

Student Art Fair Offers Russian, French Works

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One of the works that will be on offer at the Student Art Fair on Dec. 18-19.

Moscow's most talented art students will offer their work to the public at Artplay Design Center's Student Art Fair this Dec. 18 and 19. Out of 1,000 competitors, the exhibit's curators chose 105 students to have a shot at selling their paintings, drawings and photographs.

"It's more of a social project than a commercial one," said Artplay director Alina Saprykina, because it gives students the chance to hear feedback from customers in a professional environment. "It's the beginning of [the students'] path."

The event marks the first citywide student art sale in Moscow. Participants come from a variety of schools, including the Rodchenko School of Art and Multimedia and the Strelka Institute for Media, Architecture and Design. As part of 2010's official Year of France and Russia, the show will also feature works by students from the renowned Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris.

Prices range from 20 to 300 euros (\$25 to \$400).

In addition to mingling with the artists and viewing their work, visitors can participate in free master classes and view video artwork, while listening to music spun by a DJ and sampling food and drinks.

"It's a great opportunity for interaction with the artists," Saprykina said.

Student Art Fair runs Dec. 18 and 19, noon to midnight, in the small hall at Artplay, 10 Nizhnyaya Syromyatnicheskaya Ulitsa. Free entrance. Metro Chkalovskaya. www.studentartfair.ru

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