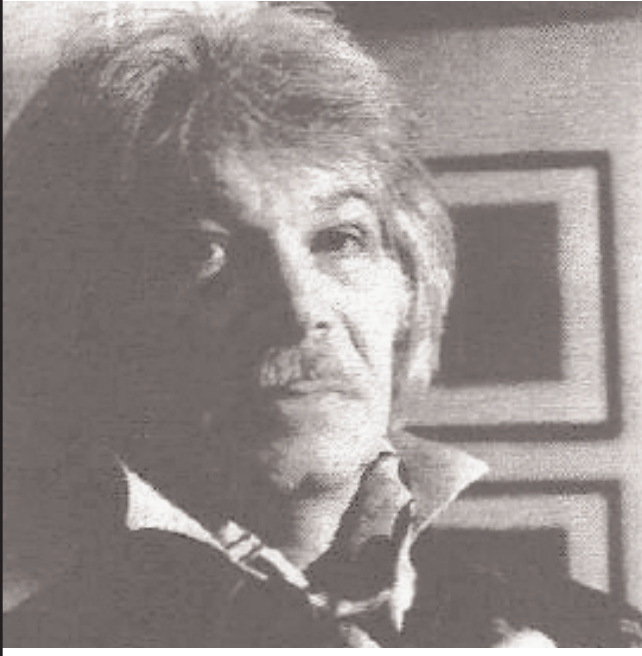


Sculptor Peter E. Shapiro

January 17th, 1933- October 16th, 2004

Russian/American Sculptor; Fellow, World Academy of Art and Science; Member, National Sculpture Society; member, Union of Russian Artists.



Peter Shapiro, son of Nina I. Holland, an American graduate of Columbia University and Ephim Shapiro, a chemical engineer in Stalin's Soviet Union, died October 16, 2004.

His professional career began in 1953 when he presented sculptures of Leo Tolstoy and Beethoven at the two state art exhibitions. In those times, a Soviet sculptor could not avoid a Lenin theme and Shapiro's marble sculpture of Lenin was mounted at the Vnukovo-2 Airport.

In stone and bronze, Shapiro immortalized many leaders and political figures of the Soviet Union and the countries of the Eastern Bloc including; Marshals Zhukov, Eremenko, Rudenko, Bugaev; Minister Patolichev, as well as Academicians Pospelov and Vasilenko; Chess Champion Karpov, Olympic Champion Rodnina, Cosmonaut Lebedev, Poets Antokolsky, Vosnesensky, Markovski; Writers Chakovsky, Permyak, Josef Nort; Artist Glazunov, Composers Schostakovich, Novikov, Machavariany; Pianists Van Cliburn & Petrov; Opera Singer Ivan Kozlovsky, Movie Director R. Karmen, Actress Sergeeva, Actor Pereverzev and many other.

In addition to his US/Russian art works, Peter Shapiro's great work in Reykjavik, Iceland earned him accolades and many prominent friendships. His work there created an entire gallery of portraits of the most famous citizens of Iceland, including the David Oddsson, Prime Minister of Iceland in 1998.

Shapiro continued to create after he came to the United States in 1994 and maintained a studio in the Washington, D.C. area. He produced extraordinary works of Dr. James Billington, Library of Congress; Benjamin DuPont; Dr. Charles Wick, Former Director of U.S.I.A.; Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara; Prof. Harlan Cleveland, Former Ambassador to the UN; Dr. John H. Proctor, American member of the Russian Academy of Science; Former Vice President Albert Gore; Gerald S.J. Cassidy; Maryland Congress Woman Connie Morella, Singer Plachido Domingo, Actor Boris Kazinets, Anna Achmatova, Academicians: Gavriil Popov, Alexander Yakovlev and Svyatoslav Fedorov and Dr. Sergo Mikoyan; Conductor Mstislav Rostropovich; Sam Kislin; Edvard Lozansky; Tymur Sapir, and Raisa Gorbacheva, A bronze bas-relief of Sholom-Aleikhem is displayed in New York at the Sholom-Aleikhem Place. Bronze busts of Dr. J. Carter Brown and Dr. Michael DeBakey are displayed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC.

In gratitude to and admiration of Sculptor Shapiro many influential people have shared their feelings:

"Shakespeare wrote, 'In framing an artist, art hath thus decreed to make some good and others to exceed'. You, dear Peter, indeed exceed as an artist. As a talented sculptor, you bring creativity and sensitivity to your subject reviling the true person. I am thrilled and inspired by your work. My appreciation and admiration"

-Constance A. Morella- US Congress Woman

"Dear Peter:

I am writing to record my deep gratitude to you for crafting and donating two extraordinary works of art to the Library of Congress. Your remarkable bust of Andrei Sakharov is prominently displayed in my office. Just as remarkable an execution though surely of a less noble subject is the remarkable bust you made of me as Librarian of Congress. I was simply flabbergasted that you could do this in two sittings. You are that rare sculptor, who produces excellent lenses of the person you are sculpting. Your work is true to its subject matter- not simply an external for but an inner meaning and suggestion"

-Dr. James H. Billington, Library of Congress.

"...Having been concerned over career with the product of art I was fascinated in this portrait project... Peter Shapiro's impressive talent and ebullient personality made the process a highly experience..."

-J. Carter Brown, Director Emeritus, The National Gallery of Art

"...Peter Shapiro's contribution to culture and the enrichment of humankind is certain. His works are a testament to the artistic genius..."

- John H. Proctor, Ph.D., Sec. General, World Academy of Art & Science, 1986-1996.

"...Peter's capacity to capture a person's essence is an extraordinary talent..."

- Prof. Harlan Cleveland, Former Ambassador to the UN

"Sculptor Peter Shapiro has created a collection of portraits of Russian citizens who have represented the period of transformation of Russia from bureaucracy socialism to modern post and industrial society. This collection would always remind of unique part of modern Russian sculptures"

-Gavriil Popov, Professor, President International Union of Economists

Mr. Shapiro participated in the "Victims of Communism Memorial: project in Washington DC, supported the organization of the Russian TV Channel "Russian World" in the States, and in the organization of several Russian Film Festivals at the Kennedy Center.

Peter's beautiful wife of 45 years, Anjela, was always a wonderful inspiration to his art. As an expression of his love and appreciation to her, Peter sculpted several of Anjela's portraits. One of which is in the Greek Museum of Saloniki.

Peter Shapiro's contribution to the culture and the enrichment of humankind is certain. His artistic genius left a legacy to the world. Approximately 500 art works sculpted by Shapiro now adorn museum halls and portrait galleries all over the world.

To learn more about Peter's life and art, please visit: www.peter-shapiro.com

John H. Proctor, Ph.D.

Full Foreign Member, Russian Academy of Sciences

Secretary General, World Academy of Art and Science, 1986-1996

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Member, President's Council, Association of Intelligentsia, World of Culture, Moscow Russia

