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‘Soul of Russia. The North’ – a sociocultural event as part of the official cultural programme of the Spirit of Fire International Film Festival

Dates: 3–6 March 2023

Venue: Yugra-Classic Concert and Theatrical Centre, Khanty Mansiysk

The programme and speakers are subject to change

4 March, 16.30-18.00

ETHNIC CINEMA WITH AN ARCTIC VIBE. TODAY'S MIRACLE

An event within the Russian chairmanship in the Arctic Council in 2021-2023.

With Hollywood studios refusing to distribute films in Russia, our film industry needs new approaches to selecting film content and working with audiences. People have started to express interest in their own history and culture, which has led to a surge of film production in the Arctic regions (the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Murmansk Region, Arkhangelsk Region, the Republic of Karelia, and Kamchatka Territory). Films about indigenous peoples are getting top film festival prizes and broadly acclaimed by spectators. What makes ethnic cinema attractive for spectators and can it really support Russia's film distribution?

Moderator:

Andrey Apostolov, Chief Editor, Lenfilm Studio, Film Expert, Program Director, Window to Europe and Gorky Fest film festivals

Speakers:

- **Aleksander Sokurov**, Film Director (*online*)
- **Lyubov Borisova**, Director (Don't Bury Me Without Ivan, the Main Prize of the Zimny Film Festival)
- **Stepan Burnashev**, Director (Ayta, Award for Best Director, Zimny Film Festival)
- **Sardana Savvina**, Producer, Director, Sakhafilm Studio



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- **Dina Podprugina**, General Director, Baikalkino Film Studio
- **Katerina Mikhaylova**, Producer (Strana Sasha, Conference, etc.)
- **Timur Tsybikov**, Chief, Directorate of Public Policy in the Field of Inter-Ethnic Relations, Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs of Russia
- **Dr. Jabbar Patel**, Chairman & Director, Pune International Film Festival (*online*)
- **Fedor Shcherbakov**, General Director, Lenfilm Studio

5 March, 11.00-12.30

THE ARCTIC: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ETHNIC FILM DISTRIBUTION IN RUSSIA

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Speakers:

- **Anton Malyshev**, Executive Director, Kinoprime Foundation
- **Tamara Statikova**, Director, Arctic Open Festival
- **Angelina Ashman**, Lead Documentary Producer, KION online cinema
- **Ivan Bolotnikov**, Producer, Director, Head, Author Film Studio
- **Olga Bazhenova**, Director, Eastwood Festival Agency
- **Filipp Abryutin**, Artistic Director, Golden Crow International Arctic Film Festival
- **Georgy Shabanov**, CEO, All Media Company (a START Company)



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5 March, 13:30-15.00

CINEMA HALL BEYOND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE – AN URBAN POINT OF ATTRACTION

Event as part of Russia's chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021–2023

Since 2015, the Culture National Project has facilitated the upgrade of over 1,200 cinemas in cities with a population of less than 500 thousand people, including in Russia's Arctic Zone regions. In some places, such renovated cinemas halls are evolving from more than just a place to watch films into leisure facilities. How to make a cinema hall a hub of city's community and cultural life?

Moderator:

Mariya Istomina, Editor, Media and Culture Unit, Vedomosti Newspaper

Speakers:

- **Svetlana Maksimchenko**, Director, Udarnik Cinema
- **Vladimir Golovnev**, Documentary Filmmaker, Author of *The Far Plan*, a film about cinemas in small towns
- **Vladimir Petelin**, Director, Premier Hall Cinema Chain
- **Anton Zakharov**, Program Director, Pobeda Cinema
- **Sergey Familtsev**, Director, Omsk Regional Cinema and Video Center
- **Natalia Latysheva**, Head, Craft Arts Center, Nes rural locality
- **Svetlana Soldatova**, Director, Northern Character Production Center

LABORATORY:

SPACE AND ITS HEROES THROUGH DOCUMENTARY CINEMA

Leading Master – **Yevgeny Grigoryev**, Director and Artistic Director, Sverdlovsk Film Studio.



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A three-day master class on the development of films about Indigenous peoples.

The path from the plan to the result. How to understand the place in which you live.

Master class programme: practical techniques for developing such projects, watching films, independent work, and discussions.

3–6 MARCH

MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION

‘ARTISTS INSPIRED BY THE ARCTIC. ARTISTS BORN BY THE NORTH’

The multimedia exhibition ‘Artists Inspired by the Arctic. Artists Born by the North’ will be held at the Yugra-Classic Concert and Theatre Centre during the Spirit of Fire Festival.

The exhibition, which is part of the audio-visual project ‘Soul of Russia. The North’, is dedicated to Russia’s chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021–2023. Multimedia technologies and a specially created sound design will offer visitors the opportunity to learn about the works of prominent artists who founded the Arctic School of Painting – *Alexander Borisov, Konstantin Pankov, and Tyko Vylki*, and also trace the influence of the cultural and historical legacy of the Indigenous peoples of the North on the works of *Vasily Kandinsky, Gennady Rayshev, and Galina Vigel*.





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