

2026 Erarta Prize

In 2026, the art prize inaugurated by the Erarta Museum of Contemporary Art and judged by the viewers will be awarded for the fourth time. Launched in 2023, the project became a mainstay of both the local cultural scene and the Russian contemporary art in general. The enthusiastic feedback received from everyone involved – artists and viewers alike – keeps the Erarta Prize going.

Having reviewed all entries for this year's Prize, the museum unveiled its longlist comprising 40 artists. The nominees' artworks are showcased in a special exhibition at Erarta's Grand Hall from 6 February through 7 June 2026. The show features paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs, installations, as well as other contemporary art media. The total prize value of 3.5 million rubles will be fully allocated towards supporting the artists and distributed among the nominees according to the viewers' vote.

The Erarta Prize is the only art prize awarded through a public vote rather than by a board of experts. This premise is consistent with Erarta's core philosophy: art is being created by the artist, but it is the viewers' perception that makes it truly powerful.

The first voting round is in progress right now and will last through 20 April. It will determine the 10 shortlisted artists whose works will compete in the second round scheduled to run from 21 April through 3 June. Every vote matters – the public's active involvement can help any artist achieve a higher ranking, win a bigger prize, and ultimately claim the Grand Prix of 500,000 rubles.

The 2026 edition of the Prize offers the viewers a new opportunity to support the artists: the works featured in the nominees' exhibition can be purchased through the agency of the museum. This is a great chance for everyone seeking to both impact the prize money distribution and build their private art collection.

The winners of the 2026 Erarta Prize will be announced at the closing awards ceremony on 4 June. The Prize opens its doors to everyone. Make sure to visit the exhibition between 6 February and 7 June, vote for the participating talents, and choose new masterpieces for your collection. The future of contemporary Russian art is written by us, together. Stay tuned for more important news! Please visit prize.erarta.com to find out more.

See you at Erarta!

About Erarta Museum

Erarta is the largest private museum of contemporary art in Russia. Its permanent collection features over 2,800 works by more than 300 artists from all across the country as well as several unique projects created by Erarta: U-Space total installations, Audio Installations, Art-Literature, Art-Animation, and others. Erarta Museum was repeatedly mentioned as a top choice tourist attraction by the world's leading Lonely Planet guidebooks, ranks among the top 10 museums in Russia on TripAdvisor travel website, was spotlighted as one of the '5 Cultural Gems in St. Petersburg' by National Geographic, and became the country's first contemporary art museum to be featured on Google Arts and Culture Project.

In addition to the permanent collection, Erarta annually stages more than 40 exhibitions alternately focusing on painting, sculpture, photography, fashion, design, architecture and video art. Every year, Erarta attracts nearly half a million visitors.

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