

Engaging communities through
international arts partnerships



Mission and Programs

CEC ArtsLink is an international arts organization, whose programs encourage and support exchange among visual and performing artists and cultural managers in the United States and abroad. We believe that the arts are a society's most deliberate and complex means of communication, and that the work of artists and arts administrators can help nations overcome long histories of reciprocal distrust, insularity and conflict.

With solid expertise and lasting partnerships in 32 countries, CEC ArtsLink promotes communication and understanding through collaborative, innovative projects for mutual benefit. CEC was founded in 1962 to enable citizens of the United States and the Soviet Union to accomplish what their governments would not do – open doors, share ideas and build mutual trust. In today's transformed and complex world, citizen diplomacy is just as urgently necessary.

ArtsLink Awards

Connecting artists and arts organizations through international projects and residencies

Open World Cultural Leaders Program

Professional exchanges for contemporary Russian artists and arts managers

VisArt: Contemporary Issues in the Arts

Responding to current cultural issues in Russia and Central Asia through collaboration, exchange, and professional development workshops

Arts Leadership Fellows

Strengthening the arts infrastructure in Russia through advanced management training

Global ArtLab

Reciprocal exchanges between US, Tajik and Kyrgyz artists and arts professionals

Afghanistan • Albania • Armenia • Azerbaijan • Belarus • Bosnia & Herzegovina • Bulgaria • Croatia
Czech Republic • Estonia • Georgia • Hungary • Kazakhstan • Kosovo • Kyrgyzstan • Latvia
Lithuania • Macedonia • Moldova • Mongolia • Montenegro • Poland • Romania • Russia • Serbia
Slovak Republic • Slovenia • Tajikistan • Turkey • Turkmenistan • Ukraine • USA • Uzbekistan