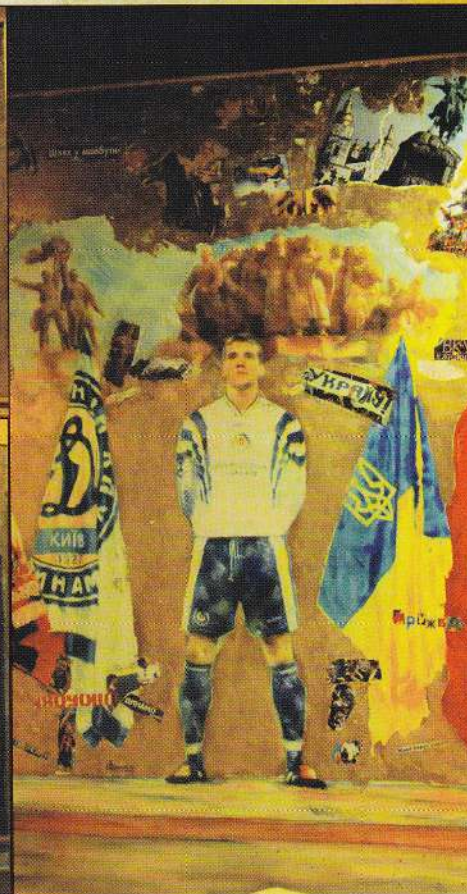
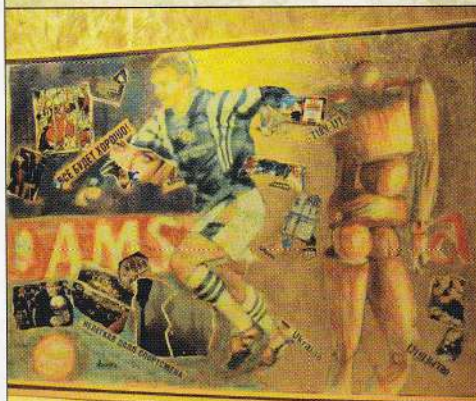


Italian Tribute to Sheva

Ukrainian hitman supreme Andriy Shevchenko has made quite an impact during seven years as the terror of the Italian Serie A league leading the line for AC Milan. Such is his iconic status that Italian artist Gianni Ottaviani has produced a series of colour collages featuring the Kyiv assassin as Milan, Dynamo and Ukraine legend. The works are now on show in Arena Entertainment.

Ottaviani is a Milan native, and he calls Sheva a personal friend. Ottaviani first came to Ukraine on Shevchenko's advice during the Orange Revolution and was suitably impressed by the incredible scenes of popular resistance to the government's attempts to crush Ukraine's fledgling democracy. Ottaviani compiled the information for this current Sheva tribute will in Kyiv during those heady winter days of social revolution and general euphoria. The artist has been a big fan of Ukraine ever since and as well as this football-themed iconic series he plans his next major artistic endeavor to be focused on and dedicated to the heroes of the Orange Revolution. "It was a fascinating time and I have been encouraged by Andriy to use the revolution as an inspiration. He is keen for more people to familiarize themselves with the events of those historic times the artist explained. "This exhibition is deliberately time to coincide with the coming world cup. I hope Sheva and Ukraine go all the way!" the Milanese wisecracker offered up, while keeping quiet over his own national team's chances of triumphing. These Sheva works of art will be especially pleasing to fans who can remember the good old days when he played for local talisman side Dynamo Kyiv, racking up the goals in the Champions League for fun when Kyiv were a side truly to be reckoned with. Others might gain pre-match inspiration prior to Ukraine's games by seeking a blessing from these footballing icons!



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