

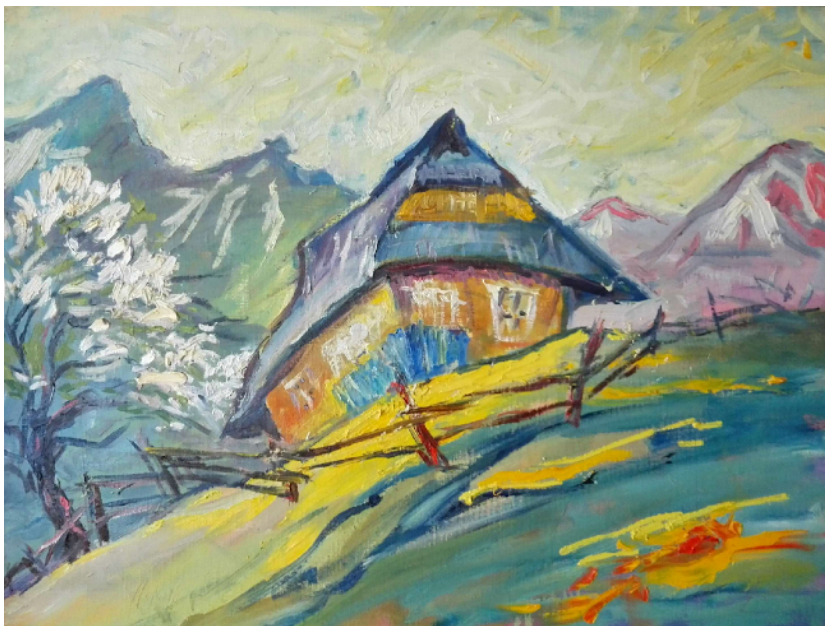
Roman Luchuk: *Paintings of the Carpathian Mountain Landscape*

September 29 – October 22, 2017

Reception for the Artist: Friday, September 29, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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Spring Thaw
2014
oil on canvas
23.5 x 31.5 inches

NEW YORK, NY—Art at the Institute is pleased to announce the start to its Fall 2017 season with an exhibition of thirty expressionist landscape paintings by Ukrainian artist **Roman Luchuk**. The exhibition will open Friday, September 29, 2017 with a reception for the artist at The Ukrainian Institute of America from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and remain on view through October 22. Curated by Walter Hoydysh, PhD, director of Art at the Institute, this exhibition marks the artist's first solo show in the United States.

Each of Roman Luchuk's canvases evokes the splendor and energy of his native Carpathian Mountains, in western Ukraine, in seductive compositions that exude a lifelong love for the mysteries of the Hutsul region landscape. His iconic images express instinctive emotional experiences rather than impressions of the physical world. Mr. Luchuk accomplishes this through an extravagant application of paint and color. Expansive stillness and silence of the pastoral are interrupted by sudden outbursts of life and vitality changing from one mood to another.

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These paintings represent only vaguely suggested realism to domestic and ecclesiastical backdrops while retaining an unmistakable link with the landscape. This is the essence of the art of Luchuk's painting: creating through pigment and form a new and irresistible personal reality which reflects the innermost being of the artist running parallel with the reality outside.

Roman Luchuk was born in Kosiv, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, in western Ukraine. He studied painting at the Kosiv College of Applied and Decorative Art and interior design at the Lviv National Academy of Art. His paintings have been included in numerous group and solo exhibitions throughout Ukraine. Mr. Luchuk lives and works in Kosiv, where he also teaches painting at the Kosiv regional branch of the Lviv National Academy of Art.



Kryvopilian Trio
2014
oil on canvas
19.5 x 39.3 inches

Exhibition hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 12:00 – 6:00 PM, or by appointment.

For further information: Please contact Olena Sidlovych, executive director, at (212) 288-8660 or mail@ukrainianinstitute.org.

About Art at the Institute

Celebrating its sixty-third year of activity, **Art at the Institute** is the the visual arts programming division of **The Ukrainian Institute of America**. Since its establishment in 1955, Art at the Institute organizes projects and exhibitions with the aim of providing post-war and contemporary Ukrainian artists a platform for their creative output, presenting it to the broader public on New York's Museum Mile. These heritage projects have included numerous exhibitions of traditional and contemporary art, and topical stagings that have become well-received landmark events.

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