

Art Against Dictatorship Exhibition and Opening Ceremony



6:30 p.m., November 23, Monday

**Rayburn House Office Building, U.S. Congress
Independence Ave. and South Capitol Street,
Washington, DC 20003**

The Third Way Belarus and Belarusian Museum in New York in cooperation with the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission) and the German Marshall Fund of the United States will hold an opening reception of Art Against Dictatorship Exhibition on Monday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of Rayburn House Office Building.

Among the speakers at the event will be Pavel Marozau, Chair of the Congress of New Belarusian Diaspora in Europe and the United States and Belarusian dissident; Representative of U.S. Helsinki Commission; Representatives of the Belarusian Diaspora in US and Belarusian Museum in New York; Anastasios Sarikas, a well-known lawyer and supporter of Belarusian Art Movement; Belarusian artists Ales Shaternik, Yahor Batalyonak, Belarusian-American artists Yelena Tylkina and Yulia Shaternik. There will be photos and videos about the current situation in Belarus.

The dictatorship of President Lukashenka's regime over the past 14 years has dramatically marginalized the diversity of Belarusian national culture and arts. Those artists who tried to express their freedom through the language of arts have been subjected to continuous marginalization and suppression.

Art Against Dictatorship presents the paintings and sculptures

of the most prominent Belarusian dissident artists and features alternative arts that are an integral part of Belarusian national culture but for political reasons have not been able to fully serve the people of Belarus. The Exhibition offers unique insight into contemporary Belarusian art, which currently is not displayed anywhere else in its diversity.

The Exhibition and the reception will take place in the foyer of Rayburn House Office Building (two blocks from Capitol South metro station). Please use the visitor and staff entrance located on South Capitol Street.

The exhibition is open to the public: Monday, November 23 from 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Tuesday, November 24 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please RSVP by November, 20 to pavel.mor@gmail.com.