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THE CENTER OF COSMIC ENERGY

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Ilya and Emilia KABAKOV: THE CENTER OF COSMIC ENERGY September 6 – November 11, 2007

Medford, MA – What is cosmic energy and how can we tap into it? How are cosmic energy and individual creativity related? Will exposure to cosmic energy heighten your consciousness and personal creativity? What insight can be gained from an artist's interpretation of cosmological questions?

Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, renowned Russian émigré artists, together with the Tufts University Art Gallery, invite you to contemplate the amazing power of cosmic energy, the original renewable resource, at The Center of Cosmic Energy, September 6 through November 11.

... Imagine the construction of a ventilation complex in Medford, MA, during which ancient cave drawings and mysterious archaeological artifacts are unearthed at the site. Scientists offer theories on the meaning of these objects and drawings; according to one theory, the site is a sacred place filled with cosmic energy, the objects are ancient vessels once used to channel this energy, and the drawings are ancient recordings of this phenomenon. Imagine that such a theory could be tested by retrofitting the ventilation complex as a modern research facility ...

Now see this scenario materialized in the Kabakovs' Center of Cosmic Energy. The building, considered by its designers to be a "monumental experiment," was conceived to investigate how the energy of the cosmos can be received and mastered, thereby leading to "new and unlimited possibilities for Mankind."

Visitors to The Center will encounter the Kabakovs' three-dimensional proposal to make the world a better place. An audio narrative, written by the artists and heard inside The Center, declares: "By visiting this special place, you become part of a grand scientific experiment to determine if the energy of the cosmos can be harnessed, directed, and preserved. As you contemplate the history and meaning of The Center of Cosmic Energy, you may feel a proximity to the Cosmos you have never experienced before."

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The Tufts University Art Gallery animates the intellectual life of the greater university community through exhibitions and programs exploring new, global perspectives on art and on art discourse. The Gallery is located in the Aidekman Arts Center on the Tufts University Medford campus. The Gallery is fully accessible and admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11am to 5 pm and Thursday until 8pm. Free daytime visitor parking is available in the two parking lots off Lower Campus Road. Parking passes must be obtained at the front desk of the Tisch Gallery and displayed on your dashboard. Free event parking is available without a pass in the lot behind the Aidekman Arts Center, off Lower Campus Road. Visit our website: www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery or call **617-627-3518** for more information.