

# Maria Kozak

Artist's CV

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## Bio

Maria Kozak is a painter and new media artist. Her family emigrated to the US in 1983 at the height of martial law and she grew up navigating the two cultures. Her drawings and paintings are intuitive expressions of her inner world based loosely on society, nature and the sublime. They are about the absurdity of being a human, the dark comedy and the parts of the unconscious mind that we normally try to hide or ignore.

There is always a duality present in the process whether it's a battle between darkness and light, control and surrender, stillness and movement, or the real and artificial. Her virtual work is about the tension between repetition and change as we renegotiate what it means to be human in the digital age; as the boundaries between ourselves and others are constantly being redrawn. She is always seeking levity and connection.

Her work is found in collections nationally and abroad. She has been mentioned in Artsy, the Wall Street Journal, Cool Hunting and Paper magazine. She has shown most recently at LETO Gallery in Warsaw, Dreamsong in Minneapolis and The Detroit Public Library. She was awarded a NYFA /NYSCA Grant and a Schusterman Foundation Fellowship for her work in emerging technology.

Kozak (born in 1981 in Cracow, Poland) has a Master's degree in painting from the New York Academy of Art and is an alumni of NEW INC, the New Museum's incubator for art + technology. She lives and works between Warsaw, Poland and New York, NY; USA.



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## Selected Exhibitions

- 2024 Enter with EXOgallery, Copenhagen, DK
- 2023 Four Rooms, Leto Gallery, Warsaw, PL
- 2022 Dissolving Origins, Dreamsong Gallery, MN
- 2021 Threnody, OMG Gallery, Kingston, NY  
Spirit of Being, Microsoft Garage, NY
- 2020 X-Files, OMG Gallery, Kingston, NY  
10th Anniversary Show, OMG Gallery, Kingston, NY
- 2019 Our favorite Gift is the Present, Ace Hotel, New York, NY  
Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, New York, NY  
Hope Show, Miranda Kuo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 Rigidbody, Spring/Break Art Show, New York, NY
- 2017 Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, New York, NY
- 2016 Summer Show, Massey Lyuben, New York, NY
- 2015 Fall Collective, Massey Lyuben, New York, NY  
Greenhouse, One Mile gallery, Kingston, NY  
Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, New York, NY
- 2014 Mythical Beasts, One Mile Gallery, Kingston, NY
- 2013 War Hawk, Peace Dove, Platte Forum, Denver, CO  
Summer Show, Allegra LaViola Gallery. New York, NY  
Texas Contemporary, RH Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2012 13.0.0.0.0, RH Gallery, New York, NY  
Fr\*\*k Off, RH Gallery, New York, NY  
Land, Sea, Air, Eden Rock Gallery, St. Barthelemy  
Another, More Secret Garden, One Mile Galley, Kingston, NY  
Foolsgold Valentine's, RH Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 Collapse, RH Gallery, New York, NY  
Show and Tell, Vignettes Pop-Up Gallery, New York, NY  
Self Portrait as Monster Truck, Kleio Projects, New York, NY  
Foolsgold Sanctuary NYC, Sasha Noe Gallery, New York, NY  
Foolsgold Sanctuary, One Mile Gallery, Kingston, NY  
The Big Show, Silas Marder Gallery, Southampton, NY  
Uncharted, Wilkinson Hall, New York, NY  
Untitled, Below Chambers, New York, NY
- 2010 Foolsgold Farm, RH Gallery, New York, NY Take Home a Nude,  
Sotheby's, NY Summer Exhibition, Island Weiss Gallery, New York, NY  
Deck the Walls, NYAA , New York, NY
- 2009 FoCi Art Fair, Wynwood Walls Space, Miami, FL  
Foolsgold: Iceland, Lost Horse Gallery, Reykjavik, IC  
176 Stanton Gallery, New York, NY

## Performances

Maypole, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO  
Maypole, Petrosino Square, NY

## Awards, Fellowships, Residencies

NEW INC. Incubator Y6, New Museum, NY  
Reality Fellowship, Schusterman Foundation, Israel  
Platte Forum Residency, Denver, CO  
Eden Rock Residency, St. Barthelemy  
Kosciuszko Foundation Grant, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, PL