

# PETRA VARL

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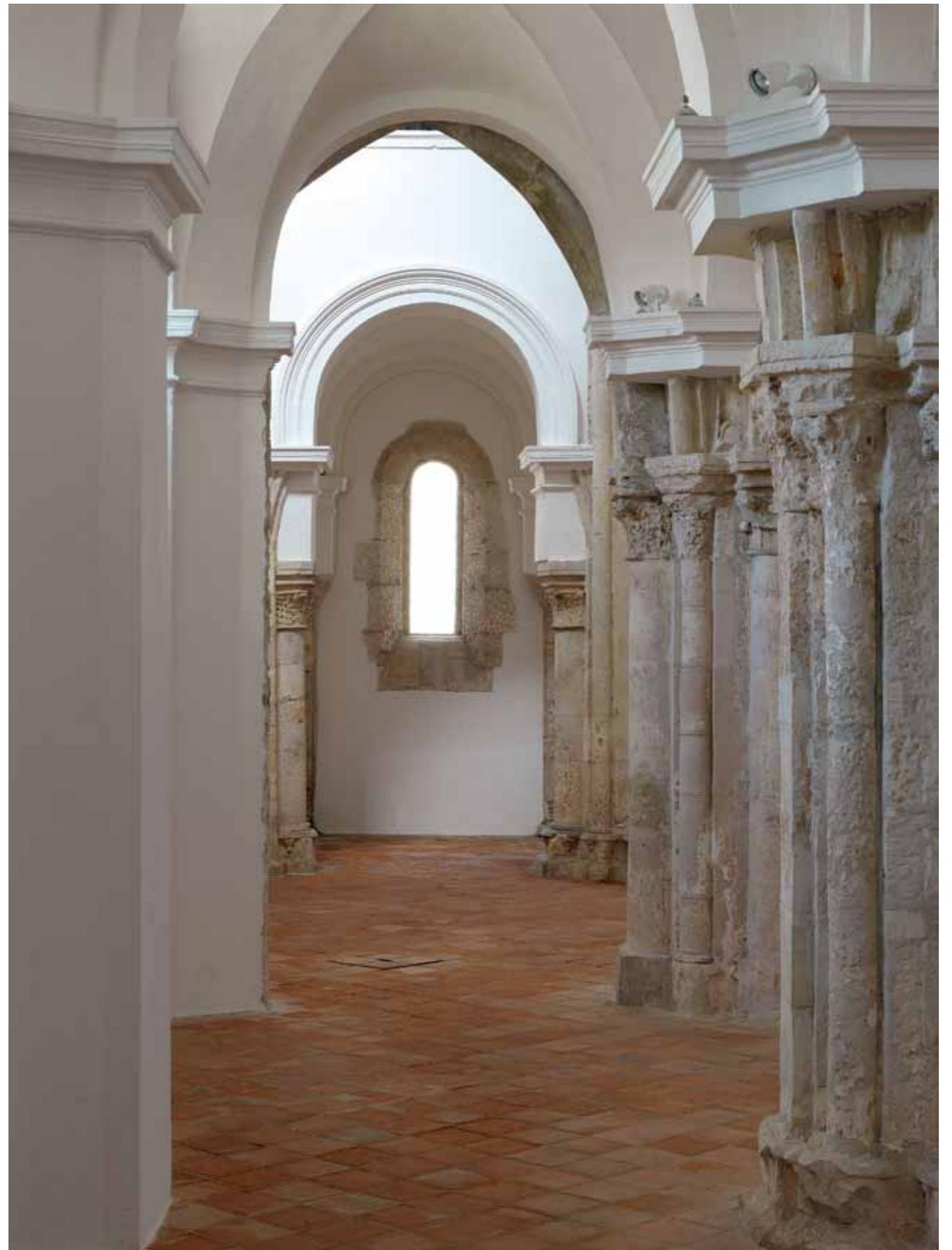


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## PETRA VARN: BLIZU SVETLOBI

Umetniška praksa Petre Varl je vsekakor ena izmed najbolj prepoznavnih v slovenskem prostoru, saj je umetnica uspela razviti preprost, a vendar značilen likovni jezik, ki direktno nagovarja gledalca. Od samih začetkov, skozi različne serije in izrazne medije, gradi na podobah, ki jih je na prvi pogled formalno mogoče razumeti v duhu reprezentacije pop-artistične strategije obravnave objekta oziroma kulta množične proizvodnje podobe. Vendar je v tej podobi precej več intimnega. Petra Varl z gesto svoje izredno precizne osebne avtorske poetike povsem reducira ideološki naboje izbrane podobe ter tako omogoči gledalcu, da na nek način reflektira izključno svojo lastno izkušnjo iznesene podobe. Vsekakor so najbolj prepoznavne podobe tiste, ki v svoji notranji likovni logiki izražajo kontrast med podobo in ozadjem, na katerega umetnica intervenira. Njisi gre za grafični odtis, sliko, risbo na papirju ali izrez iz kovine, sleherna gesta Petre Varl ni izključno formalni zapis stanja stvari, ampak gesta na vsebinski ravni simbolizira kontraste odnosov in razmerij, ki nastajajo znotraj družbe. Prav zaradi tega je delo vselej razpeto med humorjem in žalostjo, ljubeznijo in bolečino, belim in črnim in nenazadnje med temo in svetlobo.



Umetnica z najnovejšo postavtvijo vsekakor ostaja zvesta svoji subtilni avtorski poetiki, ki pa se tokrat na formalnem nivoju prepleta z povsem novimi elementi, ki bi jih Petri Varl lahko pripisal samo nekdo, ki ga bolj kot njena končna podoba zanima pot, ki je umetnico do nje pripeljala. Razstavni projekt Blizu svetlobi v Galeriji Božidar Jakac je potreben razumeti predvsem kot izpraznjen prostor, znotraj katerega Petra Varl reflektira svoje preteklo umetniško udejstvovanje in nakazuje formalne premike znotraj svoje umetniške prakse, ki so neločljivo povezani z umetničnim povratkom v tridimenzionalni prostor in poglobljeno raziskavo materialov, ki bi ta prehod lahko omogočili. Blizu svetlobi se tako na simbolnem kot tudi formalnem nivoju ukvarja z izpraznjenim prostorom. Če izpraznjeni simbolni prostor pomeni umetničin poglobljeni premislek o njenem lastnem delu, je formalni aspekt vezan na izpraznjeni razstavni prostor Galerije Božidar Jakac. Ta služi kot osnovna premissa pričajočemu razstavnemu projektu, znotraj katerega Petri Varl drsi med novimi izraznimi polji, ki v umetničini prepoznavni poetiki združujejo racionalno, estetsko in čutno. Na eni strani elementi, ki naseljujejo razstavljeni prostor, dajejo občutek gotovosti, gledalca pozivajo k neposredni refleksiji, na drugi strani pa prav ti elementi delujejo izključno kot »ojačevalci«, s pomočjo katerih umetnica pripoveduje večstoletno zgodbo razstavnega prostora. V izogib nenadni, nelogični menjavi likovnega jezika in v izogib agresivni prostorski intervenciji se Petri Varl sicer poslužuje materialov in tehnik, ki jih je v svojih preteklih »likovnih zgodbah« uporabljal, le da jih tokrat ne vidi izključno kot sredstvo za izdelavo končne podobe, ampak njihove formalne lastnosti vzame kot nosilce, z vsemi možnostmi oziroma pomanjkljivostmi, ki jih le ti prinašajo. Obstajajo taki kot so, v svoji materiji in obliki in se ne uklanjajo podobi, ki jih je v preteklosti preglasila. Prav to se morda zdi tisti najbolj radikalni premik v umetničinem razmišljanju o umetniškem delu, ki je na eni strani avtonomen element, na drugi strani pa v komplementu z drugimi elementi v pričajoči postavtvitvi, gledalčevu pozornost preusmerja na doživljanje prostora kot takega.

Vendar ne gre izključno za haptično doživetje prostora zgodnjegotske arhitekture Marijine cerkve, temveč predvsem za sožitje le te z efemernimi elementi prostora, kot so svetloba, zvok in gibanje. Razstava združuje štiri različne elemente, za katere je njihova intrinzična kakovost umetniškega dela v njihovi sposobnosti, da se odzovejo na razstavni prostor. Okolje, ozračje, zvok, svetloba in gibanje niso le zunanjí dejavniki, temveč so bistveni elementi za razumevanje arhitekturnega dela prostora kot takega. Ambient štirih individualnih »aktivnih snovi« tako gledalca vpeljuje v igro nepričakovanih vidikov in razkrivanja prostora. Postavitev Blizu svetlobi vključuje štiri različne elemente, ki se likovno najintenzivneje prepletajo v osi pogleda, ki preči glavno ladjo: vse od apside, ki se nahaja pod korom, do prezbitterija z glavnim oltarnim prostorom. Osrednji element so slike, oblike zgibanega papirja, ki spominjajo na gutaievsko razumevanje slikarskega platna ter tako iz zidov galerije brezkompromisno »uhajajo« v prostor. Na prvi pogled le te lahko dajejo anorganski občutek, vendar je sleherni trikotnik oziroma kvadrat ročno upognjen in tako beleži še tako subtilne razlike v prostoru. Oblike slik se zaradi prehajanja svetlobe, spremembe temperature in prisotnosti vlage v zraku sčasoma spremenijo, s tem pa se fizično pojavijo na površini sence, ki odražajo nestabilnost njihove materialne osnove in dajejo vtis neke vrste prisotnosti, ki presega prisotnost papirja zgolj kot prisotnost nekega materiala. Gre za nekakšno iluzijo brezčasnega ojačenja prostora, ki se v neskončnost pojavlja skozi preprosto strukturo umetničinega pregiba papirja. Fizični in materialni antipod slikam so trikotne kovinske strukture različnih barv, ki na eni strani delujejo kot izključno estetski objekti, ki se navezujejo na elemente arhitekture prostora. Pa vendar imajo tudi funkcijo sedišča, s čimer umetnica direktno negira formalni manierizem, ki bi se ji ga lahko morda očitalo. Sedišča niso samo estetski objekti v funkciji in v celotni postavtvitvi simbolizirajo prisotnost svetlobe in igro barv, ki se odvija v odnosu na sam prostor razstavišča. Po definiciji je barva občutek, na njeno zaznavanje pa vplivajo dolgotrajni in kratkotrajni pojavi, ki jih človek označuje kot lastnost svetlobnih virov, ki jih lahko oko zaznava. A Petri Varl toliko ne zanima fizična pojavnost barve kot njena vloga v naših življenjih. V vizualnih izkušnjah, v umetnosti ali kot metafora za čustva, je postala osrednji element za refleksijo. Zdi se, da je morda prav element sedišča najbolj intimna

izpoved umetnice, ki gledalca nagovarja k razmisleku o njegovem lastnem vsakdanu, na tej poti pa se seveda brezkompromisno sreča tudi z umetničinimi trenutnimi lastnimi izkušnjami. Ali je barva več takrat ko je ljubezen ali takrat ko je bolečina? Je barva več v jutru, popoldnevu ali večer? Vsekakor je vse to, še veliko več in hkrati nič in čeprav je sedišče materialno najbolj prisoten element v celotni postavtvitvi, najbolj priča o praznini, umirjenosti uma, ki ga umetnica namenja gledalcu. Tretji element v postavtvitvi je Petri Varl razvila v sodelovanju z islandskim skladateljem Ólafurjem Arnaldsom, ki je za postavitev v Galeriji Božidar Jakac prispeval svojo kompozicijo Blizu svetlobi. Vsekakor je zvok eden izmed tistih efemernih elementov, ki zaradi svoje (ne)fizične narave zaobjema celoten prostor in razkriva še tista najbolj skrita mesta. Arnaldsova kompozicija je v točno določenih intervalih so-postavljeni z brezkompromisno cageovsko tišino zgodnjegotskega arhitekturnega prostora. Prav to pri gledalcu sproža stanje napetosti, pričakovanja ali možnost kontemplacije, na drugi strani pa kakofonija, ki nastaja zaradi akustike in možnega gibanja gledalca po razstavnem prostoru, ustvarja območje nekontroliranega nemira. Žadnji, četrtri, a vsekakor nič manj pomemben element celotne postavtvitve, je sodelovanje umetnice z oblikovalcem oblačil Urošem Belantičem, ki direktno nagovarja vprašanje gibanja gledalca v prostoru in kako le ta so-ustvarja osnovno likovno os projekta Blizu svetlobi. Gre za skorajda minimalistično strategijo preizpravljavanja razmerja med telesom in prostorom. Petri Varl v nekakšni naumanovski maniri za četrtri element izbere telo gledalca in vse, kar to sproža (gib, zvok, ipd.), v luči oblikovanja likovne osi glavne ladje pa kontrolira izključno njegovo fizično zunano podobo. Gledalec svojo izkušnjo doživlja v odnosu do prostora, prav tako pa na drugi strani njegovo telo s svojo izkušnjo ta isti prostor tudi vzpostavlja. Med telesom in prostorom tako kot v razmerju med materialnim in nematerialnim v kontekstu pričajočega projekta obstaja soodvisen odnos. Gledalec pa se v trenutku vstopa v galerijski prostor znajde v »brechtovskem epskem gledališču«, kjer ni več zidu, ki bi razmejevalo umetniško delo, prostor in publiko.

Razstava Blizu svetlobi vznika iz neznatnih intimnih, čutnih in racionalnih impulzov umetnice v želji po vzpostaviti dialoga z izredno zapeljivim, a zahtevnim razstavnim prostorom. Petri Varl v prostoru ustvarja koreografijo med štirimi osnovnimi elementi, ki »preigravajo« izkušnjo materialne realnosti sveta umetnice in gledalca ter jo subtilno povežejo z možnostmi minljivega in hipnega. V prostoru se ustvarja suspenz med materialnim in nečem, kar je na robu materialne prisotnosti, med vizualnim in nevizualnim. Gre za nekakšno »osvoboditev« znotraj celotne postavtvitve z zdrževanjem elementov, ki niso formalno mogočni. Prej kot s fizično inercijo mase oziroma volumna, ki bi zapolnila zahteven razstavni prostor, so umetničini posamični vneseni elementi dinamični in odprtii in poskušajo razbiti vtis teže prisotnosti volumna ter na ta način pokazati na enostavno lepoto praznine arhitekturnega prostora. Kot iskren odvod umetničinega racionalnega razmisleka o razstavnem prostoru pa je postavitev Blizu svetlobi tudi kratka zgodba intimnih izpovedi, ki odstirajo misli, ki so vselej razpete med izkustvom in neizkustvom. Tako umetnice kot gledalca.



## PETRA VARL: NEAR LIGHT

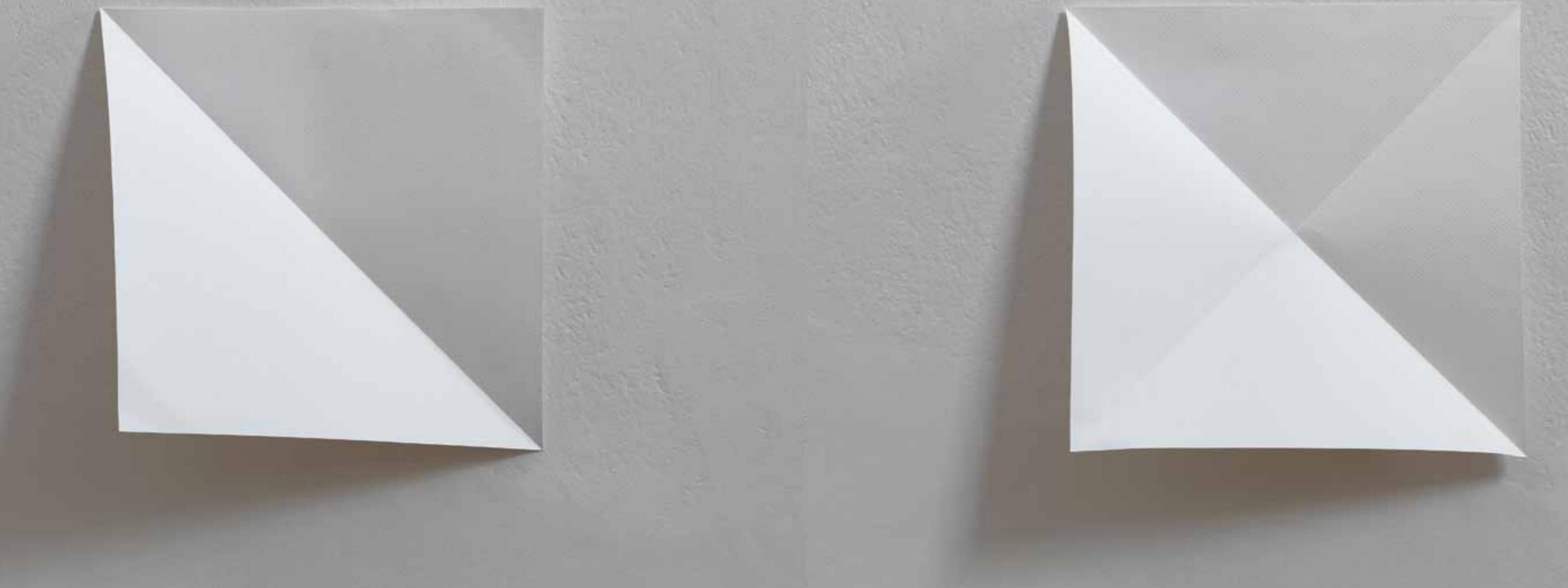
Petra Varl's artistic practice is one of the most recognisable in Slovenia, for the artist has managed to develop a simple, yet characteristic art language which addresses the viewer in a direct manner. Since her very beginnings she has been creating series in various media, in which she builds on images that can at first glance be formally understood in the spirit of a pop-art strategy of dealing with the object or of a mass-produced image cult. However, her images also include a lot of intimacy. Petra Varl reduces the ideological charge of her chosen image with her extremely precise personal poetics, which allows the viewer to reflect upon the exclusively personal experience of the presented image. The most recognisable images are those that use their inner artistic logic to express the contrast between the image and the background upon which the artist decided to intervene. Whether it is a graphic print, a painting, a drawing on paper or even a metal cut out, Petra Varl's gestures are never merely a formal record of the object, for her gestures symbolise the contrasts between the various relations that emerge within society. Because of this her works are always torn between humour and sadness, love and pain, white and black and, last but not least, darkness and light.

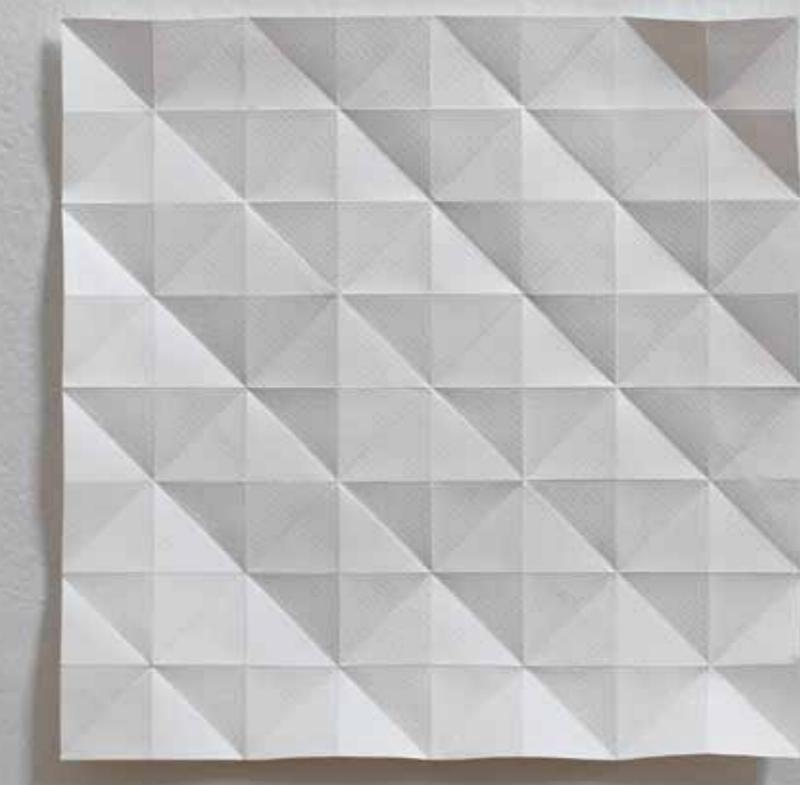
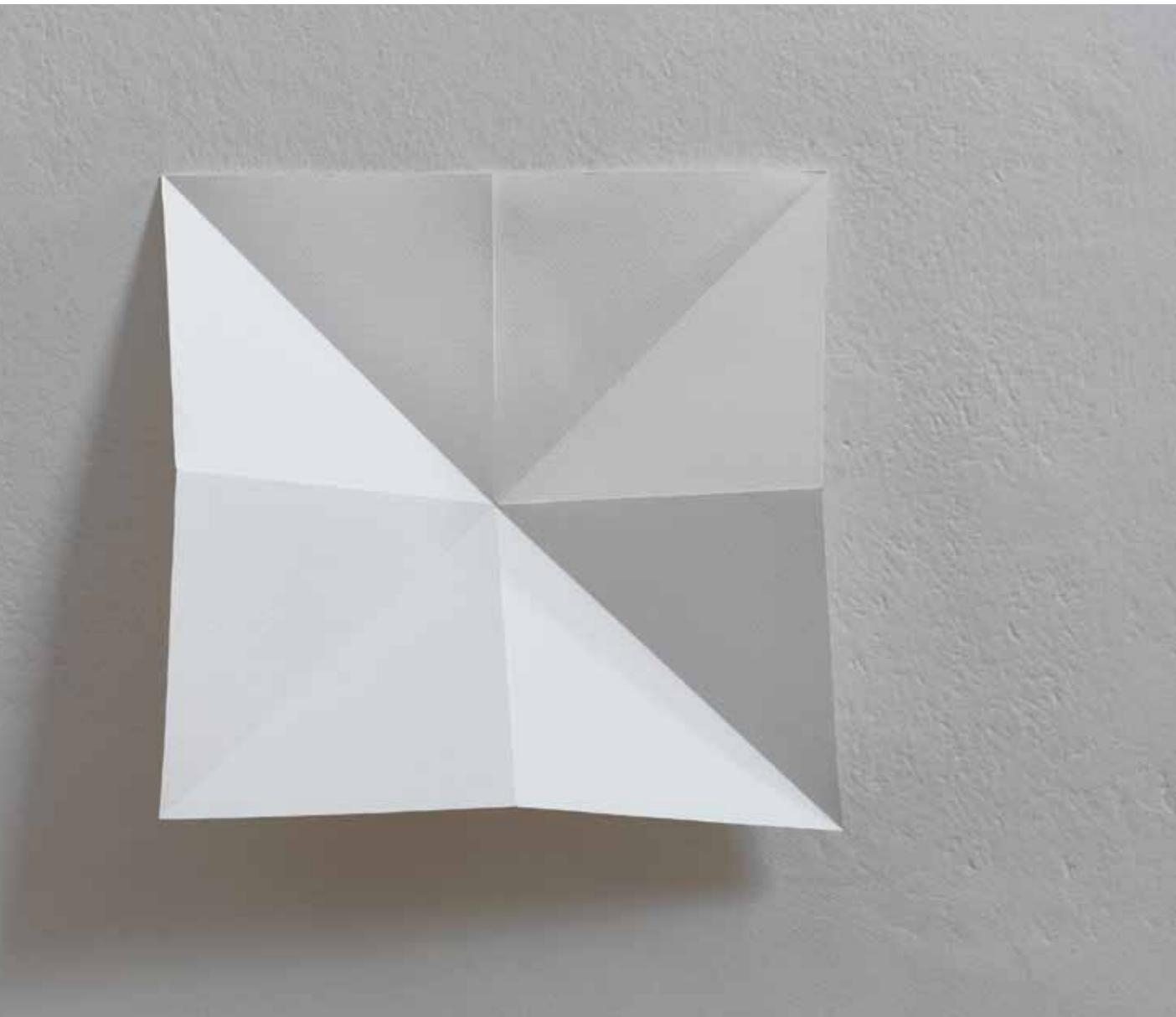
In her latest exhibition the artist remains true to her subtle poetics, which are this time – on the formal level – combined with entirely new elements, which only someone who is more interested in the path Petra Varl took rather than the final images she creates would ascribe to her. The Near Light exhibition in the Božidar Jakac Art Museum should be understood as a totally emptied space within which Petra Varl decided to reflect upon her past artistic participation and indicate the formal changes that occurred within her artistic practice. These changes are inseparably connected to the artist's return to the three-dimensional space and the detailed research of the materials that could enable this transition. Near Light thus addresses the emptied space on the symbolic as well as the formal level. If the emptied symbolic space represents the artist's thoughts on her own work, the formal aspect is linked to the emptied exhibition space of the Božidar Jakac Art Museum. This serves as a basic premise to the current exhibition, within which Petra Varl glides through new expressive fields, which merge the rational, aesthetic and sensual with the artist's recognisable poetics. On one hand the elements that occupy the exhibition space provide the feeling of certainty, invite the viewer to reflect directly, while on the other hand these same elements function as "amplifiers" with which the artist tells the several hundred years old story of the exhibition space. In order to avoid the sudden, illogical exchange between the artistic language and an aggressive spatial intervention, Petra Varl uses materials and techniques that she has used in her previous "art stories". However, this time she does not see them exclusively as a means for creating the final image, but she uses their formal characteristics as the carriers, with all the possibilities and disadvantages that they bring. They exist as they are, in their material and form, and they do not submit to the image as they did in the past. This might seem the most radical change in the artist's view of the work of art, which is on one hand an autonomous element, while it on the other hand complements the other elements within the exhibition, i.e. leads the viewer's attention to experiencing the space as such.

However, this is not an explicitly haptic experience of the space, the Early Gothic architecture of the Church of the Virgin Mary, but primarily a symbiosis between the church and the ephemeral elements such as light, sound and movement. The exhibition combines four different elements, as the intrinsic quality of the works of art lies in their ability to react to the exhibition space. The environment, atmosphere, sound, light and movement are not merely external factors, but essential elements in the understanding of the architecture of the space. The ambience of four individual "active matters" lead the viewer into a game of unexpected aspects that open up the space. The exhibition Near Light includes four different elements, which are most powerfully visually interwoven in the axis of the view that runs across the central nave, all the way from the apse, which is located under the choir, to the presbytery with the main altar space. The central element of the exhibition is represented by paintings, forms of folded paper, which are reminiscent of a Gutai understanding of the painting canvas which uncompromisingly "escapes" from the gallery walls and into the space. At first glance they provide us with an inorganic feeling, but every single triangle or square is hand folded, and thus records even the subtlest differences within the space. The shapes of the paintings change through time due to the changes in light, temperature and air moisture, and this creates shadows on the surface. These shadows reflect the instability of their material base which gives the impression of some sort of presence that surpasses the presence of paper as a material. The simple structure of the artist's paper fold provides an illusion of timeless strengthening of the space which runs into infinity. The physical and material antipode to the paintings are provided by the different coloured triangular metal structures, which on one hand function as aesthetic objects that are linked to the elements within the architectural space, while on the other hand function as a seat, with which the artist negates the formal mannerism for which she could have been reproached. The seats are not merely aesthetic objects with a function, for throughout the exhibition they symbolise the presence of light and the game of colours, which takes place in relation to the exhibition space itself. According to definition colour is a feeling, and its perception is influenced by long- and short-term phenomena, that people define as a characteristic of the light source that can be perceived by the eye. However, Petra Varl is not interested in the sole physical appearance of colour as she is in the role col-

ours have in our lives. In visual experiences, in art, or as a metaphor for emotions, colours have become the central element of reflection. It seems that the seat is the most intimate expression of the artist, with which she addresses the visitor to consider his daily life, and while doing so uncompromisingly encounter the artist's current experiences. Is there more colour when there is love or when there is pain? Does colour have a greater meaning in the morning, afternoon or in the evening? It is all of this and much more and at the same time nothing, and even though the seat is materially the most present element in the exhibition, it also speaks the loudest as regards the emptiness, the calm mind that the artist had dedicated to the visitor. The third element in the exhibition was developed by Petra Varl in cooperation with the Icelandic composer Ólafur Arnalds, who has contributed his composition Near Light to the exhibition in the Božidar Jakac Art Museum. Sound is one of those ephemeral elements, which, due to its (non)physical nature, encompasses the entire space and reveals even the most hidden spaces. Arnalds's composition is co-installed in precisely defined intervals with the uncompromising Cage like silence of the Early Gothic architectural space. This creates the state of tension, expectation or the possibility of contemplation within the viewer. On the other hand, the cacophony, which emerges as a result of the space's acoustics and the visitor's movements through the exhibition space, creates a field of uncontrolled unrest. The final, fourth, but by no means least important element of the exhibition, can be found in the cooperation between the artist and the fashion designer Uroš Belantić. This cooperation directly addresses the issues of the visitor's movements through space and how this co-creates the main visual axis of the project Near Light. This is an almost minimalist strategy of questioning the relation between body and space. In a Naumannsque manner Petra Varl chooses the fourth element of the exhibition to be the body of the visitor and everything that this triggers (movement, sound etc.). In the light of the design of the visual axis of the main nave she controls the visitor's physical appearance. The visitor tries to experience his experience in relation to space, at the same time as his body and experience establishes the space. In the same way as there is relation between the material and the immaterial, a co-dependent relation between the body and space exists in the context of this project. The moment the visitor enters the gallery space he finds himself in a "Brechtian epic theatre", in which there is no wall that would separate the work of art, space and the visitors.

The exhibition Near Light emerges from the small, intimate, sensory and rational impulses of the artist and her desire to establish a dialogue with an exceptionally seductive, but demanding exhibition space. Petra Varl creates a choreography between four basic elements, which "toy" with the experience of the material reality in the worlds of the artist and visitors, and subtly connects them with the possibilities of the fleeting and momentarily. Suspense between the material and something that is on the edge of the material presence, between the visual and non-visual, is created within the space. The combination of elements that do not have a mighty formal presence culminate in some sort of "liberation" within the exhibition. Rather than through the physical inertia of mass and volume, which would fill the demanding exhibition space, the artist's individually introduced elements are dynamic and open, and try to break the impression of weight and volume and in this way show the simple beauty of the empty architectural space. As a sincere derivative of the artist's rational thoughts on the exhibition space, the exhibition Near Light and the short story of intimate confessions reveal the thoughts that are always stretched between experience and inexperience. The artist's as well as the visitor's.





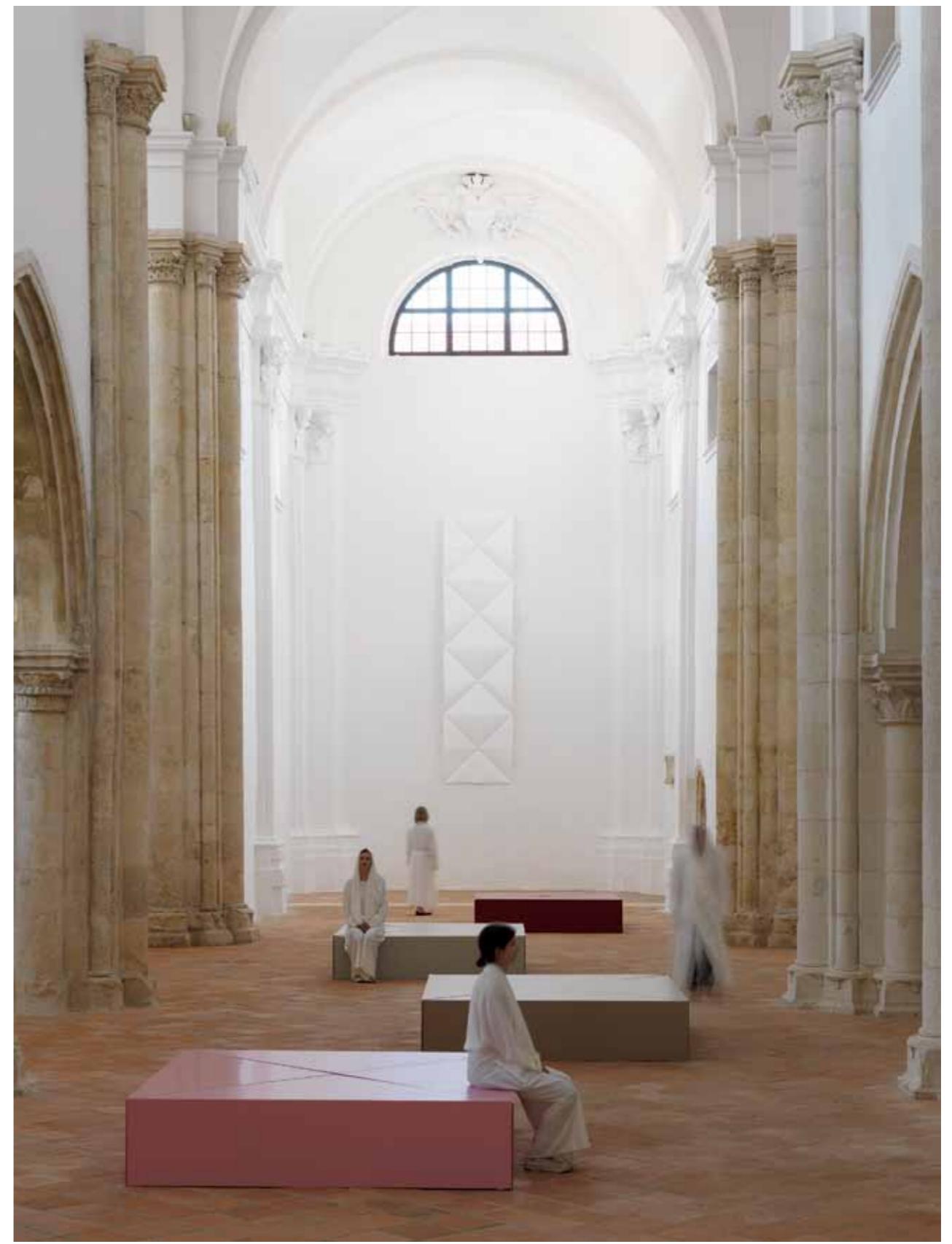




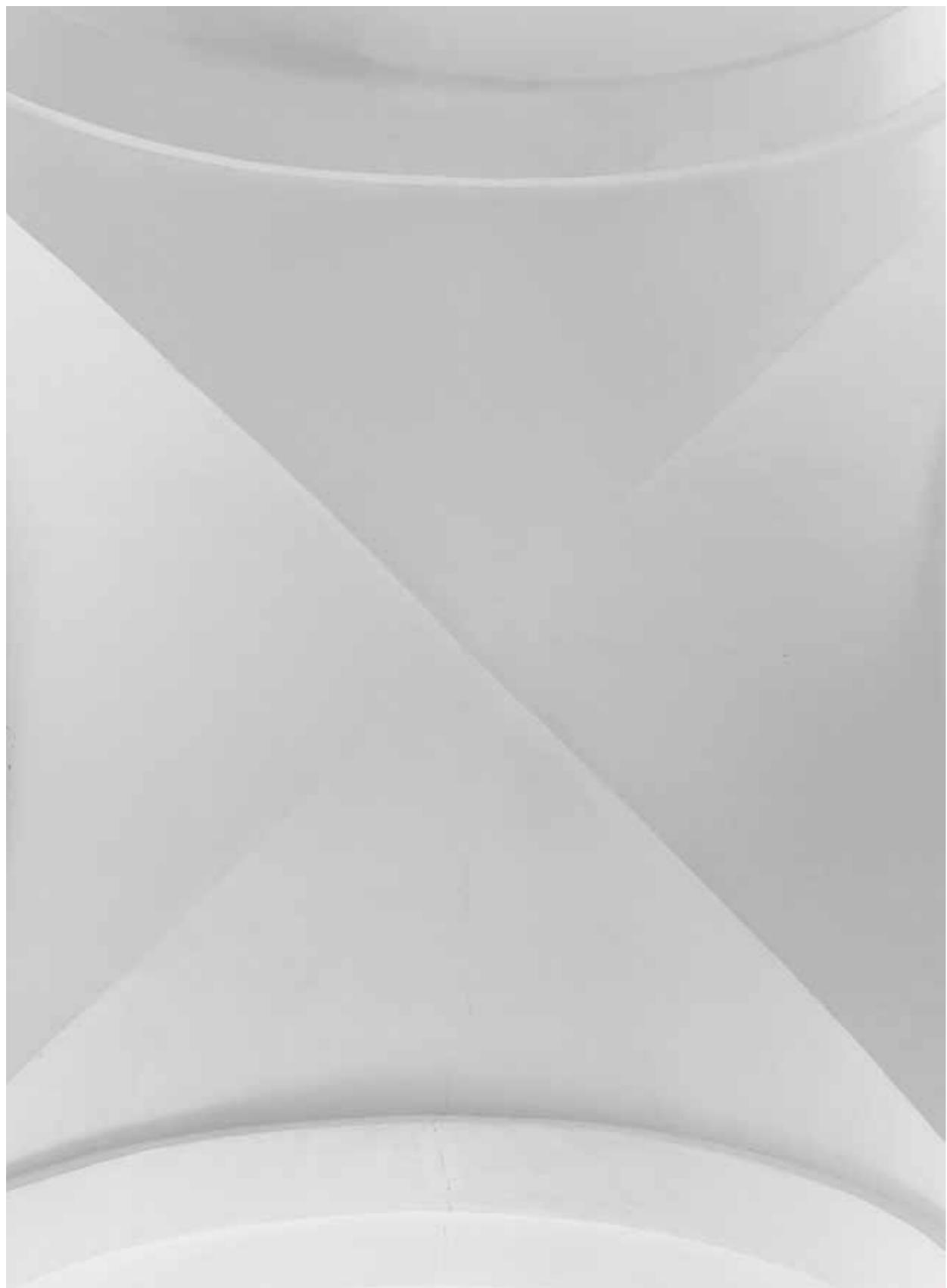












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Petra Varl je umetnica, ki se v največji meri izraža z risbo in instalacijami. Na Oddelku za likovno umetnost Pedagoške fakultete Univerze v Mariboru poučuje risbo in grafiko.

1989 graduated from painting at the Academy of Fine Arts, Ljubljana. Lives and works in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Petra Varl is a Slovenian artist who works mostly in the media of drawing and installation. She teaches drawing and printmaking at the Department of Fine Arts in the Faculty of Education at the University of Maribor.

## IZBRANE SAMOSTOJNE RAZSTAVE / SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018

Blizu svetlobi, Galerija Božidar Jakac,  
nekdanja samostanska cerkev, Kostanjevica na Krki

Near Light, Božidar Jakac Art Museum,  
former monastery church, Kostanjevica na Krki, Slovenia

2017

For Real (z MicroCollection),  
ArtHelix Gallery (Shim), Brooklyn, New York  
In The Swim Of Things (z Danielom Devlinom),  
12<sup>th</sup> Star Gallery, Europe House, London  
Morski motivi, Hiša Kulture, Pivka

For Real (with MicroCollection),  
ArtHelix Gallery (Shim), Brooklyn, New York  
In The Swim Of Things (with Daniel Devlin),  
12<sup>th</sup> Star Gallery, Europe House, London  
Sea Motifs, House of Culture, Pivka, Slovenia

2016

Ljubimca, izrezi, Galerija Krško, Krško  
Lovers, cutouts, Gallery Krško, Krško, Slovenia

2015

I Always Get What I Wish For, Henry Wood Hall, London  
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2014

Teta Raša, risbe in grafike Galerija Loža, Koper  
XLimited Edit111ons, 1dan, 1umetnik, Bistro Bazilika,  
Ljubljana

Aunt Raša, Drawings and Prints, Loža Gallery,  
Koper, Slovenia  
XLimited Edit111ons, 1day 1artist, Bistro Bazilika,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia

2012

Kar želim tudi dobim, Galerija Equrna, Ljubljana  
Poljubi in objemi, Evropska prestolnica kulture, Maribor  
Kadilka, Kibla, Evropska prestolnica kulture, Maribor  
Usta na Usta, Parkirišče pred Pravno fakulteto, Maribor

I Always Get What I Wish For, Equrna gallery,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Hugs and Kisses, European Capital of Culture,  
Maribor, Slovenia

Smoker, Kibla Multimedia Centre,  
European Capital of Culture, Maribor, Slovenia  
Mouth To Mouth, Parking lot at the Faculty of Law,  
Maribor, Slovenia

2011

I Always Get What I Wish For, Gallery MC, New York  
I Always Get What I Wish For, Gallery MC, New York

2010

Knjiga serigrafiј,  
Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana  
Slike, grafike, risbe, Galerija Filozofske fakultete, Maribor  
Risbe, Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor  
Znaki, Kibla, Maribor

The Book Of Serigraphs,  
International Centre of Graphic Arts Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Paintings, Prints, Drawings, Gallery of Faculty of Arts,  
Maribor, Slovenia  
Drawings, Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia  
Signs, Kibla Multimedia Centre, Maribor, Slovenia

2009

Vrlo jednostavni crteži, Galerija Novi Hram,  
Sarajevo, Bosna in Hercegovina  
I Love Susak, Galerija Atelier 513, Susak, Hrvatska  
Very Simple Drawings, Novi Hram Gallery, Sarajevo,  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
I Love Susak, Atellier 513 Gallery, Susak, Croatia

2008

Zadnjih dvajset let, pregledna razstava z Zoro Stančič  
Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana  
The Past Twenty Years, survey exhibition with Zora Stančič,  
International Centre of Graphic Arts Ljubljana, Slovenia

2007

Nette Linie (z Michaelom Kosom), Galerie Vorspann,  
Železna kapla, Avstrija  
Pas de Deux (z Eduardom Lesjakom), Galerija Kresija,  
Ljubljana  
Nette Linie (with Michael Kos),  
Gallerie Vorspann, Eisenkappel, Austria  
Pas de Deux (with Eduard Lesjak), Kresija Gallery,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia

2005  
Pas de Deux (z Eduardom Lesjakom),  
Atelje Petra Vrbička Ljubljana

Pas de Deux (with Eduard Lesjak),  
Studio Petra Varl, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2001

Portreti, Galerija Loža, Koper  
Portraits, Loža Gallery, Koper, Slovenia

2000  
Portreti, Galerija sodobnih umetnosti, Celje  
Portreti, Galerija Egurna, Ljubljana

Portraits, Centre for Contemporary Arts, Celje, Slovenia  
Portraits, Equrna Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1997

Ilustracije, Knjižnica Glinškova ploščad, Ljubljana  
Zvezda & Odeon, Galerija Rigo, Novigrad, Hrvatska

Illustrations, Glinškova ploščad Library, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Zvezda & Odeon, Rigo Gallery, Novigrad, Croatia

1995  
Pita moje mame, Mala galerija, Ljubljana  
Zvezda & Odeon, Cafe Belvedere, Bled  
Zvezda & Odeon, S. Giovanni Park, Trst  
Mestni koledar (z Majo Gspan), Urbanaria II  
(SCCA-Ljubljana), Park Zvezda, Ljubljana

My Mother's Pie, Small Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Zvezda & Odeon, Cafe Belvedere, Bled, Slovenia  
Zvezda & Odeon, S. Giovanni Park, Trieste, Italy  
The City Calendar (with Maja Gspan), Urbanaria II  
(SCCA-Ljubljana), Park Zvezda, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1994  
Nos ob Nos, Galerija Društva slovenskih likovnih umetnikov, Ljubljana  
Nos ob nos "Parkirišče", Metelkova mesto, Ljubljana  
Gospodiči, Celica, Metelkova mesto, Ljubljana  
Nose to Nose, DSLU Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Nose to Nose, "Parking lot", Metelkova City,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Gentlemen, Celica, Metelkova City, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Razstava (z Zoro Stančič), Prešernova hiša, Kranj  
Exhibition (with Zora Stančič), Prešeren House,  
Kranj, Slovenia

1992  
Razstava (z Marijo Mojco Pungerčar), Likovni salon, Celje  
Izlog jeftinih slatkiša (z Zoro Stančič),  
Galerija ŠKUC, Ljubljana  
Slike, Galerija Studentski Grad, Beograd

Exhibition (with Marija Mojca Pungerčar)  
Likovni salon Gallery, Celje, Slovenia  
The Candy Store Display (with Zora Stančič),  
ŠKUC Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Paintings, Studentski Grad Gallery, Beograd, Yugoslavia

1989  
Slike, Galerija Equrna, Ljubljana

1988  
Litografije (z Zoro Stančič), Bežigrajska galerija, Ljubljana  
Crteži, Galerija Studentski grad, Beograd  
Litographs (with Zora Stančič), Bežigrad Gallery,  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Drawings, Gallery Studentski grad, Beograd, Serbia

## IZBRANE SKUPINSKE RAZSTAVE / SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018  
Prisotnosti, Metka Krašovec in umetniki, ki so študirali pod njenim mentorstvom na Akademiji za likovno umetnost in oblikovanje, Kibla Portal, Maribor  
Presences, Metka Krašovec and artists – former students of the Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Ljubljana, Kibla Portal, Maribor

2017  
Shvatiti sebe-izložba iz ljudskog fundusa  
MMSU, Mali salon, Reka  
Epilog, pregledna razstava slovenske umetnosti,  
Dvorec Novo Celje, Žalec  
Just toyin around, Flatlanders Studio, Winnipeg, Kanada

Figure Out Yourself, An exhibition of human figure  
from the Collection of MMSU, Mali salon, Rijeka, Croatia  
Epilog, survey exhibition of Slovene art,  
Mansion Novo Celje, Žalec, Slovenia

2016  
PixelPoint, 17 festival sodobnih umetniških praks,  
Nova Gorica  
Susak expo 2016, Palača Fritzy, Muzej Mali Lošinj  
PixelPoint, 17th International Festival of  
Contemporary Art Practices, Nova Gorica, Slovenia  
Susak Expo 2016, Mali Lošinj Museum, Mali Lošinj, Croatia

Z umetniki za dober namen,  
Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor  
Who is best: Jonny Hannah, Daniel Devlin or Herzog  
Dellafore?, studio 1.4, Sluice Art Fair, London  
Umetniško delo v vsako gospodinjstvo,  
Mestna galerija, Slovenj Gradec  
Vprilaganje, Epeka, Maribor  
Slovenska grafika: iz zbirke Mednarodnega grafičnega  
likovnega centra Ljubljana, Check point Galeria, Trst  
The Second Cee countries comtemporary art exhibition and  
China, Art Museum curator forum, Ningbo Museum of Art,  
Ningbo, Kitajska  
Osman's Xmas Bazaar, studio 1.1, London  
Likovne besede 30 LET: razstava ob 30. obletnici  
neprekinjenega izhajanja revije Likovne besede,  
v Galeriji DLUL, Ljubljana

Femicomix, Komikaze, Zadruga Praksa, Pula  
Femicomix, Komikaze, Rim  
Bahnhof, Museum für Gegenwart Berlin, Berlin  
Vprilagajanje III, Hiša umetnosti Gradec, Gradec, Avstrija  
Vprilagajanje III, Hiša umetnikov Dunaj, Dunaj, Avstrija

With Artists For A Good Cause,  
Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia  
Who is Best: Jonny Hannah, Daniel Devlin or Herzog  
Dellafore?, Studio 1.4, Sluice Art Fair, London  
Artwork in Every Household, City Gallery,  
Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia  
Einschmiegen, Epeka Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia  
Grafica Slovena: dalla collezione del Centro Internazionale di  
Grafica di Lubiana, Gallery Check point,Trieste, Italy  
The Second CEE Countries Contemporary Art Exhibition and  
China, Ningbo Museum of Art, Ningbo, China  
Osman's Xmas Bazaar, Studio 1.1, London  
Artist Words 30 Years, DLUL Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Femicomix, Zadruga Praksa, Pula, Croatia  
Femicomix, Komikaze, Rome, Italy  
Bahnhof, Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin, Germany  
Einschmiegen III, Kunsthalle Graz, Graz, Austria  
Einschmiegen III, Künstlerhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria

2014  
Stikh, Fürstova hiša, Ptuj  
Susak Expo 2014, Susak, Hrvaska  
Don't Be Afraid You Are The Best, Kibla Portal, Maribor  
60! PANORAMA, Razstava zbirke UGM ob 60. obletnici  
UGM, Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor  
Umetnost osvobaja, Galerija Equrna, Ljubljana  
Zasebno, Osebno, Posebno, Iz likovnih zbirk Riko in  
IEDC Galerija Miklova Hiša Ribnica

Stikh, Fürst House, Ptuj, Slovenia  
Susak Expo 2014, Susak, Croatia  
Don't Be Afraid You Are The Best, Kibla Portal,  
Maribor, Slovenia  
60! PANORAMA, 60th Anniversary Collection of UGM,  
Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia  
Kunst Macht Frei, Equrna Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Private, Personal, Special, From the Collections of Riko  
and IEDC, Miklova Hiša Gallery, Ribnica, Slovenia

2013  
Otdisi +386, Calcografia National at Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando, Madrid

S črto čez črko (SCCA-Ljubljana), Galerija Vžigalica, Ljubljana  
Produkcija 2010-2012,  
Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana  
Materialnost, Kibla Portal, Maribor  
I Feel City, Multimedijijski center Kibla, Maribor  
Dotik Risbe, Koroška Galerija Likovnih umetnosti,  
Slovenj Gradec  
18. medžunarodna izložba crteža,  
Muzej moderne in sodobne umetnosti, Reka  
Impressions +386, Calcografia National at Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando, Madrid, Spain  
Line Stroke the Letter (SCCA-Ljubljana), Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Production 2010-2012,  
International Centre of Graphic Arts Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Materiality, Kibla Portal, Maribor, Slovenia  
I Feel City, Kibla Multimedia Centre, Maribor, Slovenia  
Touch Drawings, Carinthian Gallery of Fine Arts,  
Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia

## 18<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition of Drawings, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, Croatia

2012  
Skoraj pomlad, 100 let slovenske umetnosti  
UGM & Slavija No.11, Maribor  
Susak import, Studio 1.1., London  
Frutti perduiti, KIT Kibla, Maribor  
Lekcija 2: Ustvarjanje realnosti<edu> Graz, GT22, Maribor  
Changing Perspectives, Evropska centralna banka, Frankfurt  
Lesson 1: A Temporary, Improvised Context Of  
Communication, Maribor  
Lesson 1, Maribor<edu> Graz, <rotor>Center for  
Contemporary Art, Gradec  
Frauen Cirkus 03, Pavlova hiša, Laafeld  
Velike!, Dela iz zbirke MGLC,  
Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana  
Change, Mutation, Translation, Studio 1.4, Galerija Fritzy,  
Mali Lošinj  
Love, 6<sup>th</sup> International Artist's Book Triennial Vilnius, Vilnius,  
Litva  
ABOT + Dela slovenskih umetnikov iz zbirke MGLC,  
Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana

Almost Spring, 100 Years Of Slovene Art,  
Maribor Art Gallery & Slavija No.11, Maribor, Slovenia  
Susak import, Studio 1.1., London  
Frutti perduti, KIT Kibla, Maribor, Slovenia  
Lesson 2: Creating Realities, Maribor <edu> Graz, GT22,  
Maribor, Slovenia  
Changing Perspectives, European Central Bank,  
Frankfurt, Germany  
Lesson 1: A Temporary, Improvised Context Of Comunication,  
Maribor<edu> Graz, <rotor>Centre for Contemporary Art,  
Graz, Austria  
Frauen Cirkus 03, Pavel's House, Laafeld, Austria  
Big Ones!, Works From The MGLC Collection,  
International Centre of Graphic Arts Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Change, Mutation, Translation, Studio 1.4, Mali Lošinj Museum,  
Mali Lošinj, Croatia  
Love, 6th International Artist's Book Triennial Vilnius,  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
ABOT+ Works of Slovene Artists from the collection of  
MGLC, International Centre of Graphic Arts Ljubljana,  
Slovenia

2011  
At Home - Una mostra su misura, Milano  
Big Deal > Sexy100!!!, London  
Mednarodni bienale portreta, risbe in grafike XIV Interbifep,  
Galerija Portreta, Tuzla  
Contemporary Art from Slovenia, Evropska centralna banka,  
Frankfurt  
Migitacije, Sokolski dom, Škofja Loka

At Home - Una mostra su misura, Apartment exhibition,  
Milano, Italy  
Big Deal > Sexy100!!!, London  
International Biennial of Portraits, Drawings and Graphics XIV  
Interbifep, Portrait Gallery, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Contemporary Art from Slovenia, European Central Bank,  
Frankfurt, Germany  
Migitation, Sokolski dom, Škofja loka, Slovenia

2010				
	Heimat, Koroški muzej moderne umetnosti, Celovec Crtež u Sloveniji 1940-2009, Muzej sodobne umetnosti, Zagreb, Hrvatska The Family, Susak Expo 2010, Susak Iz zbirke UGM, Nova dela, Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor 10. Medžunarodni bijenale umetnosti miniatura, Moderna galerija, Kulturni center Gornji Milanovac, Srbija Doma: Arhitekta France in Marta Ivanšek, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana Gender Check, The Zacheta National Gallery of Arts, Varšava, Poljska Openwest, Summerfield Gallery, Pittville Studios, Cheltenham, VB	Što je ostalo od Hrvatskega slikarstva?, Galerija HDLU, Zagreb What is Left of Croatian Painting?, HDLU Gallery, Zagreb, Croatia		
2002				
	100 umetnikov, Nan King, Kitajska Oko in njegova resnica, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana Mamlivo, Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana Od rojstva do rojstva, podobe družine v XX. stoletju na Slovenskem, Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor Likovna zbirka Factor banke, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana	The Collection of the P.A.R.A.S.I.T. E. Museum, Museum Muzcamok, Budimpešta Stereo-Tip, Mesto žensk, Mestna galerija, Ljubljana Cash and Carry, Galerija ŠKUC, Ljubljana		
2001				
	The Eye and its Truth, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia Tempting, International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia From Birth To Birth, Images of a Family in 20th Century in Slovenia, Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia Art Collection From Factor Bank, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia	The Collection of the P.A.R.A.S.I.T. E. Museum, Museum Muczarnok, Budapest, Hungary Stereo-Tip, City of Women, City Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia Cash and Carry, ŠKUC Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia		
2000				
	Ich gegenüber, Strassburg Razstava mlade slovenske umetnosti, Benetke Women artists, Ulambator, Mongolija	U3, 1. trienale sodobne slovenske umetnosti, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana Bienale mladih umetnikov, Lizbona Esprit d'amusement, Steierisher Herbst, Grazer Kunstverein, Gradec, Urbanaria (SCCA-Ljubljana), Narodna in univerzitetna knjižnica, Ljubljana		
1999				
	Umetnost v Sloveniji, Galerija Loža, Koper Art in Slovenia, Loža Gallery, Koper, Slovenia	U3, 1 <sup>st</sup> Triennial of Slovenian Contemporary Art, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia Biennial for Young Artists, Lisbon, Portugal Esprit d'Amusement, Steierisher Herbst, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria Urbanaria (SCCA-Ljubljana), NUK, Ljubljana, Slovenia		
1997				
	Selestat Art 97, International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Selestat, Francija Dotakni se, 3. mednarodni bienale računalniške umetnosti, Salon Rotovž, Maribor Kabinet najdenih predmetov, Galerija Loža, Koper	20. grafični biennale, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana De Slovenen komen, OOC Peron 55, Venlo, Nizozemska De-figure, Galerija ŠKUC, Ljubljana Mlada slovenska grafika, Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana Fragmentarni pogled, Art Palace, Stockholm, Švedska Turn Around, Woman, Galerija Equrna, Ljubljana Global Graphics, Maastricht, Nemčija		
1996				
	Selestat Art 97, International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Selestat, France Touch it, 3rd International Biennial of Computer Art, Salon Rotovž, Maribor, Slovenia Cabinet of Found Items, Loža Gallery, Koper, Slovenia	20 <sup>th</sup> Biennial of Graphic Arts, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia De Slovenen komen, OOC Peron 55, Venlo, Netherlands De-figure, ŠKUC Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia Young Slovene Graphic Art, International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia Fragmentary View, Art Palace, Stockholm, Sweden Turn Around, Woman, Equrna Gallery, Ljubljana Global Graphics, Maastricht, Germany		
2005				
	Crossover, Hiša umetnikov, Celovec Prva linija, spremiševalna razstava 26. mednarodnega grafičnega bienala, Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana Sodobna slovenska umetnost 1995-2005, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana	2. bienale grafične umetnosti, Otočec Kako daleč seže slika?, Jakopičeva galerija, Ljubljana		
2007				
	Nit, Koroška galerija sodobnih umetnosti, Slovenj Gradec Thread, Art Gallery Slovenj Gradec, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Biennale of Graphic Arts, Otočec, Slovenia How Far Does Image Reach?, Jakopič Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia		
1995				
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Bienal International de São Paulo, São Paulo Občutek za red, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana The Collection of the P.A.R.A.S.I.T. E. Museum, Museum Bochum, Bochum, Nemčija	Slovenska grafična umetnost, Jakopičeva galerija, Ljubljana 13. zagrebačka izložba jugoslovenskog crteža, Zagreb 19. mednarodni grafični bienale, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana		
1994				
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Bienal International de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brasil The Sense Of Order, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia The Collection of the P.A.R.A.S.I.T. E. Museum, Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany	Slovenian Graphic Arts, Jakopič Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia 13. Zagreb Exhibition of Yugoslav Drawing, Zagreb, Croatia 19. International Graphic Art Biennal, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia		
1993				
1992				
1991				
1989				
1986				

1990	1. mednarodni bienale ilustracije Zlatno pero, Beograd 1 <sup>st</sup> International Biennial of Illustration Zlatno Pero, Beograd, Yugoslavia
1989	5. jugoslovanski bienale mladih, Muzej moderne in sodobne umetnosti, Reka 5 <sup>th</sup> Yugoslav Youth Biennial, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, Croatia
1986	Dobitniki študentske Prešernove nagrade, Mestna galerija, Ljubljana 4. bienale jugoslovanske študentske grafične, Galerija študentske grafične, Beograd Recipient of the Student Prešeren Award, Mestna galerija, Ljubljana, Slovenia 4 <sup>th</sup> Biennial of Yugoslav Students' Graphic Arts, Art Gallery, Beograd, Yugoslavia

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Moderna Galerija, Ljubljana, Slovenija  
Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor, Slovenija  
Mednarodni grafični likovni center, Ljubljana, Slovenija  
Koroška galerija likovnih umetnosti, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenija  
Zbirka Riko, Ribnica, Slovenija  
Zbirka Factor Banke, Ljubljana, Slovenija  
Zbirka Evropske centralne banke, Frankfurt, Nemčija  
Muzej moderne in sodobne umetnosti, Reka, Hrvatska  
Koroški muzej moderne umetnosti, Celovec, Avstrija  
Muzej MicroCollection, Milano, Italija  
Metropolitanski muzej, New York, ZDA

Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia  
International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Art Gallery Slovenj Gradec, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia  
Collection Riko, Ribnica, Slovenia  
Collection of Factor Bank, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Collection of European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany  
Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, Croatia  
Carinthian Museum of Modern Art, Klagenfurt, Austria  
MicroCollection Museum, Milano, Italy  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA



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