

## Erarta Museum Presents the **2023 Erarta Prize** Exhibition Featuring the Nominees for Its Annual Contemporary Art Prize

**For the first time in history, the Prize will be awarded through a public vote rather than by a closed board of experts. The total prize value of 3.2 million rubles will be distributed between ten artists (2.5 million rubles) and the viewers (700,000 rubles).**

From 9 February through 11 June 2023, Erarta's main exhibition space will showcase the creations by the 61 artists nominated for the Prize: they were selected by the museum's team following an open call for entries. For the first time in history, the Prize will be awarded through a public vote rather than by a closed board of experts. The exhibition features paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs, video and multimedia art, installations, as well as other contemporary art media.

The artworks on show were created by the following 61 artists nominated for the Prize:

Vladimir Abikh	Nadezhda Kosinskaya
Alexey Andreyev	Alexander Koryashkin
Alexey Apish	Vadim Komissarov
Rinat Akhmetov	Yustina Komissarova
Stas Bags	Yaroslava Komissarova
Olga Batyrshina	Alexey Kessel
Maria Bogoraz	Dmitry Kaminker
Anton Bratynkin	Dmitry Loktionov
Natalya Veneva	Eduard Mkhoyan
Alexey Vorobyov	Vilgeniy Melnikov
Timofey Volkov	Olga Muravina
Alexander Grigoryev	Natalya Merkulyeva
Elena Grishayeva	Igor Mikhailenko
Vadim Grigoryev-Bashun	Olga Pavlova
Evgenia Davletshina	Andrey Sikorsky
Ksenia Efimova	Sergey Sekirin
Vyacheslav Ereschuk	Maria Suvorova

Nikita Evdokimov	Rustam Syunyakov
Semyon Zhokhov	Yulia Sopina
Alexander Zhernoklyuyev	Nino Samadashvili
Dmitry Zhukov	Tamerlane Tles
Evgeniy Zaremba	Dmitry Trubin
Aydar Ishemgulov	Georgy Frangulyan
Victoria Ivanova	Antonina Fathullina
Sergey Karev	Dinara Hörtnagl
Galina Kazarinova	Aristarkh Chernyshyov
Anastasia Kuznetsova-Ruf	Andrey Shatilov
Dmitry Kawarga	Nikolai Endegor
Katarina Kano	Oleg Echo
Nikita Kulnev	DASHA ART
Olesya Kot	

The winners will be determined by two rounds of viewer voting: on 10 April, 10 artworks will be shortlisted based on the outcome of the viewers' secret ballot vote, while on the show's closing date the results of the viewers' open public vote will be announced. The 2.5 million rubles of prize money will be distributed among the creators of the top 10 artworks in proportion to the number of viewer votes received. Every viewer shall have one vote for each round. The 700,000 rubles worth of prize money will be distributed among the viewers deemed by Erarta to be the most committed to and creative in supporting their favourite artworks.

*'We are very proud of our new project: for the first time ever, an art prize will be judged by the viewers who will vote for the artworks they choose. As you might know, the number one person at Erarta is the viewer. That is exactly why the underlying principle of the Erarta Prize is consistent with Erarta's core philosophy at large: art is being created by the artist, but it is the viewers' perception that makes it truly powerful. We invite everyone to take part in voting and other activities associated with the **2023 Erarta Prize**. This is going to be unmissable!'* comments Ekaterina Atoyan-Milyukova, Erarta Museum's Head of Communications.

### About the Prize

Erarta Prize is an annual contemporary art prize inaugurated by Erarta Museum. Prize winners will be determined by the majority of votes given by the viewers for their favourite artwork in an open public vote rather than by a closed board of experts. The voting will take place at a special exhibition curated and staged by Erarta Museum.

Please visit [prize.erarta.com](https://prize.erarta.com) to learn more about the Prize.



### 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.

Please visit [erarta.com](https://erarta.com) to learn more about Erarta Museum.

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