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## THE ORENBURG REGIONAL MUSEUM OF THE FINE ARTS

Present an exhibition

### «Orenburg downy miracle»

**17 December 2016**

at the Art gallery of Dubrovnik  
(Croatia)

**For the first time Orenburg regional Museum of fine arts invited with the exhibition «Orenburg downy shawl» in Croatia! The exhibition will open on December 17 at the Art gallery of Dubrovnik.**

Since the end of 18<sup>th</sup> century in the Orenburg region there's an old wide-known Russian handicraft «The Orenburg down shawl». The term itself encompasses warm dense and heavy shawls and soft and delicate lace-patterned scarves, either, tenderly called «cobwebs».

As well as it was 200 years ago, every stage of shawls making is carried out manually. By their own hands women hackle a goat with special combs and spin a fine yarn by the distaff and then knit scarves with knitting needles.

For the first time Orenburg downy shawls were presented to the Europeans at the first World's Fair in London in 1851. And there they were appreciated very well by the European public and they were awarded with special prizes. In 1862 at the second World's Fair in London and then in Chicago in 1897 Orenburg downy shawls were awarded with medals. In Brussels in 1958 scarves knitted by Orenburg knitters won the Big Silver Medal.

Also, Orenburg downy shawls were exhibited at the World's Fairs in Canada (Montreal, 1967) and Japan (Tokio, 1968), then at the International Fairs in Algeria (1969), Syria (1975), Greece (1976), France (1977), England (1979), Austria (1980), Spain (1981, 2012), India (1982), Germany (1985, 2012), Switzerland (2012), Malta, Denmark (2013), UK (2014), Norway, Armenia, Nepal (2015).

On the eve of New year and Christmas exhibition "Orenburg downy miracle" will give You a special Christmas mood. Each openwork white shawl is a unique story of handmade incarnation experiences winter beauty and joy of life. Huge, like snow-covered steppe, shawls, with their fabulous patterns – a reflection of the broad Russian soul, purity of thoughts and love. Any of them will be a wonderful Christmas gift and will wrap its owner with warmth and tenderness.

International exhibition project is part of the events of the Orenburg Museum of fine arts, aimed at popularization of national values.

**Exhibition curator - Bushykhina Irina Vladimirovna.**