

## About the Artists:

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**Leny Aardse** is a painter and sculptor from The Netherlands. She has lived 18 years in the Czech Republic. She completed the Academy of Fine Arts in Rotterdam and Graphics in Toronto. She started her Art career in Italy and exhibited in the USA, Canada and all over Europe. Her art is linked with landscapes human bodies and city skylines.



**Bořek Šípek** is a worldwide known architect and designer. He has duo citizenship, Czech and Dutch. Bořek Šípek is renowned for his individual, unusual, colorful and rich style. He experiments with unexpected and often opulent shapes. He is said to be the father of "neo-baroque". His architectural works and other designs are known worldwide, and he retains offices in Amsterdam, Prague and Shanghai. His beautiful and ornamental designs can also be seen at Prague Castle.



**Kateřina Štenclová** is one of the few painters on the Czech scene to have focused purely on abstract painting over a long period. She began experimenting with color and image during her studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague between 1982 and 1988. From the monochromatic canvasses that she created in the 1990s to the free gestural painting of today her work brings the viewer to a place of contemplation in space and color. She has exhibited extensively in Europe, notably in The Netherlands, France, Germany, Switzerland and the UK.

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**Vladimír Bachořík** is a glass artist. Bachořík's work is transparent and filters and multiplies thus becoming a fundamental idea of composition and expression. He attended the Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague. He has exhibited his work in New York, Chicago and LA, and also in The Netherlands, Germany and France.



**Pavel Roučka** is a Czech Painter, Printmaker and Illustrator. A well-known established contemporary artist in the field of expressionist painting and graphic artists. He has exhibited all over Europe and Canada. He is interested in scenography and expressively used figural compositions, unusually effecting colorfulness and untraditional working procedures are typical for his paintings.



**Jakub Flejšar** graduated from the Academy of Arts, Architecture & Design. His work is characterized by complex statue units representing figures or abstract objects based on the figure shapes made of natural fragments – most often wood. The art pieces are inspired by nature and mystical cultural tradition. Statues are personification of metaphysical considerations; work is stimulated by questions of human existence, its meaningfulness and by questions of intangible factors going beyond the capabilities of human understanding.



**Nati Roučková** studied painting at UMPRUM in Prague. When she was five years old, she fell in love with horses and they became the main subject of her paintings from then on. Her paintings are built on a play of colors, depth and contrast. She is a horse jumper for the Czech Republic in her spare time.



**Pedja Djaković** was born in Derventa, Yugoslavia. After the completion of his secondary school studies in Belgrade he came to Prague where he was admitted to the Academy of Fine Art. He lives and works in Prague. The essence of his work oscillates between neo-cubism and poetic expressionism. Since the original figural motifs, images of historical scenes and musical atmosphere go to the symbolism of shapes and direct observation of reality. The images reflect the emotional tension and deny the artist's vital nature.



**Jan Kaláb** completed his university studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague. He is dedicated to graffiti, street art and mural art. Through Europe, he made a name for himself as Cakes. He visited New York, where he made a big impression by painting whole cars in 2000. Around the same time, he found a new way to push his own limits and challenge himself: 3-D Graffiti. He was recently on the cover of "Graffiti Magazine".

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**Zuzana Panská** is a Czech photographer. Main subjects of her work are landscapes, everyday situations, contradictions and people. She is a graduate of The Film Academy of Performing Arts, Photography and School of Graphic Arts. She manages various color tones, shades and sounds captured through different colors and bring them to life.

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**Louise Beer** and **Luiza Gibb** are co-founders of Czech This Art project. They share the same vision to sponsor the very best of Dutch and Czech Contemporary Art with a wider art loving community.

Luiza is British and Louise Canadian. They met in Prague in 2002 and have since developed a network of established Dutch and Czech Artists. Artists who are keen to have their work shared further with the rest of the world.

Louise formerly had a successful career in sales and marketing in Montreal. She started collecting Art in her early twenties and built an impressive portfolio over the years. Luiza is a lawyer with corporate experience in London with an equal passion for contemporary art.

They share a love of art and have together built personal relationships with many well-known Dutch and Czech Artists in Prague. The depth and quality of talent in the Czech Republic they discovered was a joy and delight to them both. They share the same values; believe in their creative intuition combined with entrepreneurial drive.