

Dear Donors, Members, and Friends of the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art,

This year the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art proudly celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In its beginning, a core group of visionary immigrant artists, sponsors, art aficionados, and dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to promote contemporary works of Ukrainian artists whose talents were suppressed by the Soviet regime and to impact the public's understanding of nationally and internationally recognized Ukrainian artists.

Today the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art is acknowledged as a vital and integral part of Chicago's art scene and a much sought after venue for both Ukrainian-American, local and international artists. Local critics and major media publications have highlighted our exhibits and recognized UIMA as a major visitor site in Chicago.

Attendance has dramatically increased in the last few years and in 2016 surpassed 7,000 visitors. Our activities encompass art exhibits, classical and contemporary music concerts, literary presentations, book signings, film, and panel discussion on a myriad of topics from art to global events.

As we approach this 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone and honor our past, we are also cognizant of our vision for the future and the need for success and growth.


Our founding fathers purposefully chose the word "Institute" in our title, to highlight their intent that not only was this to be a place for exhibits, but also for teaching and learning. We would like to fulfill this vision by initiating the building and creation of an Art Learning Center for children for the community at large.

In recent years, school curricula in the United States have shifted toward common core subjects, while art studies have been minimalized or more often eliminated. There is adequate research showing involvement in art is associated with gains in core subjects as math, reading, cognitive abilities, critical thinking and verbal skills. Our challenging vision is that this Art Learning Center will bring children of all ages from the community to experience creativity and artistic freedom as they explore, discover, and learn.

We ask that you help us start this ambitious campaign with a generous donation that will be an impetus in the building of the Art Learning Center. Your donation will be acknowledged in our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book. Attached please find the sponsorship levels as well as the specifications for ads or greetings.

We look forward to seeing you at our Anniversary Banquet on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, where we will acknowledge our founders, former Presidents, Board Members, and celebrate the enormous achievements of the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Paul Nadzikewycz  
Chairman of the Board

  
Orysia Kossak-Cardoso  
President