Linkage Agreement  
between  
Akademia Sztuk Pięknych w Poznaniu  
Poznań, Poland  
and  
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Knoxville, Tennessee, USA

Purpose

In order to increase international understanding and awareness on our respective campuses, the Akademia Sztuk Pięknych w Poznaniu (Academy of Fine Arts of Poznań), Poznań, Poland and the School of Art of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the United States of America agree to collaborate in the short term exchange of two non-enrolling students from each institution for one month each calendar year.

Exchange of Students

The Akademia Sztuk Pięknych w Poznaniu and the University of Tennessee School of Art will facilitate the exchange of two students between the two institutions for a period of four weeks each calendar year or as agreed by the coordinator of each. The visitation periods shall not overlap so as to allow the participating students to assist in serving as primary hosts for their visiting peers.

It is proposed that the students from Tennessee come to Poznań during the month of May and that the students from Poznań come to Tennessee during the month of September. In this way participating students will not miss any course work during the regular academic calendar at their home university/academy.

The home institution will screen its applicants for exchanges and the host institution reserves the right to accept or reject nominated students. Host institutions may set requirements with regard to student competency in language or other areas. Exchanged students must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

Participating students will visit the host university in the capacity of guest student-artists, working in the studios of the host institution, participating in classes and presenting a guest lecture or demonstration. Any academic credit which may be awarded to students under this agreement is the responsibility of the home institution. To assist in making housing arrangements, each institution will notify the other institution (by email) of the exact dates of arrival and departure of the student guest artists at least three months in advance of arrival.

The host institution will provide housing. All other costs, including, meals, health insurance, art materials, transportation, passports, visas, etc., are the responsibility of individual students.

An effort will be made for non-enrolling students and/or faculty to be exchanged on a one-for-one basis, with one or two participants from each institution per year.
Selection of Participants

Each institution’s agreement coordinator will screen its nominees for participation in the exchange and will forward those nominations to the other institution’s coordinator. The host institution reserves the right to make final judgment.

Coordinators

Coordinators will be named by each institution to ensure that the terms of this agreement are carried out. Further, all activities conducted under the auspices of this exchange program must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At the University of Tennessee the coordinator will be Prof. Beauvais Lyons in the School of Art. At the Akademia Sztuk Pięknych w Poznaniu the coordinator will be Prof. Miroslaw Pawlowski of the Department of Graphics. Coordinators will notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

Evaluation

Each institution’s coordinator shall annually evaluate the linkage agreement and write a report of its activities.

Renewal, Termination and Amendment

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than October 15 for an exchange for the following academic year term. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties. Any amendment to the agreement may be made by the an exchange of letters between the two parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

Professor Wojczech Muller  
Rector  
Akademia Sztuk Pięknych w Poznaniu

Loren W. Crabtree  
Chancellor  
The University of Tennessee

Miroslaw Pawlowski  
Professor of Graphics  
Akademia Sztuk Pięknych w Poznaniu

Paul Lee  
Director  
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Beauvais Lyons  
Professor of Art  
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