

PRAGUE TO PRESENT MASTERPIECES OF WORLD DOLL AND TEXTILE ART

(Prague, 14th October) The first weekend in December 2011 will be dedicated to a world meeting of creators, admirers and fans, as well as those interested in the so called doll art in the National House in the Prague area of Vinohrady. The international doll and teddy bear trade exhibition called “Teddy Bears - Doll Prague” and a unique art textile exhibition, “Artextil Prague”, will arrive in the capital of the Czech Republic, and Central Europe, for the first time.

“Rather than toys or marionettes, in this case dolls are considered as genuine objects of art, joining prestigious artists and creators, hundreds of thousands of collectors and fans from all around the world. This art has the greatest tradition in the United States and Russia, with Western Europe on their heels. It would be a pity if the Czech Republic were to stand apart. That’s why we decided to present this specific discipline in Prague, from 2 to 4 December,” says Bohdana Klátílová from the ART CZ civic association on behalf of the organisers of the exhibition.

Some of the biggest European exhibitions of this kind take place in Moscow. Fifteen previous years of these specific art exhibitions have even lured rich business clients from all over the world to the Russian capital. This is how dolls got the stamp of originality and became objects of priceless value to collectors. It has to be pointed out that every doll is an author’s original that can become a luxurious gift as well as part of a collection of inestimable value, as is often the case.

The United States does not lag behind either: a doll artist institute called NIADA was created there a number of years ago. Prague is to receive artists from both of these doll powers as well as the rest of the world in December and they will present the best of doll art created throughout the last year.

Mrs. Marlaine Verhelst, the NIADA Art Director and the first lady of doll art herself, has already confirmed her attendance and promised to present her collection at the exhibition. Her works are tremendously attractive to investors and even some famous foreign galleries have showed their interest in the exhibition. We definitely have a treat in store!

Apart from the big “Doll Prague” trade exhibition the organisers would like to attract the attention of its visitors to many no less interesting activities in Prague as well as the rest of the Czech Republic.

“The event itself will be accompanied by an exhibition of popular and original bears – Teddy Bears. The second part of the project held in the National House of Vinohrady will be the “Artextil” art textile exhibition. Its visitors will have an opportunity to see a display of unique works made by the world-famous artist Ina Georgeta Stasescu from Paris, accompanied by works of other textile artists. The exhibition will also feature tools necessary to create artworks of this kind for sale: sewing machines, textiles, threads, beads and other accessories. One of the lounges will also invite visitors to see, as well as buy, interesting jewellery, purses and other author accessories directly from artists themselves. Visitors interested in an initiation into the mysteries of creating these unique works will have an opportunity to take part in workshops led by famous artists. Artists as well as the general public will be able to measure their knowledge and skills against each other in an international competition held by the Czech Doll Club for the third time,” adds Bohdana Klátílová.

The international doll trade exhibition “Doll Prague” will be accompanied by an auction featuring one of the original artworks displayed and its proceeds will be donated to aid to children with autistic spectrum disorder.

The International Textile Art Trade Exhibition in Prague

Dates: 2-4 December 2011

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