

Boris Anisimovich Pinkhosovich (1910-1994)

Boris Anisimovich Pinkhosovich was born in 1910 in a small town Pochep. The boy was named after his grandfather. Since 11-years-old boy was a very talented person, in 1921 he began studying at the VHUTEMAS institute, which was the only art institute in the USSR at that period time. His teachers were Falk, Mashkov, Konchalovsky, Istomin as well as other young, but already known artists.

In 1924 Boris' pictures were published in 3 issues of the magazine named "Art for the working class", spotted by Moscow's intelligentsia; they helped Boris to get a job in the Arts Association at the Union of Artists, the only place where soviet artists could earn money legally. Boris Pinkhosovich worked in this association up to retirement.

Except for portraits of leaders, which were ordered by the Art Association and well-paid, he regularly created art paintings that were successfully sold in the galleries Art Association and the Union of Artists.

Unfortunately, during the WWII in 1943 Pinkhosovich was evacuated with all the members of the Union of Artists to Central Asia, where, by the way, he became a friend with Falk, his apartment was plundered and all the pictures stored there were gone.

Glory achieved by Pinkhosovich in post-war years made his so famous that when he decided to paint a portrait of marshal George Konstantinovich Zhukov, the main participant of the war, Zhukov with all his the bodyguards and agents attended his apartment for several times to pose for the portrait. On May 26, 2004 his portrait was sold by Sotheby's auction for 100.000 pounds (SALE L04110, lot 311, London, New Bond Street).