

Dasha Zhukova's Garage Art Space to Park a Satellite in St. Petersburg



Courtesy Garage Center for Contempoarary Culture Dasha Zhukova's Garage Center for Contemporary Culture in Moscow

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MOSCOW— That <u>Dasha Zhukova</u> is one busy heiress. In recent weeks the wealthy Russian art patron has stepped down from her editorial post at Britain's **Pop** magazine, joined <u>Larry Gagosian</u> and an all-star Silicon Valley team to launch the curated online art-sales site <u>Art.sy</u>, and made a flurry of much-photographed appearances at <u>Art Basel Miami Beach parties</u>. Now she's become swept up in her boyfriend <u>Roman</u> Abramovich's plan to create and island for art in <u>St</u>. Petersburg, announcing that her <u>Garage Center for Contemporary Culture</u> in Moscow —which recently lost program director <u>Mollie Dent-Brocklehurst to Pace</u> <u>Gailery</u> — will be expanding to open a satellite on the billionaire's New Holland Island development.

While rumors have circulated this year that the Garage — which is leased from the Russian capital's Federation of Jewish Communities, with that lease known to have an approaching expiration date — was closing, Zhukova has also released a program for the Moscow space's 2011 program. The shows will include "New York Minute," a survey of art being made in the American metropolis today that is curated by the Hole's <u>Kathy Grayson</u>, and which was shown last year at Rome's **MACRO Future** space; "The Museum of Everything," a popular touring farrago of non-traditional work by self-taught artists that was created by folk art evangelist <u>James Brett;</u> and "Cuba in Revolution," an exhibition of photographs from the 1950s uprising that led Fidel Castro's Communist forces to power.

While the varied slate suggests that the Garage will remain in its former garage space designed by Constructivist architect Konstantin Melnikov, one thing is for certain: there's an opening for a very plush curatorial position in Moscow in the wake of the departure of Dent-Brocklehurst, who will be helming Pace's new planed London gallery.

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