

The New Museum presents “Ostalgia,” an exhibition that brings together the work of more than fifty-five artists from twenty countries across Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Republics. Contesting the format of a conventional geographical survey, the exhibition will include key works produced by Western European artists who have depicted the reality and the myth of the East.

The exhibition takes its title from the German word *ostalgie*, a term that emerged in the 1990s to describe a sense of longing and nostalgia for the era before the collapse of the Communist Bloc. Twenty years ago, a process of dissolution began, leading to the break-up of the Soviet Union and the many other countries that had been united under socialist governments. From the Baltic republics to the Balkans, from Central Europe to Central Asia, entire continents and nations were reconfigured, their constitutions rewritten, their borders redrawn. “Ostalgia” looks at the art produced in and about some of these countries, many of which did not even exist two decades ago. Mixing private confessions and collective traumas, the exhibition describes a psychological landscape in which individuals and entire societies try to negotiate new relationships to history, geography, and ideology.



PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:

Vyacheslav Akhunov  
Victor Alimpiev  
Evgeny Antufiev  
Vladimir Arkhipov  
Said Atabekov  
Nikolay Bakharev  
Mirostaw Bałka  
Irina Botea  
Geta Brătescu  
Anatoly Brusilovsky  
Erik Bulatov  
Olga Chernysheva  
Chto Delat  
Phil Collins  
Neil Cummings and  
Marysia Lewandowska  
Tacita Dean  
Stanislav Filko  
Hermann Glöckner

Ion Grigorescu  
Andris Grīnbergs  
Tibor Hajas  
Petrit Halilaj  
Hamlet Hovsepien  
Sanja Iveković  
Július Koller  
Jiří Kovanda  
Evgenij Kozlov (E-E)  
Edward Krasiński  
Alexander Lobanov  
Jonas Mekas  
Boris Mikhailov  
Andrei Monastyrski  
Deimantas Narkevičius  
Paulina Ołowska  
Roman Ondák  
Anatoly Osmolovsky  
Helga Paris

Pavel Pepperstein  
Susan Philipsz  
Viktor Pivovarov  
Dmitri Prigov  
Anri Sala  
Michael Schmidt  
Thomas Schütte  
Simon Starling  
Mladen Stilnović  
David Ter-Oganjan  
Jaan Toomik  
Andra Ursuta  
Andro Wekua  
Workshop of the Film Form  
Sergey Zarva  
Jasmila Žbanić  
Anna Zemánková

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