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The PinchukArtCentre to open an exhibition of the shortlisted PinchukArtCentre Prize nominees on 31 October 2009

The PinchukArtCentre is pleased to present a new project – an exhibition of 20 shortlisted nominees for the PinchukArtCentre Prize. The exhibition will open on 31 October until 20 December. The exhibition will include the works by young artists including: Myroslav Vayda, Artem Volokitin, Andrii Galashyn, Hamlet Zinkovskyi, Mykyta Kadan, Zhanna Kadyrova, Mayya Kolesnik, Volodymyr Kuznetsov, Lada Nakonechna, Oksana Protsenko, Oleksii Saj, Oleksii Salmanov, Olesia Khomenko, Oleksii Khoroshko, Ivan Chubukov, Masha Shubina and also BLUEMOLOKO, Hat, SOSka and SYN groups.

The 20 nominees for the PinchukArtCentre Prize, a nationwide prize in contemporary art for young Ukrainian artists up to 35 years old, were shortlisted by an Expert Committee from 1100 applicants.

A unique highlight for this exhibition is that the works by the young artists will be presented in a context of an exhibition of Ukrainian contemporary art from the PinchukArtCentre collection. The parallel exposition entitled, "Red Forest", will present the works by seven seminal Ukrainian artists of 1990s: Serhiy Bratkov, Olexandre Gnylytsky, Olexandre Roitburd, Arsen Savadov and Georgy Senchenko, Vasyl Tsagolov, Illia Chichkan.

Eckhard Schneider, General Director of the PinchukArtCentre: *"In the last twenty years Ukrainian contemporary art has passed through several important stages of development always connected to strong artistic positions and names. With the Prize the PinchukArtCentre opens a new chapter for contemporary art in Ukraine. By discovering, supporting and promoting the next generation of young artists the PinchukArtCentre creates a new field of artistic gravity for Ukraine".*

The exhibition will be held on the 3rd and 4th floors of the art centre and present both the shortlisted works of art and the new works created by each artist especially for the exhibition. Olexander Soloviov will curate the show.

Olexander Soloviov: *"The exhibition represents the latest trends in young Ukrainian art. Each of the artists will have his individual space, as well as a chance to feel himself a part of an unbroken concept drama, upon which the project is being built upon. The key idea is to bring to light uniqueness of every artist. An ensemble that unveils collisions of attitudes to life, themes and mediums; emphasizes significance and highlights visual conflict, diversity or quite the opposite, areas and points of convergence."*

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The PinchukArtCentre Prize award ceremony will take place on 04 December 2009 in Kyiv. The winners of the two main prizes will be nominated by the International Jury formed from contemporary art world experts, including: artists, museum directors and curators. The jury will be announced at the opening of the exhibition. The People's Choice Prize winner will be selected by votes of the visitors at the PinchukArtCentre Prize exhibition.

Images of selected works on show during the expositions of 20 shortlisted nominees for the PinchukArtCentre Prize and "Red Forest" you may find here: <http://www.pbase.com/pinchukartcentre>

The PinchukArtCentre Prize Awards:

- Main Prize of the PinchukArtCentre is UAH 100 000 and an internship at the studio of a recognized artist in the world.
- Two Special Prizes of PinchukArtCentre are UAH 25 000 each and internships at the studios of a recognized artist in the world.
- People's Choice Prize is UAH 10 000. The winner will be selected by visitors to the PinchukArtCentre during the exhibition of 20 shortlisted nominees.

The PinchukArtCentre Prize official website: www.prize.pinchukartcentre.org

PinchukArtCentre

PinchukArtCentre is one of the largest centres for contemporary art in the Eastern Europe, which opened in September 2006. The art-centre is one of the projects of the Victor Pinchuk Foundation in the realm of culture. Among the key missions of the PinchukArtCentre is to present exhibitions by leading international and Ukrainian artists, support varied cultural projects and other initiatives. Currently the PinchukArtCentre hosts a large scale exhibition by *Damien Hirst "Requiem"*. It will be up until 20 September 2009.

To the date, the PinchukArtCentre has presented ten major exhibitions:

- «New Space», an opening exhibition by the various international and Ukrainian artists;
- «Generations.USA», a group show with twenty young Ukrainian and American artists;
- «Vik Muniz: A Survey», an exhibition by the well-known Brazilian artist Vik Muniz;
- «An Instinctive Eye», a selection of contemporary photography from the Sir Elton John Collection;
- «REFLECTION», a recent acquisitions exhibition including artists such as: Serhiy Bratkov, Antony Gormley, Andreas Gursky, Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons and Takashi Murakami;
- «Mariko Mori: Oneness», a large scale exhibition by the Japanese artist, Mariko Mori;
- «Paul McCartney — Paintings», a survey exhibition of paintings by Sir Paul McCartney;
- «Rhine on The Dnipro: Julia Stoschek Collection / Andreas Gursky», a thematic video art exhibition with seventeen international artists and major one-person photography exhibition.
- Exhibition of the British artist Sam Taylor-Wood and "21 RUSSIA", a group showcase of contemporary Russian artists.
- «Requiem», a major retrospective by the British artist Damien Hirst

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In the spring of 2008, the Art Centre introduced the concept of the Project Room — a special series of exhibitions by the young and emerging artists. Exhibitions have included: «Pastime Paradise» by Christina Solomukha (France/Ukraine); «East Art Map» by IRWIN (Slovenia); «Patriotism. Art as a Present» by R.E.S. (Ukraine); «Dreamers» by SOSka (Ukraine) and a solo exhibition by Keita Sugiura (Japan).

In 2007 and 2009 the PinchukArtCentre was the official organizer of the Ukrainian Pavilion at the 52nd and 53rd Venice Biennale, presenting the exhibitions “A Poem About An Inland Sea” and “Steppes Of Dreamers”.

From the moment of its opening in September 2006 the PinchukArtCentre welcomed over 750 000 visitors.

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Viewing hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 12:00 – 21:00
Closed – Monday
Admission is free

Victor Pinchuk Foundation is one of the largest charity organizations of Ukraine founded by Mr. Victor Pinchuk, businessman and philanthropist, in 2006. The Foundation develops and implements social projects aimed at Ukraine's development and forming the new generation of Ukrainian leaders. The priorities of the Foundation comprise health care, education, culture, human rights, global integration of Ukraine and local community development.

Find out more here: pinchukfund.org

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