

# Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli

(1700-1771)

French-born  
Russian-Italian  
architect



Portrait of Count Rastrelli painted  
by **Lucas Conrad Pfanzelt**  
(1716–1788)

# A few facts about F. Rastrelli



- Moved to Saint Petersburg in **1716**
- His father was an Italian sculptor
- Wanted to combine the latest Italian architectural fashion with traditions of the Muscovite baroque style

This bust by **Carlo Rastrelli**  
(father of Francesco)  
is his possible self-portrait

# His main post

- ◉ Was appointed to the post of senior court architect in **1730**
- ◉ Was at this post through the reigns of Empress Anna and Elizabeth



Anna (1730-1740)



Elizabeth (1741-1762)

# Retirement

- The new Empress Catherine II dismissed baroque architecture
- Rastrelli had to retire to Courland where he supervised the decoration on ducan palaces



Catherine II

# Imperial Academy of Arts

He was elected to the Imperial Academy of Arts several months before his death

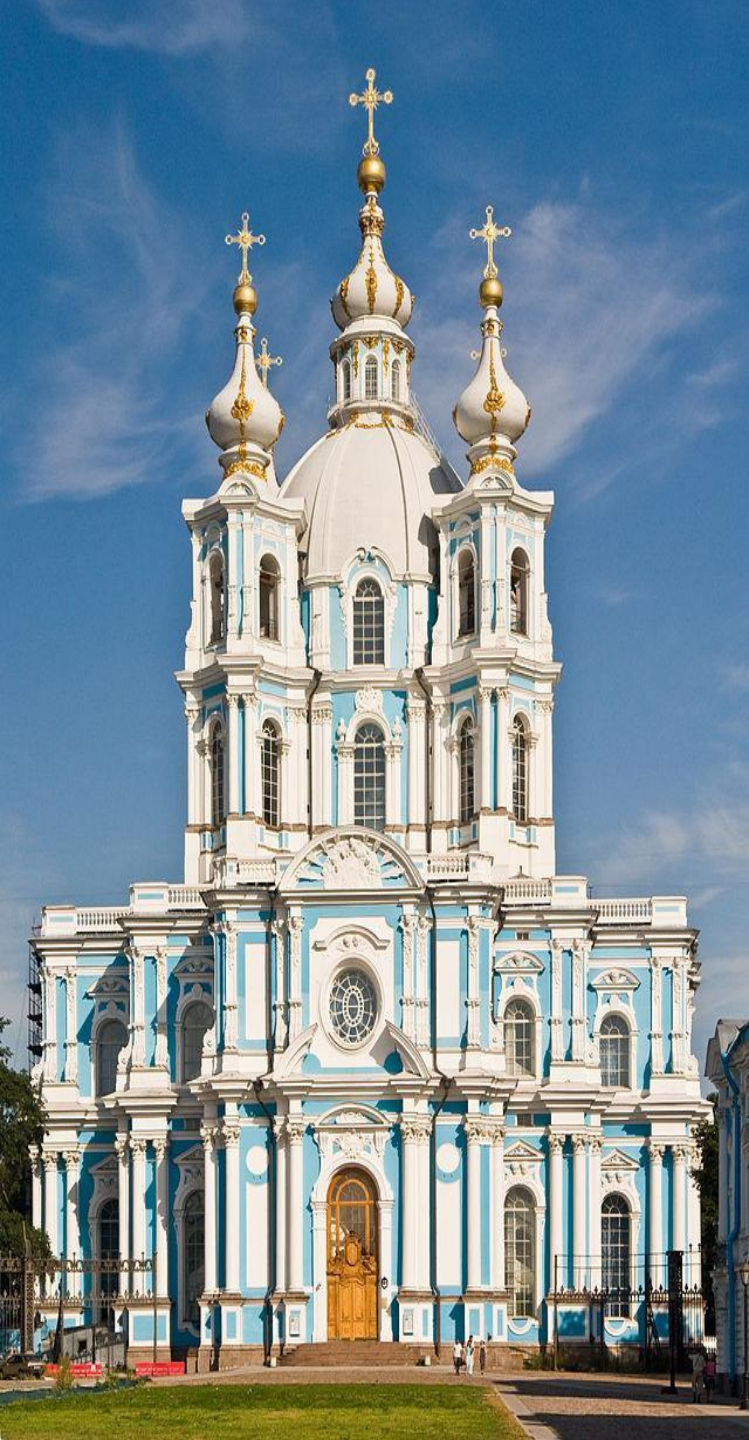


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# Peterhof Palace

1747-1755





# Smolny Convent

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1749-1757

# Catherine Palace



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# Winter Palace

1754-1762

