

Information from the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation

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[We have started gathering information on damage and destruction of cultural heritage sites committed by Russian occupation forces in Ukraine.](#)

We ask witnesses of destruction of cultural heritage from all regions of Ukraine to send photo or video evidences to the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy to the resource: <https://culturecrimes.mkip.gov.ua>

In particular, an example of the war crime may be:

- damaging of ancient buildings (architectural monuments), historical cemeteries, monuments, religious buildings, works of art, natural monuments, buildings of cultural institutions - theaters, museums, libraries, etc.;
- destruction of archeological objects - mounds, shafts of ancient earthen fortifications, excavation sites, etc.;
- facts of injury / death of civilians as a result of the weapons use in an attempt to damage cultural facilities by the occupiers;
- seizure of property, looting of museums, libraries and other cultural institutions by the occupiers.

Data available for public use will be published on the portal. Verified materials may be transferred to the International Criminal Court in Hague for investigation.

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[The Ukrainian Cultural Foundation calls for the exclusion of the Russian Federation from UNESCO](#)

Vladyslav Berkovskii, the Executive Director of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation, was interviewed on Swedish [public broadcaster SVT](#).

"Russian occupiers continue to ruthlessly destroy Ukraine's cultural heritage, publicly saying that no Ukrainian culture exists and did not exist. They continue to loot Ukrainian museums and destroy Ukrainian theaters. We call on the global cultural community to exclude Russia from UNESCO, because instead of protecting or reviving tangible and intangible cultural heritage, Russia is only destroying it. There can be no common values or cooperation with the aggressor", said Vladyslav Berkovskii.

The Ukrainian Cultural Foundation, together with the country's cultural community, continues to call on international organizations to suspend any cooperation with the Russian Federation.

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[We have to isolate Russia in the global cultural arena!](#)

Dear friends from international organizations, networks, cultural and media sectors!

On behalf of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation and all cultural organizations and institutions in Ukraine, we are asking for your solidarity and support. Today is March 1st, which means that we have the 6th day of a full-scale Russian war against Ukraine. As of the morning of 28th February, 352 civilians have been killed, 14 of them children. 1,684 people were injured, including 116 children, according to the Ministry of Health. This is a war of scale unseen in Europe since 1945, and the whole world is watching it. Watching is not enough. Attacks continue and the Ukrainian army bravely defends us.

For decades, cultural institutions and individuals affiliated with the Russian state were used as tools for imperialist propaganda, hybrid warfare, and beautification of Putin's criminal regime. This has to stop now!

Please help Ukraine by stopping any cultural cooperation with the Russian Federation:

- Exclude Russian organizations from international networks and unions;
- Suspend Russian participation in international cultural events such as festivals, biennials, exhibitions, art and literature fairs, including the Russian pavilion at the Venice Biennale;
- Boycott events organised by Russian institutions as well as international foundations that are directly and indirectly linked to or funded by Putin's regime and Russian capital;

- Cancel any cooperation with Russian artists, no matter how great or famous, as long as they openly support Putin's regime, silence its crimes, or do not publicly and directly oppose it;
- Remove representatives affiliated with the Russian state or Russian capital from supervisory and advisory boards of your organisations;
- Refuse any donations, funding or sponsorship from Russian organisations, their proxies and affiliates based in other countries;
- Organise cultural events dedicated to Ukraine and its fight against Russia.

We have to speak! Do not be silent! Communicate your decision publicly to encourage your peers to follow your example.

We call to boycott the Russian Federation now!

We have to isolate Russia in the global cultural arena!

Your support is essential to our survival as a nation!

28.02.2022

[Vladyslav Berkovskii: "We shall collect facts on the Russian-Belarusian aggression"](#)

Dear friends, colleagues, defenders of our Motherland.

It is already the fifth day as we are fighting the Russian-Belarusian aggression. We have been under violent military attack by the Russian Federation since 24th February. The enemy is attacking us by using missiles, ballistic rockets, multiple rocket launchers Grad and tanks. In these critical conditions, the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation continues to work under constant shelling. We prepare to finance projects for the new (2022) grant season. We help our territorial defense units with volunteer work. We work for the future of our independent country and victory!

And that is why we appeal to all cultural institutions in Ukraine, to all cultural managers, to all, who create the cultural landscape of our country. We have witnessed a new story. The story that must reach our descendants. The story that should become a lesson for the whole world. The story that the Ukrainian people cannot be defeated, that our freedom cannot be destroyed. To save this story, we - museum workers, archivists, librarians, directors and screenwriters, poets and writers, and all those who create

culture - need to combine our efforts. We have to preserve the memories of our heroic act. And we are not talking only about the front, but also about the rear.

Collect and Save! The tangible and intangible heritage of our fighting for independence, evidence of war and crimes of Russia and Belarus, open aggression against people - all those artifacts should become not only evidence in court, but also an element of our future museum exhibitions, archives, library collections, theater performances and movie backgrounds. After all, this is the memory of those who laid down their lives for our Motherland, for our Ukraine!

Glory to the heroes! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Ukrainian Armed Forces and Territorial Defense!