

The Finale of the Avant-Garde Utopia in Revolutionary Russia . A SCENARIO OF TERROR AND DEATH

Avant-Garde
Institutions Closed
or Dissolved

1923 INKHUK
Theoretical Center
A forum for discussion
conducted by construc-
tivists, Moscow

1926 GINKHUK
Center for research
and experiments
headed by Malevich
Leningrad

1930 VKHUTEMAS
Interdisciplinary
school, divided into
separate routine
institutes

1928 LEF/NEW LEF
The Avant-Garde
main review

1932 NEW GENERATION
Ukrainian Avant-Garde
review

End 30's The Museum
of Modern Western Art
no more accesible to
the public

The 30's Meyerhold's
theater closed after a
campain of accusation

Avant-Garde Artists
Emigrated or left

Annenkow
Anisfeld
Burljuk
Evreinov
Diagilev
Chagall
Goncharova
Gabo
Exter
Kandinsky
Larionov
Mansurov
Pevsner
Puni
Zdanevich
Yakulov

Artist's fate:
Yesienin, poet
committed suicide, 1925
Mayakovsky, poet
committed suicide, 1930
Meyerhold, Theater
director, died in a
concentration camp
Mandelstam, poet
died in a concentration
camp
Akhmatova, poet
persecuted
Babel, writer
died in a concentration
camp

Gumilev, poet
shooteed
Kharms, writer
persecuted, arrested
Zoschenko, writer
died in a concentration camp

Benois
Baket
Grigoriev
Poliakov
Roerich
Somov
Sudaikin
Tchelischev

Anti-Formalist
Campaign since
mid' 20's

The campaign was launched
by the Party officials
in order to eliminate
Avant-Garde from public
life

Artists accused in
formalism:
Fine Arts
Malevich
Rodchenko
Tatlin
Gan
Sternberg
Filonov
Architecture
Melnikov
Vesnina
Ladovsky
Theater
Meyerhold
(bio-mechanic method)
Music
Prokofiev
Shostakovich
Mosolov
Photography
Rodchenko
Film
Kuleshov
Vertov
Poetry & Prose
Akhmatova banned
Pasternak persecuted
Platonov persecuted
Bulgakhov -r-
Zamyatin -r-

Imposed Socialist Realism
The 30's

1931 Central Committee of the
Communist Party took decisions
against so called Formalism
in visual propaganda (posters)

1932 End of pluralism in art
movements. All artistic groups
dissoluted

1932 Founded an all association
of fine artists, fully controled
by the comunist party - analogically
in other fields of creativity

1934 First soviet writers congress.
Gorky proclaimed Socialist Realism

Pilniak persecuted
Floryenskij deported
Bakhtin deported
Vvedenskij -r-

Total: Writers & poets
victims of terror in Russia
2000; died in prisons
and concentration camps:
1500