

# Early years

- HE WAS BORN ON
   JULY 12TH, 1955
- HE WAS BORN IN VICIEBSK,BELARUS



- HIS MOTHER WAS
   BELLA AFREMOVA
   AND HIS FATHER
   WAS ARKADIY
- LEONID WAS AN ONLY CHILD

### Tits childhand



- Leonid spent most of his childhood in his hometown, Viciebsk
- He got kidney damage due to being exposed to extreme cold at the age of 14
- Leonid was also an honors student in school

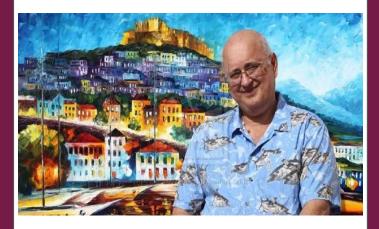


- HE ATTENDED ANY ART CLASS THAT HE COULD
- HE ALSO TOOK PRIVATE LESSONS FROM THE LOCAL ARTIST IN HIS AREA
- LEONID GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1973 WITH HONORS
- AFTER THAT HE WENT ON TO ATTEND VITEBSK EDUCATION INSTITUTE
- AT THE INSTITUTE HE STUDIED ARTS AND GRAPHICS
- IN 1978 AFREMOV GRADUATED AS AN ELITE MEMBER FROM THE VITEBSK ART SCHOOL
- AFTER HE GRADUATED HE TOOK PRIVATE LESSONS FROM LOCAL FAMOUS
   ARTIST BAROWSKI WHO WAS TEACHING ART WHEN MARC CHAGALL WAS
   STILL LIVING IN VITEBSK

- In 1990
   Leonid and his family moved to

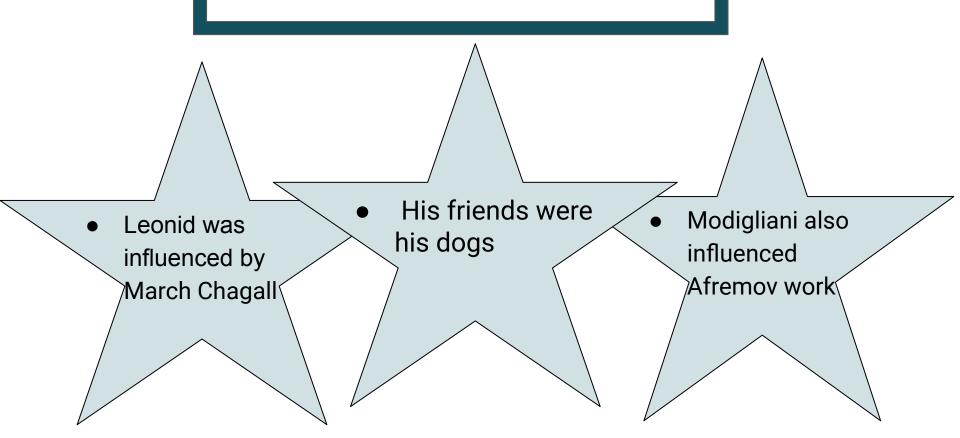
   Israel
- They moved
   in 1990 after
   begin affected
   by the
   Chernobyl
   disaster
- Between 2002 and 2010 he lived in the U.S.

### **Adult Years**



- He moved to the U.S. because he wasn't selling any paintings
- Leonid now lives in Playa del Carmen, Mexico which is near Cancun
- He moved to Mexico because he took an early retirement, and because he had visited Playa del Carmen before and loved it

### Influences and Friends



## Personal Life

- LEONID MARRIED INESSA KAGAN IN 1976
- HIS FIRST SON, DMITRY, WAS BORN IN 1977
- THEN IN 1984 HIS SECOND SON, BORIS, WAS BORN



### First Works of Art

- Afremov is mainly known as being a self-representing artist
- His first paintings didn't make him famous
- Leonid's first paintings were sold by his son,
   Dmitry, to people in their neighborhood
- After he got enough money saved from selling his paintings in the local neighborhoods, he open his own gallery and frame shop in Ashdod



- The art
   movement
   that Afremov
   is famous for
   is Modern Art
   Impressionism
- During
   college he
   was also
   interested in
   19th century
   French
   Impressionism

### HIS STYLE





- His focuses
  are primarily
  on
  landscapes
  and
  seascapes
- The mediums that he used to create his art were palette knives and oil paints



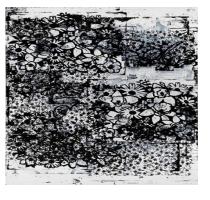
Jungles in Paris, by Adrian Ghenie



*Dream Harbor*, by Leonid Afremov

### His Art

- Contemporary art is the art of today, produced in the second half of the 20th century or in the 21st century.
- Contemporary artists work in a globally influenced, culturally diverse, and technologically advancing world
- Contemporary art has been the popular style of art in the 20th and early 21st century
- Two other artist famous for this type of work Adrian Ghenie and Christopher Wool



Lugring
Augustine, by
Christopher Wool



Golden Boulevard, by Leonid Afremov

#### Famous Work

- One of
   Afremov's most
   famous art
   pieces is Paris
   Flight
- This specific painting is located at the Louvre museum in Paris, France



#### **Paris Flight**

- THE STORY BEHIND THIS PAINTING, AND MOST OF LEONID PAINTINGS, WAS TO SHOW OFF
   THE BEAUTY OF THE LANDSCAPE AND THE EMOTIONS ATTACHED TO THAT CERTAIN PLACE
- I'M NOT SURE WHEN THE ORIGINAL PAINTING WAS CREATED, BUT IT HAS BEEN RECREATED MULTIPLE TIMES
- THE PAINTING IS A 54"X40"
- HE USED OIL PAINTS TO CREATE HIS PIECES OF ART
- THE SUBJECT OF THE PAINTING IS ARC DE TRIOMPHE IN PARIS
- THE SUPPORT WAS A CANVAS
- THE MOVEMENT THAT THIS PIECE OF ART IS FROM IS CALLED MODERN ART IMPRESSIONISM

# The Critique

 The only critiques that i could find about Leonid's paintings were that they loved the painting but it was like all the rest of his paintings and they would like to see different styles from Afremov.

## Personal Critique

 Personal I think that all of his paintings are really pretty and have super fun and bright colors.

#### OTHER WORKS



Night of Inspiration



Warmed by Love



Balloon and Emotion



On the Way to Morning



Morning Sun of January

#### His Importance in the Art World

He is regarded as the best palette knife and oil painting "maestro"



"Russian— Israeli artist Leonid Afremov is one of the most unique artists working today"

#### Interesting facts

- AFTER HE SAW SOMETHING INTERESTING HE WOULD SKETCH IT IN HIS NOTEBOOKS
- HE MOVED TO ISRAEL IN 1990 AND WOULD BECOME A SOLE
   CITIZEN OF ISRAEL DURING THE RUSSIAN-JEWISH IMMIGRATION
   WAVE OF THE 1990S.
- HIS ART WAS INSPIRED BY JAZZ MUSIC, BECAUSE HE'S A REALLY BIG
   JAZZ FAN
- LEONID STARTED PAINTING WHEN HE WAS 7 YEARS OLD
- DURING HIS COLLEGE YEARS AND A LITTLE AFTERWARDS HE MADE
   HE MADE THEATRICAL SETS AND PROPAGANDA POSTERS



BOTTLE OF JAZZ

# Links

- https://www.famouspainters.net/
- https://www.slideshare.net/
- https://afremov.com/
- https://artsandculture.google.com/