CSULB Russian Club Presents

Spring 2012 Russian Film Series

Russia Through the Documentary Lens II

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**Svetlana about Svetlana**

Director: Lana Parshina (2008) 44 min

In *Svetlana about Svetlana* Joseph Stalin’s daughter (who has recently passed away) discusses her childhood, her mother’s suicide, her brothers Vassily and Yakov (who died in a Nazi concentration camp), and, of course, her famous father, who most Soviets saw as a “living god.” This documentary was filmed while she was living incognito in a retirement home in Wisconsin.

*Presented by Dr. Harold Schefski*

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**The Russian Concept**

Director: Igor Sopronenko (2009) 56 min

The *Russian Concept* documentary explores art that was created in resistance to the government-imposed style of Socialist Realism from the 1950s to the 1980s. This forbidden form of art is featured in the film by several Russian non-conformist artists whose works are considered great masterpieces and classic examples of world conceptual art.

*Presented by Dr. Andrew Jenks*

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**The House with Knights**

Director: Marina Goldovskaya (1993) 58 min

This is the story of 20th c. Russia as told by residents of a historic apartment located on Moscow’s famous Arbat Street. Built in the early 1900s, this grand apartment building housed the rich and privileged families. After the 1917 revolution, it was turned into a collective housing unit. Through historical footage and the reminiscences of former residents, the incredible story of this house comes to life.

*Presented by Dr. Dmitrii Sidorov*

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*LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED*

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