

Maria Kozak

Artist's CV

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Artist's 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

- 2026** *Read these leaves*, Fabienne Levy, Zurich, CH (SOLO)
My Home, My Castle, My Body, My Temple, Museum of Niepołomice Royal Castle, PL (Solo)
Longer, Brighter Days, EXOgallery, Stuttgart, DE (Solo)
When the Hour Unfolds, I Will Meet You There, Gallery Boketto, Mareterra, MC (Solo)
Passages, Dreamsong Gallery, Minneapolis, US (Solo)
Art Karlsruhe, EXOgallery, Karlsruhe, DE
Art Genève, Fabienne Levy, Genève, CH
- 2025** *Future Fair*, with EXOgallery, New York, NY
There is one day - at times it gets dark, LETO Gallery, Warsaw, PL (Solo)
NADA Villa Warsaw with Dreamsong, 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

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- 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, FL
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

Architectural Digest / AD Polska,
Elle Decoration Poland,
Surface Magazine,
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, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, PL

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