



WHAT'S ON

Exhibition of Works



The Russian Museum in St Petersburg opens the Vera Mukhina exhibition, with her sculptures, graphic works, and decorative and applied arts. It is arranged from early works created in the 1910s to monuments of Gorky, Lenin, and labour heroes, which were made in the later years of her life. Vera Mukhina's work of art - the Worker and Kolkhoz Woman - is also represented. The exhibition runs till the end of January.

NEWS

Boost Tiger Population

Russia is helping plan an ambitious program it hopes can double the global tiger population to some 6 500 by 2022. Russia hopes to hold a "tiger summit" in the Far East city of Vladivostok in September 2010 to coordinate multinational efforts to protect the Amur tiger. The meeting would include leaders of countries such as India and China.

The Associated Press

Nabokov's Last Book "Laura" Finally Hits Shops



Vladimir Nabokov's final, fragmentary novel went on sale in Russia,

more than 30 years after he asked that it be burned upon his death. The émigré Russian wrote "The Original of Laura" on index cards from 1975 to 1977, the last years of his life. The fragmentary book may be frustrating to many readers accustomed to the polished writing of Nabokov, whose novels, including "Lolita" and "Pale Fire," are regarded as some of the best prose ever written. "Now we have a unique opportunity to play Nabokov as a Rubik's Cube. That is, we can try to decide ourselves how the plot should go," said Valery Timofeyev, a Nabokov expert at St. Petersburg State University. Nabokov and his family fled the chaos of the Russian Civil War, and he lived in Europe until moving to the United States in 1940.

Moscow Times

Alcohol sales fall in Russia

Sales of alcohol fell by 15% in Russia in the first nine months of 2009 compared to the same period last year.

RiaNovosti

Monument to Cat of Kazan Unveiled in Capital of Tatarstan



The three-meter sculpture called the Cat of Kazan was created by the local artist, sculptor and merited art critic of the republic, Igor Bashmakov and set up in the centre of Kazan. It is the inhabitants of Kazan, the local administration and entrepreneurs who have worked to achieve this. Work on the cat's sculpture was carried out for three months. The cat is depicted as sitting on a sofa with cushions. It is stroking his whiskers with one paw and scratching its belly with another paw, at the same time looking upwards at a

mouse juggling a ball on her nose. The Cat of Kazan can be found in Russian lubok pictures.
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Russian Schoolchildren to Have "Health Passports"

Russian Ministry of Education developed a project called "School-child's health passport", which will contain information about child's health and physiology, as well as about his family, academic progress and personal achievements. According to the Russian authorities this document will consist of health data on young peoples' physical conditions, emotional state, as well as results of annual medical examinations, vaccinations etc. The aim of the project is to encourage children take responsibility for their health.
Science News

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