

Name, date and place of birth, education

TSERETELI ZURAB KONSTANTINOVITCH, born in Tbilisi (Georgia) on January 4th, 1934; graduated from the Academy of Arts in Tbilisi in 1958. Artist, sculptor, designer.

Present position

1997 President of the Russian Academy of Arts (21 Pretchistenka str., Moscow, Russia)
1999 Director of the Moscow Museum of Modern Art (25 Petrovka str., Moscow, Russia)
2001 Director of "Tsereteli Art Gallery" (19 Prechistenka str., Moscow, Russia)
1992 President of the Moscow International Foundation for Support to UNESCO
1996 UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
2006 Member of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation

Academic status

1989 Full Member of the USSR Academy of Arts
1992 Full Member and Vice-President of the Academy of Creative Activity (science, culture, public activities), Russia
1996 Full Member of the Georgian Academy of Sciences
1997 Full Member of the Academy of World Elite
1998 Full Member and Vice-President of the Russian Academy of Information
1998 Full Member of the Academy of Arts of Kyrghyz Republic
1998 Corresponding Member of San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts (Madrid, Spain)
2002 Corresponding Member of the French Academy of Fine Arts (Paris, France)
2009 Active Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts
1978 Distinguished Visiting Professor of Art at the State University of New York College of Arts and Science (Brockport, New York, USA)
1981 Professor of Academy of Arts in Tbilisi, Georgia
1998 Professor (Russia)

Honors and Awards

1978 People's Artist of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic
1980 People's Artist of the USSR
1994 People's Artist of the Russian Federation
1976 Lenin Prize
1970 the USSR State Prize
1982 the USSR State Prize
1994 Picasso Prize
1996 the State Prize of the Russian Federation
2000 the prize of modern art 2000 "International Recognition" - "Golden Hand" (France)
1990 The Hero of Socialist Labor
1994 Order "Friendship of Peoples" (Russia)
1996 Order "For Services to Motherland" 3rd rank (Russia)
1998 "Vermeil Medal" - the highest reward of the city of Paris; "Big bronze medal of Paris"

2000 the Honorary Cross "Combattant Volontaire" of the Association of Veterans of the French Resistance (France)
2002 Order of Gabriella Mistral (Chile)
2005 Officer of the Order of Arts and Literature (France)
2006 Order "For Services to Motherland" 2nd rank (Russia)
2007 UNESCO Picasso Gold Medal
2007 Order of Bernardo O'Higgins in the highest rank of Grand Cross (Chile)
2010 Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor (France)
2010 Order "For Services to Motherland" 1st rank (Russia)

Public awards

2003 Order "Glory of Russia"
2003 International Peace Prize of the Joint Convent of Figures of Culture(USA)
2003 Golden diploma and medal "For Contributions and Motherland" (Russia)
2003 The All-Russian Prize "Russian National Olympus": Order "For Honor and Valor"
2003 Order "Philanthropist" of the charitable foundation "Philanthropists of the Century" (Russia)
2008 The National Prize for Contribution to the Glory of Russia: Order for Contribution to Culture
2009 "Fame" Award of Izvestia newspaper and publishing house (Russia)
2009 "Golden Bridge" Prize (Italy)
2010 Gold Medal of Honor – The National Arts Club. (New York, U.S.A). One of the Most Prestigious American Awards in the Field of Culture.

Chief designer

1970-1980 Chief designer of the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980 Chief designer of the Summer Olympic Games in Moscow, Russia
1995 Chief designer of the War Memorial on Poklonnaya Hill (Moscow, Russia)
1997 Chief designer of the Manezh Square and the underground shopping mall (Moscow, Russia)
1995-2000 Chief designer of the interior and exterior decoration of the Cathedral of Christ the Savior (Moscow, Russia)