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### **Review of dissertation research defenses at the Graduate school of folk arts (academy)**

On December 24, 2024, the dissertation defense session took place at the Higher School of Folk Arts (Academy). The Dissertation Defense Council meeting on December 24, 2024, reviewed two dissertations submitted by graduate students in the specialty 5.8.7 Methodology and Technology of Professional Education (Pedagogical Sciences).



Fig. 1. Yu.I. Ukolova presents the results of her scientific research

The first dissertation on the topic "Higher Education Content in the Field of Mstyora lacquer miniature painting" was presented by Yulia Igorevna Ukolova (Fig. 1<sup>14</sup>). Her advisor is Sergey Viktorovich Lebedev, Doctor of Philosophy, associate professor and head of the Philosophy Department at the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution "Higher School of Folk Arts (Academy). Based on the historical legacy of training artists in the fields of Mstyora icon painting and lacquer

miniature painting, she developed and implemented a curriculum that reflected both the traditional aesthetics and stylistic elements of this art form while simultaneously catering to modern-day needs.

During her dissertation defense, Yu.I. Ukolova convincingly demonstrated that the proposed content of higher education is grounded in regionally-historical, creative, critical-evaluative, interdisciplinary, and didactic principles. The content includes new modules that teach specific aspects of Mstyora lacquer miniature painting and Mstyora miniature drawing, as well as painting techniques. The

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<sup>14</sup> Fig. 1, 2. Photos from the archive of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution "Higher School of Folk Arts (Academy).

