heritage preservation has become increasingly important in the work of the Arts Council of Mongolia and the broader community. Many projects and grants from the Arts Council have been designed to respond to this growing need. In recognition of this issue, ACM has introduced a Cultural Heritage Program which will work to preserve the richness and diversity of Mongolian cultural traditions. ACM helps building capacity among Mongolian museums, professional museum workers and conservators in heritage management and modern technologies and carries out particular projects to sustain and preserve cultural heritage of Mongolia. Projects include the Danzanravjaa Museum Preservation Project, funded by the US Ambassador's Cultural Heritage Fund, which is working to preserve threatened museum collections in Dornogobi, Mongolia. The Cultural Heritage program also works in the working group of Mongolian Museum Standards Development of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

The Cultural Heritage program has developed a series of after school Heritage Education Curriculums which will be implemented through different ACM Arts Education program activities to encourage young Mongolians to engage with their cultural heritage.

"What is it?" Street Art Festival



During the "What Is It" Street Art Festival

ACM, with other partner organizations, organized the second "What Is It?" Street Art Festival at the Sukhbaatar square on June 1st, 2005. The goal of the festival is to enhance the role of culture in serving local communities,

improve the city's economic welfare, contribute to the education of its children and increase access of the entire community to the arts. The festival had several components at 10 different stations, including public performances, interactive games and the creation of arts pieces and over 10,000 children and adults participated in this event. During the festival, ACM organized art exhibitions of the works by children who were involved in the *I Can Do It* project for disabled kids and Focus on Kids photography kids for disadvantaged children.

"I can & I am talented " Arts Summer Camp

In June, 2005, ACM conducted successfully the "I can-I'm talented" arts summer camp in collaboration with the Nairamdal International Children's Center. The camp was aimed to provide schoolchildren with new, interesting and effective learning opportunities through the arts and promote creative thinking and likeskills if children. 15 professional artists participated as teachers and mentors at the camp and 15 special arts education

programs, including drama and fine arts, journalism, aerobics, guitar and drums. were developed incorporating elements of the Lifeskills Through the



Arts curricula. This arts summer camp involved over 550 school children.

During the facepainting show at "I can-I'm talented" arts camp

Other events at the ACM

Ts.Ariunaa, ACM executive director and O.Odgerel, ACM arts education program coordinator have participated in the international cultural days, which was held during August 17-30, 2005 in Kyrgyzstan. The Kyrgyz cultural days was organized by Central Asian Arts Academy and involved international arts and culture representatives from Turkey, USA, Russia, Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan. The events included mountain hiking, visit to local families and performances by international guests.

B.Bayaraa, Dean of Arts Management Faculty, MUCA is representing the ACM at the "2005 Administration Training Program for Cultural Professionals in Asia" program which is a part of "Asian Cultural partnership Initiative" of Ministry of Culture of Korea. This program run by Korean Culture and Arts Foundation will be conducted during September 7, 2005 - January 31, 2006.

A New Book: "Mongolia-Museum Highlights"

A new book "Mongolia: Museum Highlights" featuring over 50 highlights of the works displayed in the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, Choijin Lama Temple Museum and Bogd Khaan Palace Museum, was released. ACM is the official distributor of the book and all proceeds of the sale will support preservation, education and related programs of these museums in 2006.

Events Calendar

September 14	Second semester of "Focus on Kids" starts
September 16	ACM Board meeting
September 14	Announcement of 2005 grantees of OSI-ACNP
October	National Conference on Literature and Translation
October 15	Cultural policy compendium first draft
October 6-12	Canadian cultural days
November	Program and Grants Committee meeting
November 24	ACM Board meeting
December	Announcement of ACM 2006 grants competition
December	Grand Art Auction 2005
December	ACM New Year party
Ongoing	Fundraising campaign
Ongoing	Social sector privatization study
Ongoing	Danzanravjaa preservation project
Ongoing	Preparation of "My history-my culture" series of heritage education activities