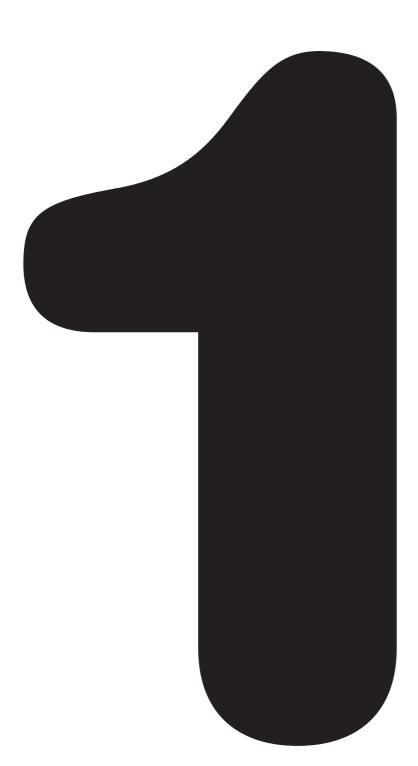
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The major Russian museums, whose collections include a broad spectrum of artworks — from icons to modern installations — were slow in recognizing the significance of photography. For a long time it was felt that this type of creative endeavor occupied its own separate niche and didn't conform to the general laws of art. That's why museums, the Russian Museum included, missed a splendid opportunity in their time to collect what have now become classic photographs by artists of the Russian avant-garde. The Russian Museum also lacks a systematic collection of photographs from the mid-20th century.

In our day, photography has not merely earned its rightful place as a full-fledged participant in the artistic process. To a significant degree it's come to compensate for the nearly complete lack in the other visual art forms of interest in the world of objects, in real life, in the surrounding environment.

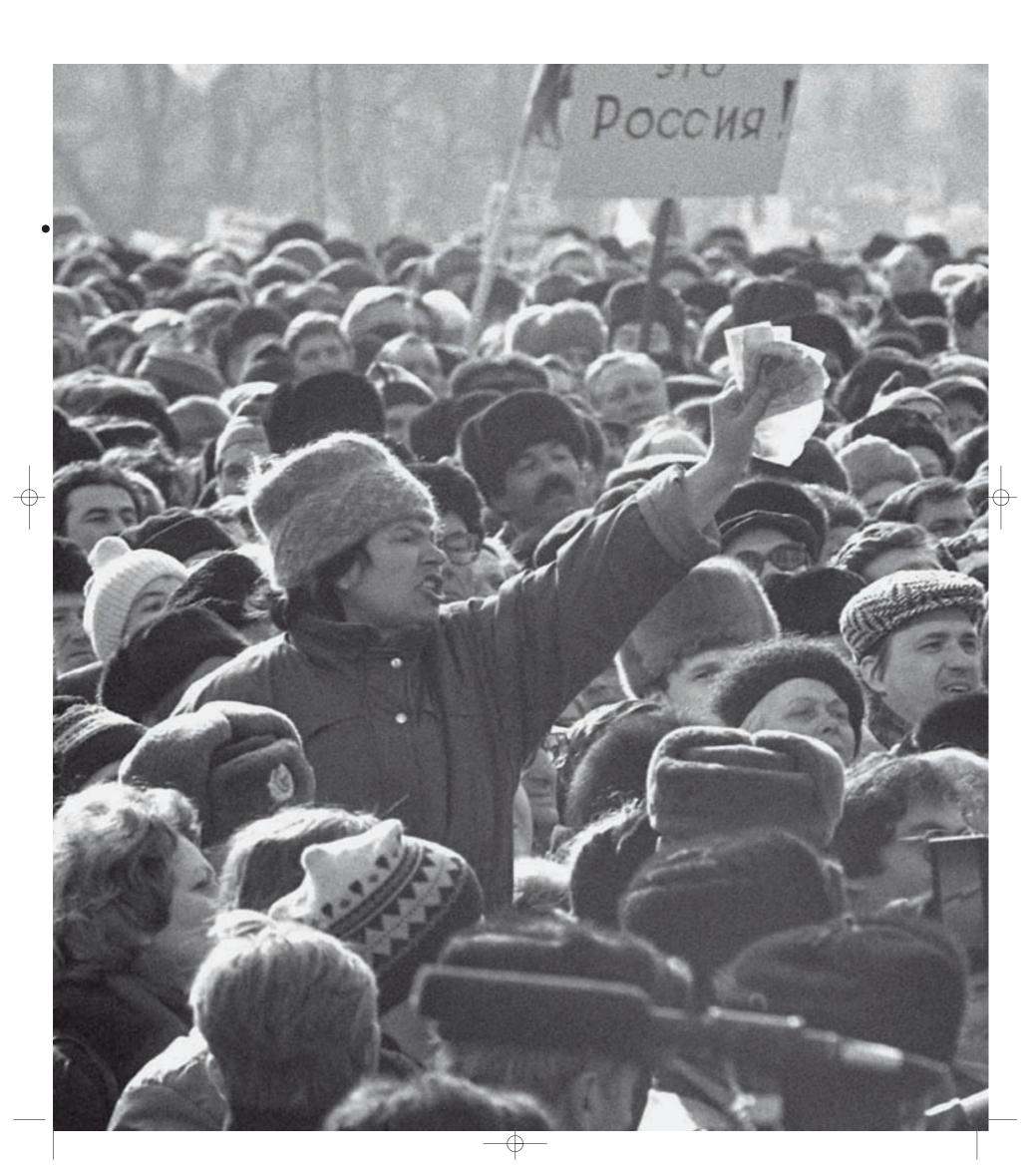
The technical possibilities of our day, the experience of predecessors and Internet contacts allow talented people to master the art of photography, even if they live in towns and villages far from major population centers. In this sense, photography has turned out to be a democratic creative form in more than just its embrace of themes and expressive techniques. It's drawn more and more professionals and amateurs alike into the process of artistic creation.

Determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past, the Russian Museum has been collecting photographs as art for some time now. Most of curators' attention has been limited to the works of well-known photographers connected mainly with art photography. Frequently, however, works by those working in other photographic genres possess high artistic virtues. In planning its photobiennale, the Russian Museum felt duty bound to expand the event's geographic range and attract a maximal number of participants. A competitive process resulted in the selection of 970 works by 400 photographers from 80 cities, towns and villages in various regions of the Russian Federation.

The photographic genres present in the publication — reportage, portraits, landscapes, still-lifes, nudes, ballet, sports, everyday life, religion, ethnic and art — reflect the diversity of possible creative approaches to a single theme. Executed both in the classical style and in the spirit of today's understanding of the nature of photography, the works of the photobiennale's participants include both those of celebrated masters and others yet unknown to the general public.

Evgenia Petrova, Deputy Director, Russian Museum

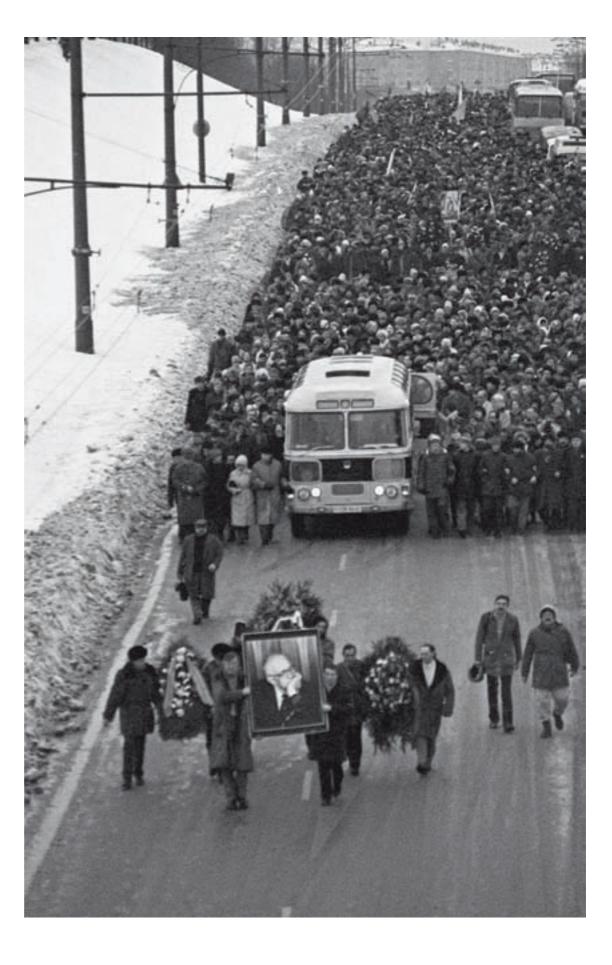
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Moscow. Funeral Procession in Memory
of Dmitry Komar, Vladimir Usov
and Ilya Krichevsky 24 August 1991
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Yury Borisov
Moscow. Manège Square
on the Meeting on 10 March 1991



Yury Borisov Moscow. Farewell to Andrei Sakharov 19 December. 1989 35 x 50



Alexander Orlov Winners. 2004 40 x 50

Yury Goldenstein Victory Day. 2009 33 x 50 Artem Grishin **Emergency Ambulance.** 2009 40×50

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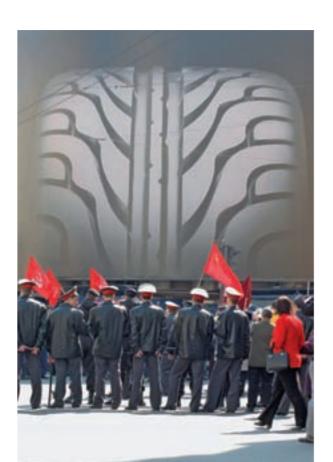
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Victoria Bazoeva
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Vera Paraschuk
9 May 2009
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Victorina Rodionova From the White Nights series, 2007 33 x 50

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