ART HISTORY - SUPREMATISM











ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

- Invented by Russian artist Kazimir Malevich
- One of the earliest and most radical forms of abstract art
- Malevich believed that Suprematist art would be superior to all the art of the past
- Artists were heavily influenced by avant-garde poets
- Used very simple motifs squares, circles and crosses
- Artists emphasised the surface texture of the paint on the canvas
- Artists aimed to remove the real world entirely and leave the viewer to contemplate what kind of view of the world is offered

'TO THE SUPREMATIST THE VISUAL PHENOMENA OF THE OBJECTIVE WORLD ARE, IN THEMSELVES, MEANINGLESS; THE SIGNIFICANT THING IS FEELING, AS SUCH, QUITE APART FROM THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH IT IS CALLED FORTH'

Kazmir Malevich

KEY ARTISTS AND IDEAS







Kazmir Malevich

El Lissitzky

Olga Rosanova

KAZMIR MALEVICH

Founder of the movement - his ideas about forms and meanings in art would eventually shape the theories of all abstract art

EL LISSITZKY

Russian painter, photographer and designer. Helped develop Suprematism with his mentor Kazmir Malevich. Often used clean lines and simple geometric forms

OLGA ROZANOVA

Artist who painted in the styles of Suprematism, Neo-Primitivism and Cubo-Futurism. Her paintings were pure abstraction - organised by visual weight and colour

CONTEMPORARY ARTIST - FREA BUCKLER

- Frea Buckler is a multidisciplinary artist applying her visual language of hard-edged abstraction to screenprint, sculpture and installation.
- She creates lively one-off works made up of deeply saturated geometric forms.
- Buckler embraces chance and experimentation as a means to explore colour, materials, space and form.

