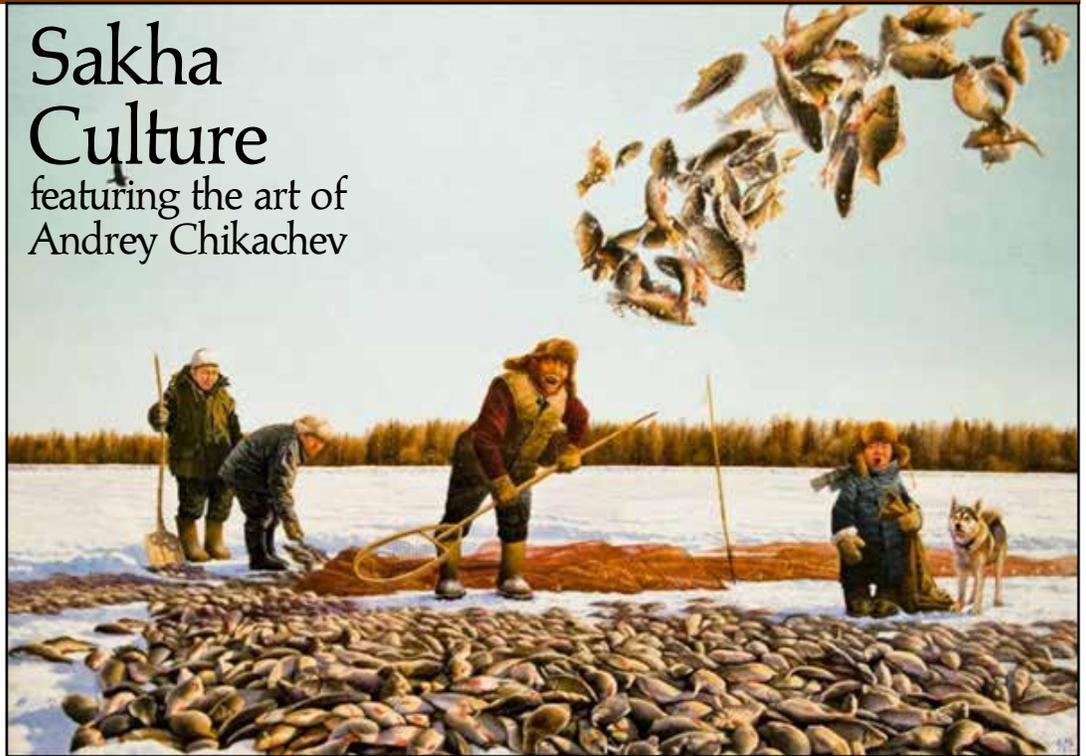




Sakha Culture

featuring the art of
Andrey Chikachev



ON EXHIBIT JUNE 6
THROUGH JUNE 29

RECEPTION:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
AT 5:00 P.M.

The Sakha Cultural Festival begins with the opening of an exhibit with displays of Sakha costumes and other artifacts.

It features the art of Andrey Chikachev, a well-known Sakha artist, whose work captures the daily life of the Yakut people. He has had exhibitions throughout Russia, as well as in Mongolia, Poland and New York. The exhibit will open for viewing on Friday, June 6 with the official opening reception on Wednesday, June 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. That same evening a performance art selection will showcase this intriguing culture.

Andrey's creativity permeates with love to Mother Nature and to the people of the North. As a little boy that grew up in a village, Andrey absorbed the beauty of the Yakut Nature, and the warmth and comfort of native people. His paintings always have a transition from the mythical world to the real world, like a bridge between the paradise of childhood and the world of adult's reality.

An active participant of republican, regional, national and international exhibitions, Andrey has participated

in many notable exhibitions over the last several years. "Far East" (Khabarovsk, 1997 and 2003), All-Russia (Moscow, 1998), the exhibition/contest "ArtSakha Modern" (2000), "Art Olonkholand" (Moscow, 2002), "Contemporary Art of Yakutia" (St. Petersburg, 2005), "From Archaic to the Avant-Garde" (Moscow, 2005), 9 International Creative Lab artists countries (2006), "From Olonkho to a New Reality: The Art of Yakutia" (Moscow, 2007), the traveling exhibition "Ulan Bator" (Mongolia, 2008), "Artnavigatsiya - Modern Graphics and Painting of the Sakha Artists" (Gdansk, Poland, 2009), "The Parallels: Poland - Yakutia" (Yakutsk, 2010), and "International Art-Expo" (New York, 2011).

The Sakha Cultural Festival is a week-long festival on the Mendonoma coast with activities at Gualala Arts Center, Fort Ross and Gualala Point Regional Park. The scheduled events further strengthen the bond between the coast community and the Yakut people of the Sakha Republic in the Russian Federation who first arrived as hired workers at Fort Ross and reconnected during the two-hundredth anniversary of the settlement in 2012. For more information, see Sakha Cultural Festival.

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