

# Art Exhibition Devoted to One of Ukraine's Finest

The American Chamber of Commerce and ARTEast recently opened their latest Art Exhibition in the AmCham offices in Horizon Tower. Heralded as the best exhibition of the summer, it features part of the unique Socialist Realism collection by the late Yuriy Lutskevych. The opening took place on Thursday, July 26, and the exhibition will run till September 27, 2001.

This celebrated great master of Ukrainian neo-baroque art, whom the exhibition is in memory of, passed away last June. Yuriy Lutskevych was a man totally devoted to his art and painted until his very last day. He died in a field he was painting, clutching a bunch of wild flowers in his hand.

Yuriy Lutskevych was born in 1934 in Kirovohrad, Ukraine. After graduating from

the Kyiv State Institute of Art, he became a member of the Union of Artists of Ukraine. His works can be found in art collections in Ukraine, Russia, Europe, and the U.S.

The artist's paintings are distinctive for the elegance he gave to everyday things. He loved to paint, and found beauty in everything he saw – whether it was in a rickety old jetty still serving its original purpose ('Morning'), or exhausted fishermen, obviously satisfied with their backbreak-

ing but successful labors ('Summer in Azov Sea'). Yuriy Lutskevych also loved to travel, and much of his compositions were painted whilst on his journeys. He was especially fond of the sea, and this love is reflected in many of his paintings.

The gifted artist conveyed a unique mood in his creations, by employing a variety of techniques. In a significant number of his seascapes, for example 'Morning' and 'Morning. Caspian Sea', light strokes and the layering of tempera on can-

vas is used to portray the warmth, tranquility and harmony captured in the moment. This is further emphasized by the artist's use of pallid colors.

In total, 10 paintings by the late Yuriy Lutskevych are on display, just a small taster of his Socialist Realism collection. Each work was carefully selected for the exhibition to represent the diverse talent and mastery of the artist and include some of his better known pieces such as 'Men at Work', 'Salute', 'Outskirts', 'Bulhakov's House'0. Make sure you don't miss this exceptional exhibition of one of Ukraine's most prominent artists. Come along to enjoy and pay tribute to his works. ■



**'Morning. Caspian Sea' 1963**



**'Men at Work' 1958**