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An exhibition at the Scotland-Russia Institute

Britain through the eyes of St. Petersburg artists

Anatoliy Zaslavskiy
Marat Tazhibaev
Ira Vasilyeva
Seven artists from St. Petersburg, Boris Borsch, Maria Dubrovskaya, Veronika Leontyeva, Vladimir Rogozin, Marat Tazhibaev, Ira Vasilyeva, Nadia Vinogradova and Anatoly Zaslavskiy, were invited by Scotland-Russia Forum to exhibit their works in Edinburgh. They came to Britain in May, worked outdoors in London and the North of England for a month, and are now exhibiting what they have painted.

The group was formed in order to show that the art of painting has an important role to play in modern art and can be used in a highly contemporary way. Each artist follows a different historical tradition to show just how diverse painting can be. However, the artists are united by the fact that their paintings express themselves not only through colour and form, but also carry profound information which makes their content much more deep and specific.

“We want to see places where we have never been before, although we have heard a lot about them. We hope to express our impressions in the language of painting. We are offering neither illusion nor decoration, but a genuine painting fabric, corresponding to the material of life itself”

Anatoly Zaslavsky, leader of the group