

## On the calendar



Photo by Anne Perryman

PAT THOMPSON poses in Moscow with an oil painting of her father, poet Vladimir Mayakovsky.

## Lehman College to host Mayakovsky retrospective

Lehman College will sponsor a two-day reappraisal of the life and work of Vladimir Mayakovsky, "the poet of the Russian Revolution," at the centennial of his birth, on Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1. Lehman is at Bedford Park Blvd. W. and Goulden Ave. The event will include appearances by Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko and Patricia J. Thompson, daughter of Mayakovsky.

Also scheduled in the multimedia event are art, drama, original music, film, and an international academic symposium. Most of the programs are free, and all are open to the community.

Mr. Yevtushenko will give a reading on Friday, April 30, at 6 p.m., in Lovinger Theatre at Lehman. A Russian buffet reception will follow. Admission is \$10 for the reading and \$35 for the reading and the buffet reception.

Dr. Thompson, professor in the division of professional studies at Lehman, will speak publicly for the first time about her father on Saturday, May 1, at the academic symposium.

Mr. Mayakovsky's suicide on April 14, 1930 is still clouded in mystery. His daughter is working on a book about her parents' relationship.

The centennial will also include "Mayakovsky: Man or Myth," an exhibit opening April 21 in Lehman College Art Gallery of Russian avant-garde artist Alexander Rodchenko's photographs of the late poet. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; admission is free.

*The Bedbug*, the 1928 satiric play by Mayakovsky, will be staged for six performances from April 28 through May 2 by Lehman's Speech and Theatre Department and directed by B.D. Bills in Studio Theatre. Admission is free but seating is limited; tickets are required.

A discussion by film critic Deirdre Boyle followed by screenings of vintage Russian films is planned for Friday, April 30, 12:15 p.m., in room B04, Carman Hall. Admission is free.

An afternoon of poetry is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 3 to 5 p.m., in Lehman College Art Gallery. Readings of Mayakovsky's poetry will be given in English, Russian, Spanish, French, and Italian, at 3 p.m. There will be readings by contemporary poets at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

An international academic symposium focusing on the poet will be held on Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Lovinger Theatre, at Lehman. The fee of \$60 includes breakfast, lunch, a reception, and published proceedings.

A panel discussion on Mayakovsky's children's poetry led by Dr. Thompson is planned for Saturday, May 1, 2 p.m., in the faculty dining room alcove, music building. Admission is free.

A dramatization of a Mayakovsky poetry reading by the Moonlight Players will be presented on Saturday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., in Lovinger Theatre.

For more information about obtaining tickets for free and paid events, call the office of college relations at 960-8211.