# **ART HISTORY - CONSTRUCTIVISM**















## **ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**

- The last and most influential modern art movement to flourish in Russia in the 20th century.
- It borrowed ideas from Cubism,
  Suprematism and Futurism, but at its heart was an entirely new approach to making objects.
- Objects were to be created not in order to express beauty, or the artist's outlook, or to represent the world, but to carry out a fundamental analysis of the materials.
- The seed of Constructivism was a desire to express the experience of modern life - its dynamism, its new and disorientating qualities of space and time.

'NOT THE OLD, NOT THE NEW, BUT THE NECESSARY.'

Vladimir Tatlin

## **KEY ARTISTS AND IDEAS**







Vladimir Tatlin

Lyubov Popova

Naum Gabo

## **VLADIMIR TATLIN**

Central to the birth of Russian Constructivism. Described as a "laboratory Constructivist," he took lessons learned from Picasso's Cubist reliefs and Russian Futurism, and created objects that seem poised between sculpture and architecture.

### LYUBOV POPOVA

Radical multimedia artist and designer, who was an active Communist in the 1917 Russian Revolution and the years that followed. Worked at a time when there were few women artists respected by art institutions or schools, or even in the revolution.

### **NAUM GABO**

He incorporated principles from engineering and architecture into his creative explorations, and used his sculptures to describe and demonstrate new scientific concepts such as Einstein's space-time relativity.

#### **CONTEMPORARY ARTIST - CONCEPCION STUDIOS**

- Award-winning design studio based in California's San Francisco Bay Area specializing in graphics for the entertainment industry.
- Concepción Studios has earned international recognition with works published in The New Yorker, Rolling Stone, TIME, Quirk Books, Gestalten and PRINT Magazine.
- Concepción Studios produces an aesthetic that speaks for itself.

