

Cosmoscow Foundation will present the 'Architectures of Dream' exhibition by the visionary curator Azu Nwagbogu

On April 9, ahead of the **13th Charity Auction**, the Cosmoscow Foundation for Contemporary Art will present lots at the '**Architectures of Dream**' exhibition in the historical space of Moscow's Eliseevsky, owned by R4S (Tverskaya St., 14). The auction will be held on April 13, 2026 with the support of the following partners: Sber, R4S, Beluga, Tete de Cheval, Edis.

The project is curated by Azu Nwagbogu, one of the key figures of the global art scene. Being a founder of the LagosPhoto Festival and the African Artist Foundation, he is known for his ambitious vision and work with institutions around the world. In 2024, Nwagbogu curated the first ever national pavilion of Benin at the 60th Venice Biennale. Since 2021, the curator has been included in ArtReview Power 100 list (holding 45th place in 2025).

The pre-auction exhibition '**Architectures of Dream**' will share how in a time when the world seems intent on division—by borders, by ideologies, by the weight of separate histories – there is something simpler and more radical: solidarity through imagination. The artists who engage in dialogue in the exhibition share a commitment to building worlds rather than merely reflecting them, creating the 'architectures of dream'. These are not utopian fantasies or escapist retreats – these are structures of hope built with clear eyes, knowing that survival requires more than endurance.

'From North to South, these artists work with photography, painting, and conceptual gestures that ask: what if we imagined otherwise? Each work carries the weight of history while insisting on something lighter—what I call a Happy Survival. Happy Survival is not naïve optimism. It's the knowledge that beauty and imagination are survival tools, that culture-making in hostile conditions is a form of defiance, that artists working across continents in parallel gestures of world-building are already enacting the solidarity our institutions struggle to formalize' –
Azu Nwagbogu, curator of the auction.

The action will include 27 lots: 24 from Russia and 3 by foreign artists. List of the artists, whose art is to be presented at the exhibition: Alexander Gronsky, Alexander Povzner, Alexey Korsi, Alexey Partola, Amgalan Rinchine, Anastasia Litvinova, Anton Kushaev, Arseny Zhilyaev, Boris Turetsky, Varvara Silantieva, Elena Filaretova, Ivan Belov, Ivan Novikov, Kyu Sang Lee, Luiza Jesus do Prado, Maria Gruzdeva, Maria Kozhanova, Nestor Engelke, Nikita Kroko, Satch Hoyt, Slava Nesterov, Yuldus Bakhtiozina, Yuri Zlotnikov, Igor Palmin.

Lots are provided by: Anna Nova Gallery, Artwin Gallery, Iragui Gallery, Jessica Gallery, PENNLAB, pop/off/art, Pop-Up Gallery, Ruarts, Seréne, Syntax, Society of Contemporary Siberian Artists (SCSA), Lumiere Gallery; auction's partner Sber; collectors Anton Kozlov and Denis Khimilyayne; Smart Art; online platform TEO by Cosmoscow and independent artists.

The 'Architecture of Dream' exhibition will be available on April, 11 and 12 from 12:00 to 20:00 at 14 Tverskaya Street upon prior registration.

In order to enquire about details and participate in the 13th Charity Auction, please email vip@cosmoscow.com.