
Sergei Parajanov (1924–1990) was a world-famous avant-garde filmmaker, talented screenwriter, and a prominent representative of the school of Ukrainian poetic cinema. Born in Tbilisi, he became one of the most outstanding figures in Ukrainian cinema through creating a unique style that combined Eastern mysticism and Ukrainian romanticism.

Parajanov did not just create films – he visualized worlds filled with deep symbolism and metaphors. His poetic cinema is a kind of poetry that reflects the richness of ethnographic and folklore heritage, with a deep philosophical and poetic component.


The creation of Parajanov's unique cinematic world began with his collaboration with Ivan Chendei on the screenplay for the film "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" (1965). This film, along with such notable works as "The Color of Pomegranates", originally known as "Sayat-Nova" (1969), "The Legend of the Suram Fortress" (1984), and "Ashik Kerib" (1988), is a masterpiece of global cinema art. These works have become an ode to eternal love, the depth of human feelings and indomitable strength, and have received numerous international awards and worldwide recognition.

Parajanov's life was quite multifaceted. He did not hide his critical views of the Soviet system. He openly fought against censorship, survived repression, and in 1973 was sentenced to

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five years in prison on charges of anti-Soviet activity. However, even in prison he did not lose faith in the power of art, continuing to create collages, draw, and to write scripts.

In his last interview in 1988, Parajanov expressed his strong affection for Ukraine:

"Long live Ukraine! Long live Ukrainian nationalism in the sense that I understand it: We cannot allow a time to come when there is no Ukrainian word or song, no Ukrainian sun or sunflower!"

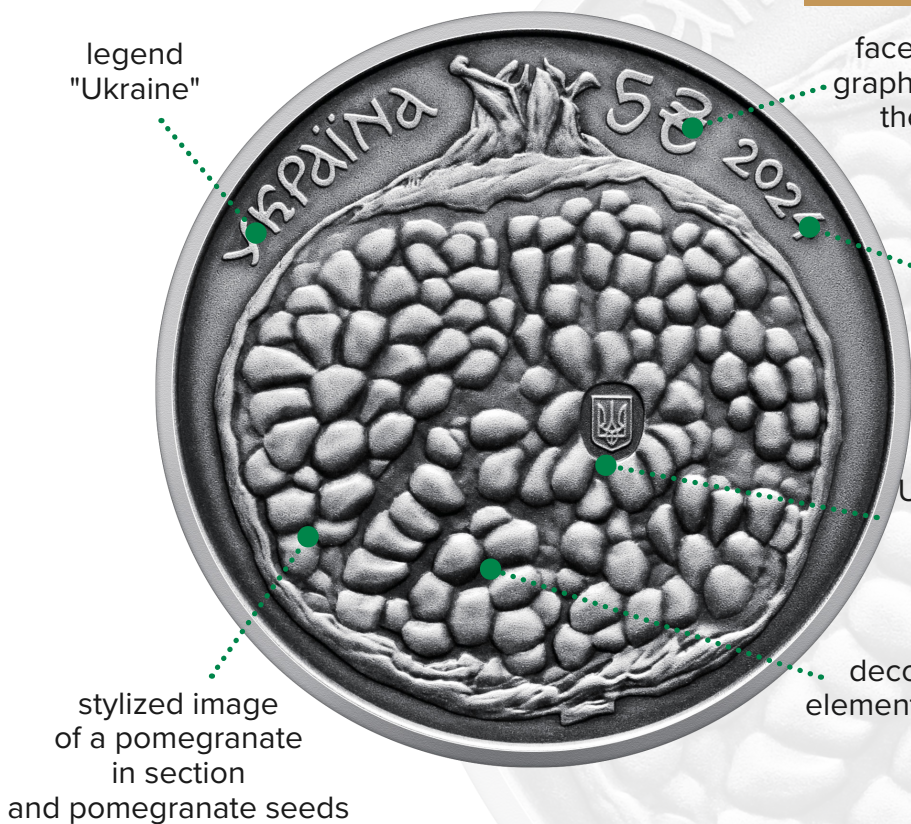
Parajanov is a symbol of the struggle for creative freedom, the preservation of national identity, and faith in the power of art. As the famous Ukrainian writer Ivan Dziuba said: *"Those who knew Sergei Parajanov were extremely lucky. They saw a living genius!"*

In August 2024, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi posthumously presented film director Sergei Parajanov with the National Legend of Ukraine award.

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