

# Russian Sculptor Wants to Gift Putin-Bear Statue to the President

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A local sculptor wants to gift President Vladimir Putin a statue depicting the president's head atop the body of a bear with angel wings and holding a fish in its paws.

The forged iron figure — dubbed “Mind, Strength and Soul” and sculpted over several months — is a metaphor for Russia, the sculptor [told](#) Astrakhan-based news website KaspyInfo.ru.

Viktor Korpachyov said that the sturgeon in Putin's hands is a take on Astrakhan's regional symbol. The eagle that the bear is stepping on symbolizes Russia's enemies, he added.

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A man from Astrakhan made this sculpture of Putin as a winged bear holding a fish and named it “Mind, strength and soul.” I mean [pic.twitter.com/TsM19yxZWz](http://pic.twitter.com/TsM19yxZWz)

— Anna Shamanska (@\_shamanska) [November 16, 2017](#)

Although Korpachyov wanted to exhibit the monument formally, it is standing in an outdoor courtyard of a local residence.

In 2008, the Moscow City Duma monuments commission rejected a proposal to build a Putin statue in central Moscow, with one official saying it was a question for "future generations."

Four years earlier, sculptor Zurab Tsereteli crafted a statue of Putin in a judo outfit. The offering was coldly received by the Kremlin and was left to stand in the artist's personal gallery.

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