

# Russian Artist Mixes Renaissance Beauty With Moscow's Gritty Reality

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Naumov invites the viewer to contemplate complex problems in modern society. **Vykh\_ress / Instagram**

Moscow-based artist Yevgeniy Naumov aims to breathe new life into the city's gloomy urban landscape by turning them into Renaissance-inspired artworks.

A resident of the Vykhino neighborhood located in Moscow's outskirts, Naumov defines his art style as "Vykhino Renaissance," saying it reveals the romantic side of life in gray residential apartment blocks.

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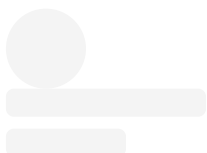
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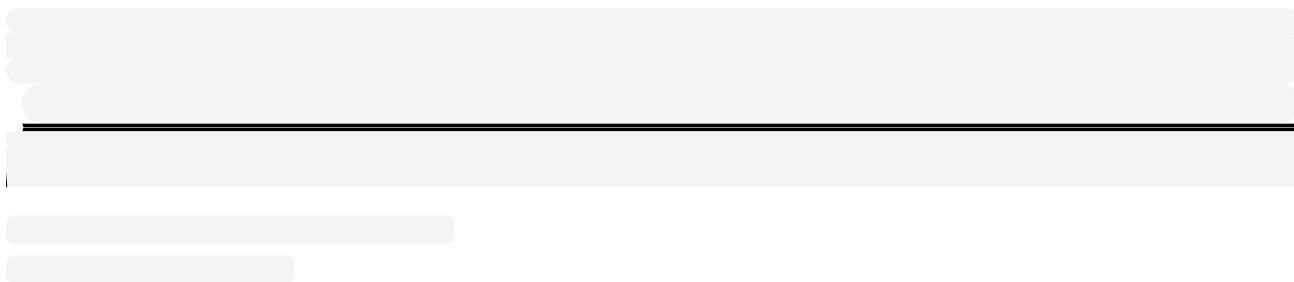
The young artist cleverly integrates iconic paintings into photos taken in Moscow's residential districts: he puts Mona Lisa to work at a local office building, while Mary, Jesus, and John the Baptist are pictured sitting on the floor of an empty subway car.

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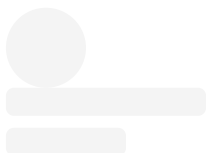


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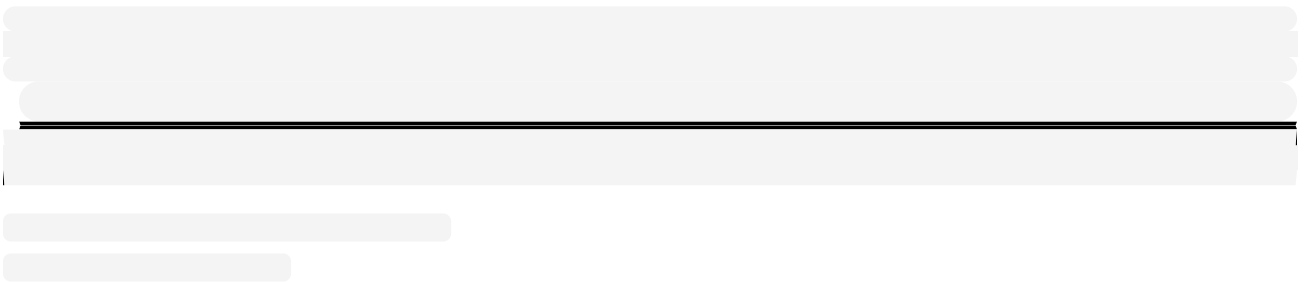
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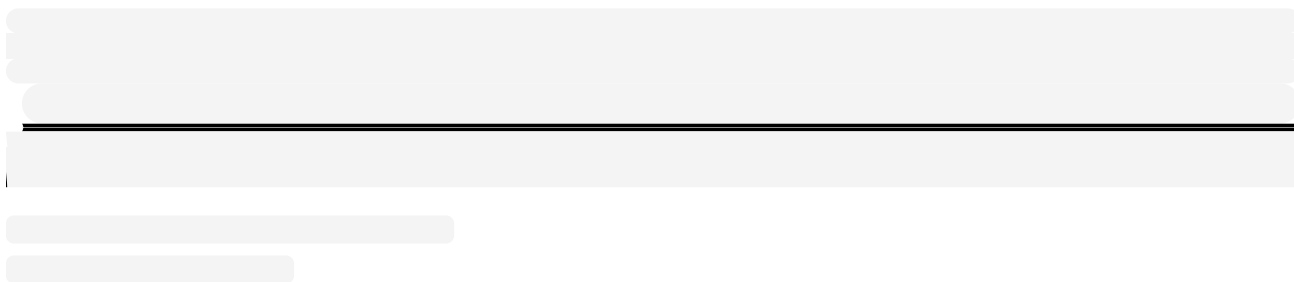
While some of Naumov's works are references to his childhood memories and observations, others invite the viewer to contemplate complex problems in modern society, including poverty, consumerism and police brutality.

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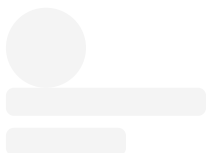


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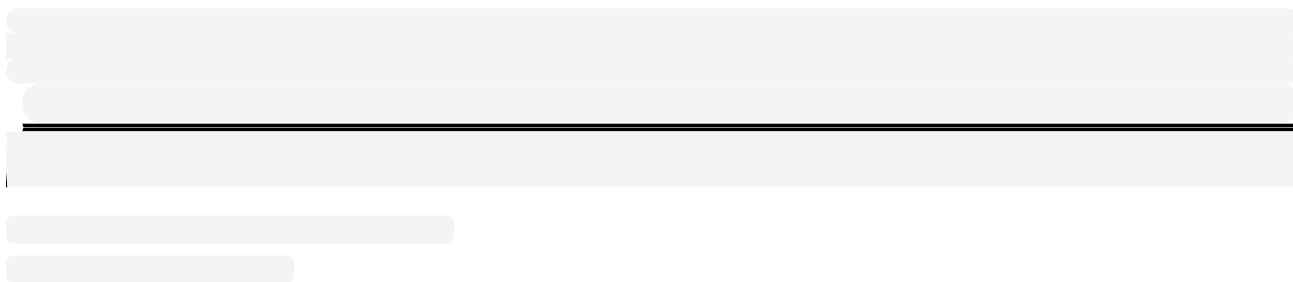
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“In my works, I have united horror and beauty, ordinance and uniqueness of things,”  
Naumov [told](#) Metronews.

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