## Future Fair 2025 EXOgallery with Maria Kozak and Ivo Nikić

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EXOgallery is thrilled to announce its first participatation in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Future Fair in New York presenting works by Maria Kozak and Ivo Nikić.

Both artists' oeuvres reflect a shared fascination with dismantling reality, challenging conventions, and exploring the human experience through a fusion of timeless and contemporary influences.

The surreal landscapes of the human psyche, where humor, absurdity, and introspection collide are common themes in the oeuvre of both artists. Ivo draws on hip-hop and street art sampling technique which he upcycles in interactive artworks allowing viewers to create their own art pieces. Kozak, a New York Academy of Art graduate, blurs the lines between the conscious and unconscious, challenging perceptions of identity, meaning and the power of shaping your own reality.

Kozak will debut new artworks, created exclusively for this presentation, marking their first-ever public unveiling.

Maria Kozak (\*1980 Cracow, Poland) is a Polish-American painter living between upstate New York and Warsaw, Poland. Kozak 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.

Ivo Nikić (\*1974 in Pristina, now Kosovo), is a Polish-Kosovan multidisciplinary artist; his work includes painting, photography, installations, objects, video, and actions in urban space. Nikic graduated in painting from the Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts, PL in the studio of Prof. Jaroslaw Modzelewski. Since then he has been an active and prolific artist. In 2006 he was an artist-in-residence fellow in Bern, Switzerland.

Future Fair grew out of the desire to build a capsule sized platform for galleries participating in a global art market. Focused on transparency and equitability, they believe that through innovative, direct collaboration with and between exhibitors the fair can build a stronger art community that propels artists and galleries forward.

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