

Art Contest of the U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg

U.S. Consul General in St. Petersburg Bruce Turner and Mrs. Veronique Turner are announcing an art contest to be hosted at the Consul General's Residence in St. Petersburg.

We are inviting Russian artists—both professional and amateur—to submit a painting of their own work on the theme of “Northwest Russia through My Eyes.” Artists are asked to showcase their country through recognizable landmarks in St. Petersburg and other locations in Northwest Russia.

The contest period will run from February 6 to April 6, 2012. Participants may register by email or fax of the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg (SPbPAS@state.gov, +7 812 336 77 66), providing their full name, date of birth, contact phone number and address. The contest is limited to Russian citizens over 14 years of age.

The works should be limited to canvas paintings, with the smallest dimension measuring no less than 60 cm. Large works are greatly encouraged. The work submitted can be new or one painted previously, but it must be a work painted by the individual who submits it. Works can be done in any technique and any style.

A total of twenty paintings (winners), out of those submitted, will be honored during a reception at the Consul General's Residence devoted to the contest. The winners will be chosen by Consul General Bruce Turner and Mrs. Veronique Turner together with art experts. The best works will decorate the Consul General's Residence for a period of one to three years. All paintings not chosen as winners or not selected to decorate the Residence will be returned to artists.

Art works must be brought to the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg: 36 Moyka Embankment, Business Center “Northern Capital,” 4th floor, St. Petersburg 191186, Russia. All participants are responsible for the care and shipping of their paintings to the Consulate.

We hope to attract the best of the artistic talent in our district by giving them the opportunity to showcase their artistic mastery for the Russian and American community in Russia.

Contest Rules

Contest theme

“Northwest Russia through My Eyes”

Time frame

Contest dates: February 6 – 18:00 April 6, 2012

Winners announced: April 16, 2012

Participants

This painting contest is open to any painter—professional or amateur.

The contest is limited to citizens of the Russian Federation over 14 years of age.

Registration

Registration and participation are free.

By entering the competition, you agree to abide by all rules.

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Works accepted

Contest is only for paintings.

Each participant may enter only one (1) painting.
Each painting must have a description.
The work submitted can be new or painted previously.
Material: canvas
Size: smaller dimension no less than 60 cm, large works encouraged
Technique: any technique
Style: any style

Delivery of work

Art works must be brought to the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg: 36 Moyka Embankment, Business Center "Northern Capital," 4th floor, St. Petersburg 191186, Russia.
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Participants are cautioned to make arrangements for delivery two days prior, as we cannot grant access to the office without advance information.

Judging

Paintings will be judged by Consul General Bruce Turner and Mrs. Veronique Turner together with art experts (jury board).
Judging criteria: artist's technique and subject matter selection.
The decision of the jury board is final.
Since the selected paintings will be on display inside the Consul General's Residence, which is visited frequently by local and foreign dignitaries, the owners of the Residence have the final voice.

Works selected

The jury board will select twenty paintings for a reception at the Consul General's Residence. A number of these paintings may also be selected for the best depiction of Northwest Russia and will be displayed in the Residence for a period of one to three years. Authors of the paintings agree that their works will decorate the Residence for a period of one to three years on a free basis. After this period, works will be returned to artists.
All paintings not chosen as winners or not selected to decorate the Residence will be returned to artists. Authors of paintings not chosen as winners or not selected to decorate the Residence will be responsible for the care of shipping their paintings from the Consulate; all shipping costs are covered by artists.

Other conditions

Participants agree that their paintings might be used for Consulate-sponsored exhibits and other projects. Images of paintings may be posted on the Consulate General's web pages and mass media websites, and may be used for the 2013 calendar to be distributed among Consulate's partners. By registering for the contest, participants certify that they have read and understand the rules of the competition and have met all conditions for participation. They also certify that work they submit is their own, is original, and they have full rights to submit the piece, according to the rules of the competition.
Any participant who violates the contest rules will be disqualified.
The U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg has a right to change the rule of this contest at any time.