

In Photos: The Works of Conceptual Artist Erik Bulatov

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On Sunday, the renowned Soviet and Russian artist Erik Bulatov passed away in Paris at the age of 92. Bulatov emerged in the 1970s as a leading figure of the Soviet pop art scene, bending figurative imagery with slogans and text to challenge state propaganda. In 2025, The Art Newspaper Russia ranked Bulatov at the top of its list that ranks the overall value of sold works by living Russian artists. His 1975 painting “Glory to the CPSU [Communist Party]” was sold in London for \$2.1 million in 2008. Bulatov founded the Sots Art movement, a postmodernist approach that combines text and imagery, alongside the Moscow Conceptualists, a collective that explores conceptual and philosophical themes in art. The Moscow Times has gathered a selection of some of his most well-known works:



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