

Aksel Bakuntz (1899-1936)

The house museum of writer Aksel Bakuntz, at 41 Mashtots Street in Goris is a modest cottage with a garden. The collection of memorabilia and art works are simple since after he was arrested, the Soviet police destroyed much of his memorabilia and his notes. What has been assembled includes a portrait of his mother painted by their family friend, Martiros Saryan. A table and chairs in the garden marks the spot where Bakuntz spent time resting and contemplating.



Bakuntz left Goris for Yerevan in 1926. In Yerevan he lived on the corner of Nalbandyan and Toumanyany Streets. That building is now dilapidated but a monument that stood before it simply said that "the heart of Aksel Bakuntz `throbbed' inside this dwelling" where he lived and worked during his years in Yerevan.

A large statue of Bakuntz stands in Goris, erected by the townspeople.