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UZBEKISTAN

CONTEMPORARY ART FROM UZBEKISTAN

9TH NOVEMBER - 13TH JANUARY 1991

AT ZAMANA GALLERY

Uzbekistan, situated in the southern part of the USSR, with its southernmost borders flanking Afghanistan, has absorbed a variety of cultures. Today, in addition to the indigenous Uzbeks, Tartars, Uighurs, Greeks, Koreans, Armenians, Russians, many others also live in the Republic. It is as cosmopolitan a world as in the days of the Silk Road which passed this way and the rich variety is reflected in the art.

After the years of repression and isolation there has been an explosion of creativity, resulting in a versatile richness of style and theme. Some of the works reflect again the ancient traditions of miniature painting, others are reminiscent of the paintings of well-known European artists with shades of Chagall, Picasso and Dali recognisable. They have, nevertheless, a strong personal identity. There are many surprises too, which makes this exhibition unique - here is art which challenges all preconceptions! A true awakening into the 1990s.

The Union of Artists of Uzbekistan has enabled Zamana Gallery to be the first venue to show such a collection.

The artists represented in this exhibition are mostly drawn from Tashkent, Bukhara and Khiva (Urgench). From the 'grand master' *Chingiz Ahmarov*, born before the 1917 Revolution, to his granddaughter *Shaknow Abdullayeva*, and the powerful works of Korean artist, *Nikolai Shin*, to the elegant clarity of Uighur, *Lakin Ibragimov*, the selection of artwork is stunning. Fifty three artists are represented with over ninety pieces in different media - from sculpture to oils, to watercolours and etchings. This exhibition is held in association with the Fund of the Union of Artists of Uzbekistan and Wrexham Library Art Centre, toured by the Welsh Arts Council.

ALL WORKS ARE FOR SALE. EVENTS - Wed 28th November / Thurs 29th November at 7.30pm **Doyra Ensemble** Dancers, Musicians and Singers. Tickets £5 (£2.50 Students) Bookable In Advance. Souvenirs From Uzbekistan Will Be On Sale.