

UCSD chosen to host two Russian artists for one-month residency

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Two Russian artists will spend a month-long residency at the University of California, San Diego's Center for Research in Computing and the Arts (CRCA), beginning Nov. 10, according to center director Harold Cohen. The residencies have been made possible through the ArtsLink Program of the Citizen's Exchange Council of New York City.

The residency participants, video artist Gia Rivava of Moscow and architect Boris Tarasov, of Nizhny Novgorod, were chosen from a field of more than two hundred applicants from 17 countries in central and eastern Europe.

"Arrangements have been made for Rivava and Tarasov to meet with professionals in their fields here in San Diego, and to gain exposure in the use of new technologies," Cohen said.

While in residence, Rivava will present his work and the works of other contemporary Russian video artists at 8 p.m. Dec. 2, at the Cafe Cinema, located at 1602 Front Street, San Diego.

Tarasov's residency will include attendance at the UCSD School of Architecture's design workshops through November, and presentations at CRCA and the New School of Architecture in San Diego. Tarasov also has been invited to "intern" at the architectural firm of Tucker Sadler to witness applications of computer-aided design in all phases of architectural planning and implementation.

CRCA will arrange personal interviews for the artists with area arts and cultural organizations to establish a base network for future collaborations.

ArtsLink was formed in 1992 as a partnership of public and private entities of the Citizen Exchange Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Open Society Fund-Soros Centers for Contemporary Art, and the Trust for Mutual Understanding. ArtsLink Residencies enables federal nonprofit arts organizations to host artists and arts managers from central and eastern European countries, including Russia and the Baltics.

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