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German Classic Music Contest

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Nandita Jain giving speech on cultural tourism in Central and South Asia, during the International Forum on Cultural Tourism



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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.

ACM announced 2005 Grants Competition

ACM conducts an Annual Organizational Grant Competition in autumn and an Individual Grant Competition in spring. Based on competitive selection criteria, the ACM Board awards grants of US\$ 1000-5000 to support organizational arts and culture-related projects, and grants of US\$ 500-3000 to allow artists and art managers to participate in international events and to join international art networks or to subscribe to professional periodicals and books. In 2004 ACM awarded 22 organizations and around 20 artists and art managers with the total amount of US\$ 63 698.

ACM announced the 2005 Organizational Grant Competition in December, 2004 with a deadline of February 28, 2005. With these grants for arts organizations, ACM seeks to support partnerships of art and education institutions to promote after school arts education programs for secondary school students and to assist in the development of

new cultural tourism products for cultural organizations and to promote partnerships in this area. In conjunction with its most recent round of Organizational Grants competition, ACM held a training "Cultural Tourism Products" on January 7, 2005 in Red Ger

Gallery, involving over 30 participants. This one-day workshop was conducted by Prof. Dr. D.Gansukh, tourism consultant to GTZ Project. The workshop aimed to provide grant applicants with basic tourism concepts and necessary information in writing project proposals for developing cultural tourism products and partnerships.

The Art Management Department of University of Culture conducts training in grant writing for artists and organizations every Saturday and Globe Art Center provides grant applicants with necessary advice and information on applicants' projects. For more information, please contact Ichinkhorloo, Grants Coordinator at 319015. ACM will announce the Individual Grant Competition 2005 in mid-January with a deadline of March 10.

International Forum on Cultural Tourism, October, 21-22, 2004

Building partnerships in cultural tourism is one of the major priorities of the ACM policy program and ACM was part of the development process for a Mongolian Tourism Information Center facilitated by the Economic Policy Reform and Competitiveness project USAID. ACM initiated and funded a survey on "Cultural Tourism in Mongolia" and the results were distributed during the International Conference on "Building Cultural Tourism Partnerships in Central and South East Asia and Mongolia" organized by ACM with collaboration of Ministry Road, Transportation and Tourism and Mongolian Tourism Association in

October 2004.

More than 100 participants from arts organizations, tour operators, and policy makers from Mongolia, Central Asia, Caucasia, Croatia, the Baltics Turkey, Singapore, Thailand and USA attended the conference. The main goal of the conference was to establish local and regional partnerships between cultural and tourism sectors in order to promote cultural tourism as an important step towards making culture a viable economic asset when coupled with growing tourism. A Cultural Tourism Council is currently being established as a result of this conference, to enhance tri-sector collaboration in cultural tourism in Mongolia and worldwide.

In 2005, ACM will continue its partnership with the Cultural Tourism Council to promote cultural tourism partnerships in Mongolia and will carry out small scale projects to develop new cultural tourism products and community based tourism.

We all know that art is not truth. Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth.

-Pablo Picasso
(1881-1973)

Painter and sculptor



The Forum was made possible by co-funding from the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) Arts and Culture Network Program, East-East Program and Economic Policy Reform and Competitiveness Initiative Project of USAID.

ACM celebrated success of 2004 and the coming 2005

The year 2004 was a year of big successes and achievements for ACM. As a newly-established organization, ACM faced challenges, but ACM could manage and succeed in 2004 thanks to their partners, donors and supporters. Recently ACM celebrated their New Year party together with their friends, partners and donors, who helped ACM raise over \$100 000 this year. The “Three Mysterious...” party was not only a celebration of success, it was also a celebration of new opportunities in 2005 for ACM.

Grand Art Auction of Best Works - 2004

The Union of Mongolian Artists and Arts Council of Mongolia organized the second annual “Grand Art” Auction on December 27, 2004 under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Mongolia.

The auction included 112 best works of Mongolian fine arts in 2004 and 19 masterpieces were sold for over 20 million tugrik.

The auction is organized annually and includes the best works of the year, aiming to identify and introduce the developments in Mongolian fine arts to the public, to encourage artists to create and achieve new ideas and to acknowledge the best pieces. The Grand Art Auction provides fine art lovers, professionals and the National Fine Arts Fund with equal opportunities to purchase these fine art works. L.Bold, Chair of UMA said that the “This event could become another big step in supporting fine arts development in Mongolia.”



During the Grand Art Auction of Best works-2004

Focus on Kids Photography Project

This project was made possible thank to Swiss Development Agency and with collaboration of “Save the Children”, UK and will begin in mid February, 2005. This project will help children between the ages of 12-16 to express their personal views of their community and their surroundings in a creative way with the added benefit of helping them to develop a new vocational skill through photography.

This project has 3 steps, of which the first was to develop the curriculum, which was done by ACM Volunteer, Carl Whetham, a teacher trainer and keen amateur photographer and advisor to the project. The other activities such as darkroom and equipment

preparation are in the process of implementation. The second step is to train children in photography and the third step is to evaluate the course, organize an exhibition and create a website. This pilot project will be held in the Save the Children Community Centre in Chingeltei District and will involve disadvantaged children from the surrounding ger suburbs.

After implementing this project successfully, ACM

plans to involve children from other suburbs in different districts of UB and hopes to bring the children a better future through education in the arts.

As arts education is one of the main priorities of ACM, we are initiating the “I Can Do It” project, a pilot project for disabled children in collaboration with World Vision. This project will involve 30-50 disabled children and will help them obtain important life skills and discover their potential through the arts. Also in the framework of arts education, ACM is the co-organizer of a TV program for youth “Mongolian Beauty”, in order to promote and provide young generation with life skills through the arts.



ACM Board Members at ACM New Year party

Events Calendar

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| January 7 | Training on “Cultural Tourism Products” |
| January 12-16 | Visit of Morris Rossabi, OSI ACNP Sub Board member and Mrs. Katalin Koncz, OSI-Budapest Executive Director |
| January 14 | Board meeting |
| January 20 | Announcement of ACM Individual Grant Competition |
| January | Arts Education TV project begins |
| February | ACM Fundraising campaign begins |
| February 15 | “Focus on Kids” project begins |
| February 22 | Deadline for applications to ACM Organizational Grant Competition |
| March | “I can do it” arts education project for disabled children begins |
| March 15 | Deadline for applications to ACM |

