

SECOND EDITION OF COSMOSCOW ART FORUM TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW

The conference devoted to the international contemporary art market will take place at St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya on Wednesday 29 June 2016



Moscow – The second edition of Cosmoscow Art Forum, a symposium devoted to the many aspects of the international contemporary art market, will take place at St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya on Wednesday, 29 June 2016. The Art Forum is organized by Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair, which will take place from 8 - 11 September 2016 at Gostiny Dvor, Moscow. The Fair is supported by strategic partner Credit Suisse and jewelry partner Carrera y Carrera.

This year Cosmoscow Art Forum coincides with the 5th Moscow International Biennale for Young Art, and the programme reflects this through inviting international and Russian young artists, gallery owners, collectors, art historians and art professionals to contribute to the talks and debates. Topics will cover the most current issues in relation to the contemporary art market in Russia.

Margarita Pushkina, Founding Director of Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair says: *“The level of interest among the expert community generated by the first edition of the Art Forum, has justified the need for making it an annual event, progressively involving the general public. This year the key topics of the Forum are young art and the process of introducing it into the international art market. We will discuss how the contemporary art market reference points are being formed, allowing better understanding of its operational aspects in Russia and fostering awareness about contemporary art in general. I am sure that participation in Cosmoscow Art Forum will benefit all art lovers and connoisseurs.”*

Hiren Prabhakar, General Manager of St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya: *“Arts and culture are among the key values of the St. Regis brand. I am glad that they are reflected in Cosmoscow Art Forum that will take place here for the first time.”*

The first edition of the Art Forum took place on 9 June 2015 and attracted the attention of top Russian experts and international art professionals from major institutions and galleries. It was primarily devoted to current international contemporary art market trends, applicable to the local art scene in Moscow. The second edition will involve established art professionals, whose expertise and valuable advice will help navigate the vast and diverse landscape of contemporary art today. Besides their principal speeches, panelists will also provide audience with practical tips derived from their professional experience.

This year topics, introduced and debated by three main discussion panels, are:

- *Contemporary art market reference points and main opinion makers;*
- *Young galleries and market positioning;*
- *Young collectors and art patrons – the journey from collecting to supporting young artists.*

The first discussion will be dedicated to the skills and knowledge that enable easier navigation through the complex contemporary art market. The second discussion will focus on numerous approaches towards aims and goals that are being set by new generation of art gallerists. The third discussion will explore the motivation that drives individuals to collect art. Moderated one-to-one Young Artists' Talks will enable the audience to discover young contemporary artists in an open and dynamic environment.

Cosmoscow Art Forum is kindly supported by private entrepreneur Timur Innvutt. Timur Innvutt **says:** *"Cosmoscow Art Forum is a splendid initiative that performs a number of socially significant functions at the same time. Most notably, this is a unique venue for finding the common ground between business, contemporary art and the general public."*

Participants of the Art Forum's three main panel discussions are as follows:
The registration starts at **10 am**.

1 DISCUSSION – FORMING OF CONTEMPORARY ART MARKET REFERENCE POINTS AND SELECTION OF OPINION LEADERS [11am]

Moderator: **Arie Amaya-Akkermans**, a writer based in the Middle East, who has featured in the talks program of Art Basel.

Panelists: **Ekaterina Kibovskaya**, commissioner of the 5th Moscow International Biennale for Young Art; **Nadim Samman**, curator of the 5th Moscow International Biennale for Young Art; **Anastasia Mityushina**, head of Garage Museum of Contemporary Art Public Programme; **Dr. André Rogger**, head of the Credit Suisse Collection.

2 DISCUSSION – YOUNG GALLERIES AND THE WAY TO CLAIM THEIR SPOT IN THE ART MARKET [12:15pm]

Moderator: **Margarita Pushkina**, founding director of Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair.

Panelists: **Damiën Rogier**, founder of Brussels gallery Super Dakota; **Olga Temnikova**, director of Tallinn-based Temnikova & Kasela Gallery; **Mariana Gogova**, art historian, curator, founder and co-owner of the Artwin Gallery and Gogova Art Foundation; **Catherine Borissoff**, art director and curator at RuArts gallery.

3 DISCUSSION – YOUNG COLLECTORS AND ART PATRONS – THE WAY FROM COLLECTING TO SUPPORTING YOUNG ARTISTS [1:45pm]

Moderator: **Dr. Antonio Geusa**, independent curator, art critic and lecturer, leading researcher of Russian video art.

Panelists: **Anastasia Karneeva**, collector & co-founder art consultancy Smart Art; **Maria Korolevskaya**, co-founder of London based art consultancy The Art Partners; **Evgenia Popova**, collector; **Ivan Isaev**, collector.

YOUNG ARTISTS' TALKS [3:00pm]

Sveta Shuvaeva (artist) and **Gleb Napreenko** (art historian and art critic)

Anna Titova (artist) and **Simon Mraz** (director of Austrian cultural forum in Moscow)

During Cosmoscow Art Forum the special Young Artist Prize will be announced.

Among the special guests of the Forum are expected: Dmitry Kushaev, Teresa Mavica, Olga Sviblova, Vasily Tsereteli, Olga Vaschilina and others.

*Seats are limited. Accreditation is upon request. For all further information please contact Cosmoscw PR director and Cosmoscw Art Forum organizer Elena Kurbatskaya
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Notes to Editors:

Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair will take place from 9-11 September 2016 at Gostiny Dvor, Moscow supported by strategic partner Swiss banking giant Credit Suisse and jewelry partner Carrera y Carrera.

Cosmoscw

Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair, aimed at bringing together both Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists, was launched by Russian collector and philanthropist Margarita Pushkina in 2010. Today Cosmoscw is the only international art fair in Russia and the CIS. Since 2014 it is an annual September event with its own place in an international art calendar. The latest edition of the fair took place at the Gostiny Dvor on September 11-13, 2016 representing over 30 local and international galleries and welcoming over 14,000 guests. Fair's collectors' preview was visited by 2500 people, with many of them participating in the "Off white" charity auction with the benefit to Naked Heart Foundation totaling €171,500.

The St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya

The St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya is a brand new hotel located at the heart of Moscow, only a few minutes' walk from the Red Square and the Kremlin, the well-known Bolshoi Theatre, GUM and TSUM. Hotel has 210 spacious rooms and suites, including Presidential and Royal Suites 150 sq m each. Some rooms feature views of the Kremlin and Red Square, while others have balconies with views of the interior courtyard patio. St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya offers guests Italian Osteria A Tavola, Robusto Cognac room, Orlov Lobby bar and lounge as well as 6 conference halls, including Rooftop Bar with a panoramic Kremlin view. The hotel also boasts Iridium SPA coming to Russia for the first time. SPA area offers guests a sauna, steam room, 10-metre indoor pool and a fully equipped fitness centre. A hallmark of the hotel is St. Regis Butler Service which provides exceptional personalized service for each guest.