



Our mission is to support Mongolian arts and cultural heritage

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ACM has launched the arts education TV program "My history, my culture" for children

After implementing successfully a pilot arts education TV series in 2005, ACM developed a further 37 shows focusing on Mongolian history, culture and heritage education. The first TV program on Hun Empire, the first state of the Mongols, was broadcast on February 12, 2006. As the weekly show is broadcast nationally, it provides access to arts education for wider area including disadvantaged children and young people. The TV show will introduce the Mongol states in chronological order, with their history, kings, historical findings. The TV program also includes Red Ger corner where kids do arts education interactive lesson related with the theme of the program and invites a famous and honored guest who brings a precious item inherited from ancestors. The TV show will also feature special programs on unique Mongolian cultural aspects featuring long song, shamanism, traditional costumes, and nomadic culture etc. The TV program is designed in a modern hi-tech style to attract young audience and ACM hopes TV series will become an invaluable channel to promote Mongolian history and traditional culture.

Recently, the TV team made a tour to the countryside in order to involve children from rural areas in the TV program and to visit historical sites as well as stone altars of ancient kings, ruins of Uigur city built in 7-8th century AD and Karakorum, the ancient capital of Great Mongol Empire.

Capacity building training for grants applicants held

ACM announced its annual Grant Competition last January on capacity building of arts and cultural organizations and a special grants program for museums. ACM has received about 50 projects on capacity building from arts and cultural organization in Ulaanbaatar and rural areas and the grants receivers will be announced in May, 2006.

Recently, two day workshop on capacity building and project development was organized for grant applicants in collaboration with G.Undral, director of Democracy Education Mongolian Center. The training involved about 30 participants. The training was aimed to provide participants with necessary skills on project development including mission statement, strategy, implementation and evaluation.

An artist is a man of action, whether he creates a personality, invents an expedient, or finds the issue of a complicated situation.

Joseph Conrad

.Rainbow Horses Project

The Rainbow Horse Project aims to utilize creative activities to initiate positive social change and explore the ancient connection Mongolians have with horses. Eighty eight horse sculptures will be decorated by young people from all over Mongolia using paint and mosaic. Participants will learn about traditional culture and heritage through their works of sculpture, contemporary and traditional paintings, poetry, songs and stories that feature horses. The project aims to provide participants with necessary life skills and abilities in self expression, confidence and problem solving and creativity. The uniquely decorated Rainbow Horses will then be exhibited at the 2006 Street Art Festival.

Tumen ekh tour to North America

Within its priority to promote Mongolian arts and culture internationally, ACM is organizing a tour of Mongolian folk song and dance ensemble, Tumen Ekh, to North America in May, 2006, in collaboration with the Seattle International Children's Festival and the ACM-US. The Tumen ekh tour will introduce Mongolian traditional arts and culture in North America promoting international partnership, cultural exchange and deeper understanding between the peoples of North America and Mongolia. The tour performance will be held in several cities including New York, Washington, Denver, Seattle of USA; and Toronto and Saint Albert of Canada.

Artists from the Tumen ekh ensemble



Secondary Schools Arts Education Policy Study

In partnership with UNESCO, ACM is going to conduct a policy study on arts education in secondary schools. The results of the survey will be introduced at the International Conference on Arts Education in November 2006 with the aim to introduce arts education as a vehicle for personal, social and community development to educators and other relevant organizations and individuals.

ACM going to hold the 4th Asian Chapter Meeting of IFACCA in Ulaanbaatar in 2007

During February 16-19, N.Jantsannorov, ACM Chair and Ts.Ariunaa, executive director attended the 3rd Asian Chapter Meeting of International Federation of Arts Councils and Cultural Agencies, which held in Hong Kong, China. The ACM represented Mongolian arts and culture institutions at the meeting and discussed on arts management, cultural exchange, current trends as well as creative industry and arts education.

During the meeting, ACM agreed to host the 4th Asian Chapter Meeting of IFACCA in Ulaanbaatar in 2007.

Two day training in Khovd province

The ACM has devised an after school folk music project in Khovd province aiming to preserve and promote intangible folk music heritage of the area to younger generations. In the preparatory part of the project, specially developed curriculums were developed, which will also encourage children's creative thinking and problem solving skills. On March 3-4, ACM facilitated a two day training on secondary school music education standards. During the training, which involved 25 music teachers from all soums of Khovd province, the selection of the trainers for the after school folk music training. The selected trainers are two teachers of secondary schools in Khovd and two artists of Khovd Music and Drama Theater and they took part in the curriculum development workshop. The actual training for kids will start in September, 2006 when the academic year starts.



During the training in Khovd

"I can do it" project for disabled kids in Baganuur district

The ACM is going to implement the art education project "I can do it" for disabled children for the second time. The project's overall goal is to enhance the capacity of disabled children through the arts. This project will involve 25 children of age of 8-16, their parents and social workers, who live in Baganuur district, one of the most remote and poorest district of Ulaanbaatar. The five day arts training will take place in Nairamdal International Children Center in April, 2005. Children will obtain life skills through specially developed curriculums of visual arts, performing dance and ceramic art. In each art training, children will work with professional artists and teachers. At the end of the project, an exhibition of the works by children participated in the training will be held during the ACM's annual Street Art Festival on June 1, 2005.



During the training

Poetry Translation Book and Contest

At the Poetry and Translation Conference organized by ACM in November, 2005 in collaboration with the Academy of Culture and Poetry, a poetry translation contest was announced. The

poems include "Love and Death: Last Lines" by George Gordon Noel and "Amitabha" by D.Nyamsuren. On March 10, the ACM held the award ceremony for the best translations and introduced the "Key to Poetry Translation" book produced from the Poetry and Translation Contest. The book will be distributed to State Central Library, Central Library of Ulaanbaatar city and other libraries of universities and institutes, where teach journalism, translation and other related subjects as a handout for students.

"Focus on Kids" photography exhibition

ACM began the "Focus on Kids" pilot project in February, 2005 at the Community Center in Chingeltei district of "Save the Children", UK with the funding of Swiss Development Agency. This project aims to help disadvantaged children 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. Recently, the joint exhibition of "FoK" students was organized on February



The FoK student giving an interview at the exhibition

28-March 13 at the Red Ger gallery. The exhibition displayed over 100 works by 20 students. Two students of the project have won the 1st and 2nd places in the photography contest "Our surroundings in our focus" organized by "Nina" Foundation. The works were also included in the Photography in Mongolia - 70th anniversary joint exhibition in UB, Erdenet and Darkhan cities and on display at the schools of the near area at the Khailaast district of UB. The first graduates of the photography project will finish their one year course In June, 2006.

Bad Grammar Exhibition by Andrew Margolies Mezvinsky

The Red Ger Gallery presented the 'Bad Grammar' exhibition by American artist Andrew Mezvinsky. Andrew has described his work as being '... cut out of unusual ecosystems (with) views of the countryside, illuminated with the fantastic, which in old jargon could be considered surrealistic.'

The opening of the exhibition held on Wednesday 15th March at 3.00pm with the show running until Friday 24th March. Andrew gave an artist talk on Friday 17th March at 3.00pm.

Upcoming and ongoing events

Ongoing	Social sector privatization policy survey
Ongoing	Cultural Policy Compendium
Ongoing	My history - My culture TV series
Ongoing	Rainbow Horse project
Ongoing	Focus on Kids photography project
Ongoing	My culture folk music education project in Khovd
March 16	ACM Board meeting
March	Press conference on Tumen ekh tour
April	'I can do' project for disabled kids
April	Grants Committee meeting
April	Trainings at Danzanravjaa museums finishes
May	ACM Board meeting
April	Cultural Policy Compendium of Mongolia
May 3-June 4	Tumen ekh tour to North America
May	ACM Grantees announcement
June	First graduates of Focus on Kids photography project
June	Rainbow Horse Festival