

## **GRYGORIY SHYSHKO**

The Mall Galleries will host an exhibition of the Ukraine artist Grygoriy Shyshko's work between 4 and 18 March. Within the post-Soviet world, the emergence of Ukraine as an autonomous European nation seems to have stimulated hybrid art practices which blend the shifting traditions of Soviet Socialist Realism with modes of western modern art.

Grygoriy Shyshko was an officially approved and recognised artist of the Soviet Union. He had risen to the top of his profession with his painterly but accurate renderings of the 'beauty of work in the service of the State'. There was, however, a clandestine Shyshko with his own subjective vision, who turned the hard won skills and disciplines of official depictions to painting the personal and poetic landscape of his native Ukraine.

Presented by Danusha Fine Arts, the exhibition of Shyshko's work will be held in close cooperation with Chernobyl Relief Foundation in the UK, a charity aimed at promoting aid to those people of the Ukraine who suffered as a result of the world's greatest nuclear disaster in April 1986. A part of the exhibition proceeds will go to the charity.

Danusha Fine Arts specialises in promoting art from the Ukraine in London and can be contacted by telephoning on 020 7286 4832 ■