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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.

Arts Council of Mongolia Annual Grants Awarded

Twenty-three organizations and thirteen individuals have been selected as recipients of nearly \$80,000 in grants to support Mongolian arts and culture. The Arts Council of Mongolia (ACM) announced two grants competitions earlier in the year. After pre-selection by ACM's Grants Committee, the grants selection process culminated in an ACM board meeting May 6th, when all grants were officially approved. ACM received a total of 101 applications, making selection extremely competitive.

This year's projects fall into one of the following areas: arts education, translation of literature, international arts events held in Mongolia,

marketing packages for artists and organizations, and travel to participate in international events. Selected projects include: "Intersection" International Contemporary Art Festival by Mongolian Association of New Art; an international training in theater art by a project team from the State

Academic Theater of Drama; an exhibition of modern photo art, trainings, and a CD-Rom by "Best Photo" Agency; Eagle-King of Sky 2004, a festival to promote Kazakh

culture by Mongolian Berkut Association; the translation of Mongolian poems and short stories, which will be published and distributed to foreign libraries by Mongolian Writers Union; Panorama of Mongolian Cinematography, a reference catalogue on Mongolian film in English and Mongolian by Mongolian Film Preservation Society; two professionals from the Cultural Heritage Center to attend the International Forum "Digital Culture and Heritage"; singers to travel to participate in the International Festival of Tale Singers in France; and artists to participate in the 30th Conference of International Theater Institute of UNESCO.

Cultural Tourism Development

ACM continues to build partnerships to develop cultural tourism in Mongolia. ACM is now a member of the Mongolian Tourism Board's Cultural Committee. In addition, ACM is a founding board member of a project to create a Mongolia Welcome Center.

An International Conference on Cultural Tourism will be held in Ulaanbaatar October 22-23, 2004. It will be venue for the arts and culture sector and the tourism sector to hear about what has worked in other countries and develop a strategy for expanding cultural tourism in Mongolia.

As we continue to focus on cultural tourism, ACM is also developing a number of pilot cultural tours, both to stimulate the development of cultural tourism and to raise funds for ACM's Grants Program. One tour is an 11-day package trip to the Omnogobi, Roaring Hooves Music Festival, and tours of

The art of a people is a true mirror of their minds.

— Jawaharlal Nehru
1889-1964

Indian nationalist leader,
statesman, and first prime
minister of independent India

UB. In addition, two day-tours of UB, "The Communist Legacy in Mongolia" and "Buddhism in Mongolia" are being developed and will be run on alternating Saturdays throughout the summer.

Arts Forum established

The Arts Forum, the working group first conceived of during last year's International Cultural Policy and Financing Conference, has been formed. The group includes researchers, lawyers, and government officials. They recently reviewed a privatization survey and produced a recommendations paper.

In addition, the ACM Arts Forum will be collaborating with a working group set up by the Ministry of Justice. Its purpose is to develop new laws to support NGOs in Mongolia.

In preparation for the International Conference on Cultural Tourism to be held this October, a survey on cultural tourism in Mongolia has been initiated in collaboration with local researchers. The survey will gather information on the current situation of cultural tourism as well as recommendations for its enhancement from members of the arts and culture sector, tourist companies, and tourists. Its results will be published and presented and discussed at the Conference on Cultural Tourism.

Children's Street Arts Festival, June 1

This festival will be held June 1 for International Children's Day in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of UB, the University of Culture and Arts, and Nairamdal International Children's Center, and with support from Save the Children, Agricultural Bank, and MCS. Its theme is "What Is It?" and will encourage children and families to creatively explore their city and backgrounds in an interactive and innovative way. The festival will include performances, creation of public art pieces by children, games, contests, and an environmental clean-up at the end of the day.

Modern Kance Training and Exchange

In collaboration with American Dance Festival and Arabesque Dance Center, this exchange will allow

two dance teachers from the US will come to UB mid-May for a three-week workshop in modern dance. Then, in early June, two Mongolian dancers will travel to the US to participate in a three-week modern dance training

there. These exchanges have been made possible by Trust for Mutual Understanding, the US Embassy in Mongolia, Altjin Group, and Petrovis Company.

Monastery Mapping Research Project

This project, in collaboration with Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), has two aims: to accurately map all Buddhist temple ruins in Mongolia, and to record the experiences and memories of people who would have been alive in the first half of the 20th century, before the opportunity is lost forever. The pilot project will be conducted in Tuv aimag, and will be

headed by the Dutch researcher Renske Franken. The pilot is funded by the Jan Brummelhuis Grant Programme of the Mongolian Consulate in the Netherlands, and we hope to continue the project throughout the country over the next few years.

New Members

ACM would like to thank and welcome its new corporate members, who have made significant donations to ACM to support Mongolian arts and culture: Trade and Development Bank, Ivanhoe Mines, Nomadic Expeditions, Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office, Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, Mongolian National History Museum, and MIAT.

Events Calendar

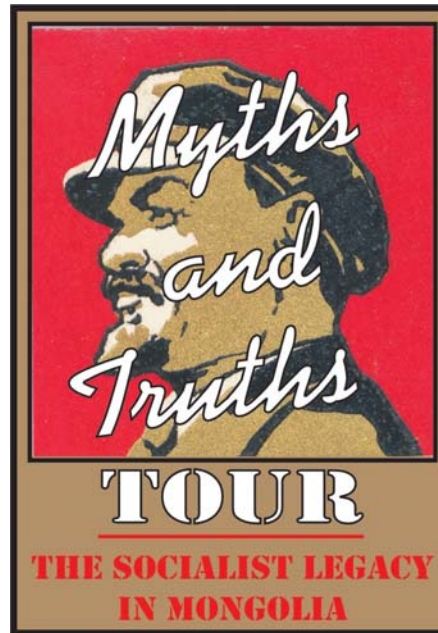
May ▶ Modern Dance Training and Exchange

June 1 ▶ Children's Street Art Festival

June - August ▶ ACM Cultural Tours

July ▶ International Jazz Festival

October 22-23 ▶ International Conference on Cultural Tourism



"Myths and Truths Tour: The Socialist Legacy in Mongolia" is one of ACM's new cultural tours