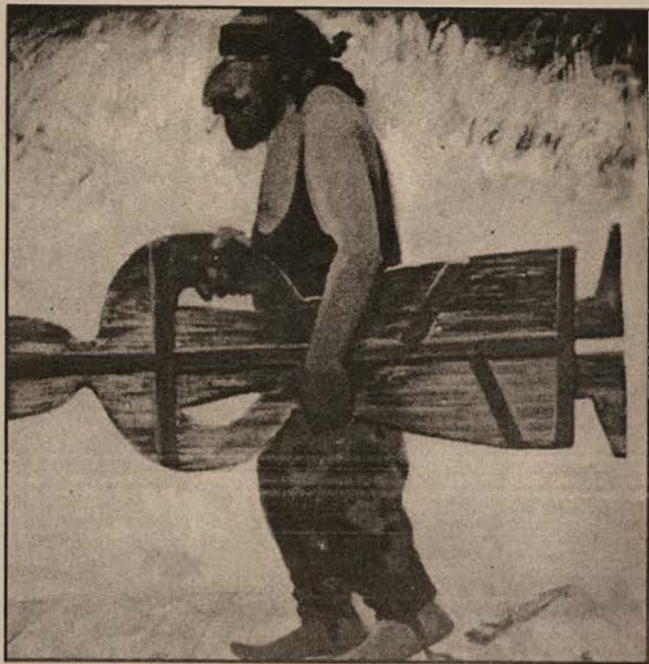


Asheville artist **Vadim Bora** is a native of the republic of North Ossetia, in the Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union. He gained much notice in the city of Vladikavkaz in the 1970s for his tradition-inspired decorative metalwork and sculpture.

Upon emigrating to the United States, Bora opened a gallery to promote his works — but his latest show brings to light the works of two other former Soviet citizens, now locally based, whose styles may surprise those with preconceptions about Russian art. *Three "Russian" Artists* features noted nonconformist painter and muralist Vasily Polevoy and makeup-artist-turned-illustrator Mila Weber — neither one ethnically Russian. The exhibit opens at the Vadim Bora Studio-Gallery (30-1/2 Battery Park Ave.) on Oct. 21, with a reception from 6-9 p.m. For more info, call 254-7959.



"Stagehand," by Vadim Bora