

Maria Kozak

Artist's CV

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Maria Kozak in her studio, NY.



Bio



Maria Kozak is a multi-disciplinary artist living and working in upstate New York and Warsaw, Poland. Her drawings and paintings are intuited, psychological landscapes of figures that exist beyond the conventional boundaries of time, space, and identity. Driven by existential inquiries into the nature of reality, Kozak's work embraces the full spectrum of human experience—from the sacred to the profane. Descended from a long line of dowzers, alchemists and Polish mystics, she sees the undercurrent of energy creating and connecting all things. She illustrates these subtle frequencies in an effort to make the unseen, seen. Her work is characterized by dissolving forms, layered narratives and ambiguity. It continues traditions of German Expressionism, Surrealism, psychedelia and the transavantgarde.

Her work is found in collections nationally and abroad and has been mentioned in ARTnews, 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 is also currently the Editor-at-large of Przekrój, Poland's oldest culture magazine.

Kozak (*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 was awarded a NYFA/NYSCA Grant and a Schusterman Foundation Fellowship for her work in emerging technology.

Inspiration

Coming from a long line of dowzers, alchemists and Polish mystics, I believe in the interconnectedness of all things and our power to bend reality. My mother tested everything with her pendulum. I feel the energy strong in my palms. I try to capture this force both in subject matter and the physical process itself in an effort to make the unseen, seen.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2025 Future Fair, with EXOgallery, New York, NY
Solo Exhibition, LETO Gallery, Warsaw, PL
- 2024 Artist for Kamala, Harris Victory Fund, pre-Auction Show, LA
Enter Art Fair, with EXOgallery, Copenhagen, DK
Four Rooms, Leto Gallery, Warsaw, PL
- 2023 Dissolving Orgins, Dreamsong Gallery, MN
- 2022 Threnody, OMG Gallery, Kingston, NY
- 2021 Spirit of Being, Microsoft Garage, NY
X-Files, OMG Gallery, Kingston, NY
- 2020 10th Anniversary Show, OMG Gallery, Kingston, NY
Our favorite Gift is the Present, Ace Hotel, New York, NY
- 2019 Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, New York, NY
Hope Show, Miranda Kuo Gallery, New York, NY
Rigidbody, Spring/Break Art Show, New York, NY
- 2018 Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, New York, NY
- 2017 Summer Show, Massey Lyuben, New York, NY
- 2016 Fall Collective, Massey Lyuben, New York, NY
- 2015 Greenhouse, One Mile gallery, Kingston, NY
Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, New York, NY
Mythical Beasts, One Mile Gallery, Kingston, NY
- 2014 War Hawk, Peace Dove, Platte Forum, Denver, CO
- 2013 Summer Show, Allegra LaViola Gallery. New York, NY
Texas Contemporary, RH Gallery, Houston, TX
13.0.0.0.0, RH Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 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
Collapse, RH Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 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
Foolsgold Farm, RH Gallery, New York, NY Take Home a Nude, Sotheby's, NY
- 2010 Summer Exhibition, Island Weiss Gallery, New York, NY
Deck the Walls, NYAA , New York, NY
- 2009 FoCi Art Fair, Wynwood Walls Space, Miami, FI
Foolsgold: Iceland, Lost Horse Gallery, Reykjavik

Education

- 2003 BS Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- 2011 MFA New York Academy of Art, New York, NY

Performances

- 2013 Maypole, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO
- 2010 Maypole, Petrosino Square, NY, NY

Press

Artsy,
Cool Hunting,
The Art Newspaper,
Paper Magazine,
K Magazine,
Microsoft InCulture,
Douglas Elliman Magazine

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, Jagielonian University, Krakow, PL