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IRINA MAKOVEEVA: "TO PAINT MEANS TO THINK"

Irina Makoveeva is considered to be the best animal etching artist in Russia. She was born in 1954, in the northern Russian City of Arkhangelsk and has lived in the Moscow Region since being a young girl. She studied art at the Moscow Pedagogical Institute, graduating in 1976 and started working as an artist in 1977. She has always had a fondness for animals and enjoys capturing their images in her dry points. For her prolific and excellent work, she was awarded the special status of an "Honored Artist of Russia" in 2005. She is also a member of the Russian Artists Union, since 1981, which counts among its members many of the best Russian artists.

Irina Makoveeva works present a rare combination of animal and graphic arts. Superb etchings and original works by the artist show the important, actual direction of contemporary art. Contemplation is their top destination. "Nature has everything, you just need to be able to see it and make it right. Inner mood and emotions pass through the graphics. Pencil is a slim and affordable tool, which is used by any child. Art is created not for the money: some force compels the artist and from that he is happy "- says the artist.

Her etchings have been shown in numerous exhibitions and shows in such diverse locations as; Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Boston, York (ME,) La Valetta, Malta, Varna, Bulgaria, Barcelona, Spain, Bonn, Germany, Paris, France, Milan, Italy, as well as over six shows or exhibitions in London. In 2005, at the 12th Annual International Awards and Exhibitions Show in Australia, Irina was awarded the top prize for the best miniature etching, Edipo. In 2008, as a reward for her excellent work, she was given a stipend by the Russian Ministry of Culture. For the past five years, in conjunction with Moscow House of Graphics, Irina teaches young artists and organizes competitions, as well as cooperating with the Russian Culture TV channel, for whom she hosts a TV show, Bibigon. Irina has permanent exhibitions at the Pushkin State Art Museum, the Darwin State Museum, Timiryazev State Biological Museum and in the Etchings and Art Department of the Russian State Library, as well as "The Little Things" exhibition at the Children's Hospital Boston in 2010 and "Illuminations" at MGH in 2011. The From Russia With Art *Gallery*, is the exclusive gallery to see and buy her works in New England. The artist is very successfully featured by the Gallery at Annual International Boston AD20/21& Print Fairs at Cyclorama.