

Vasyl Krychevskyi

Vasyl Krychevskyi was an artist who made landmark achievements through his extremely multifaceted and phenomenal activities: he founded Ukrainian modernism and the national architectural style, and developed innovative techniques in book graphics. He also designed the trident and the hryvnia, while also representing Ukrainian "lyrical impressionism." On top of that, Krychevskyi was a production designer of Ukrainian cinematography and a teacher.

Krychevskyi, who was born in Sumy oblast, attended the Kharkiv Technical Railway School, where he studied architecture and drawing techniques.

In 1903, as an architect, he created a design for the building of the Poltava Province County Council (at present, Vasyl Krychevskyi National Studies Museum in Poltava). This building initiated a new national architectural style.



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In 1918, as an artist, Krychevskyi designed the small and large state coats-of-arms for the Ukrainian People's Republic, monetary units, the state seal and postage stamps.



Krychevskyi also illustrated books by Ukrainian writers, as well as popular scientific publications of famous scientists.

Krychevskyi founded the artistic design of Ukrainian-made films – he produced artistic presentations for over three dozen theatrical plays and films, including the famous film "Zvenyhora" (1927).



State banknote of the Ukrainian People's Republic designed by Krychevskyi. 1918



At Mykhailo Hrushevskyi's request, he produced designs for Hrushevskyi's "Illustrated History of Ukraine".

Sadly, the Soviet government tried to erase the memory of Vasyl Krychevskyi, as was the case with many other bright personalities. Their names were not mentioned and it was attempted to make them "non-persons." However, these people existed for those who risked their lives to protect their works in Ukraine. Today we are fighting to return our history from oblivion so that it is passed on to the following generations.

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31.0 mm

Quality

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Edge

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