

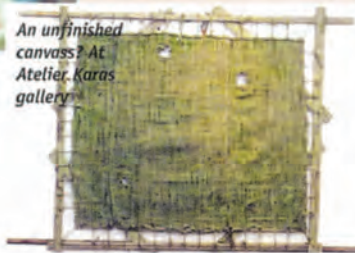
# Good News for Art Lovers

As the hectic autumnal season kicked off, after the sleepy lull of summer, Kyiv's galleries witnessed a profusion of new exhibitions at local galleries. Till 24 September, ArtEast Gallery is displaying 21 pieces of work by one of last year's Art Academy graduates, Oleksandra Sulymenko. This is her first complete collection and is painted in bright colour gouache to portray landscapes with hints of impressionism. The exhibition is entitled "Beautiful Today" and includes works priced at 200-300 dollars. Till 17 October, Atelier Karas Gallery is featuring prominent contemporary painters from the whole of Ukraine, representing different styles and directions. Among the exhibits are works by



Admiring icons at the Lavra gallery

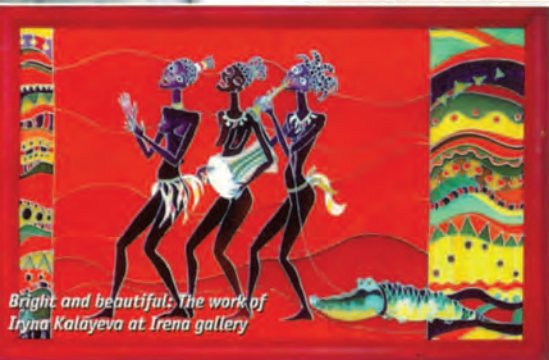
An unfinished canvass? At Atelier Karas gallery



In an artistic state of mind



Olexander Babak, Vasyl Bazhay and Olexander Matviyenko. Icons dating from pre-Mongol Ukraine are now being displayed in Kyiv Pechersk Lavra. Since the founding of this art form, many patterns and composition peculiarities have been prescribed, some becoming cults, yet the icons still carry deep divine meaning. The cosy Irena Gallery will host the works of Lviv batik artist Iryna Kalayeva till 19 September. Also, on 6 September, Olena Kirdina's collection 'Under the Blue Sky' opened in NEF Gallery. Although her work has been displayed by the gallery for 6 years, this is the first time her works have been shown as a collection. You can see her works until 1 Oct.  
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Bright and beautiful: The work of Iryna Kalayeva at Irena gallery