



Roma Art now

The “public” and the “popular”

3 May 2024



Rather than the realisation of a specific museum concept, the project connects a range of programmes (exhibitions, film screenings, performance, workshops, etc.), modelling nomadic, flexible institutional operation, which raises questions and formulates statements with the devices of contemporary art. It aspires to achieve all of this in accordance with the museum approaches of the 21st century that extend social engagement to reconsidering the relations of museum narratives, cultural heritage and contemporaneity. Although each of the presented artworks contributes to the creative act of the collaborative conception with a unique voice, they share a common desire for narrative, speech and dialogue; their raw material is also shared: contemporary society.



Bílá Místa, Hranicář Gallery, Ustí nad Labem (2020)



LACKA – Ladislava Gažiová



<https://www.artlist.cz/en/lacka-ladislava-gaziova-618-video/>

O kosmos hino kalo/The Universe is Black, 2017,
Moravian Gallery in Brno,

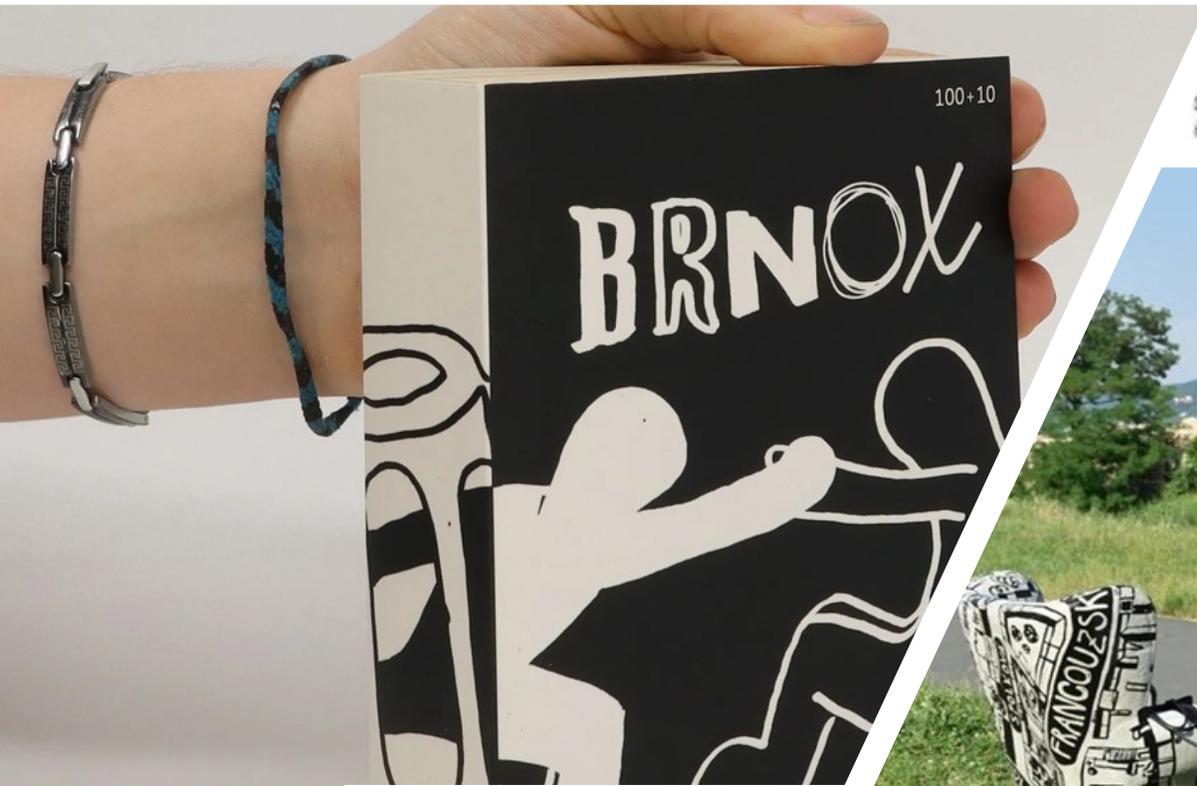


Ladislava Gažiová,
<https://www.artmap.cz/artist/ladislava-gaziova/>

Phundrado drom / The Open Road, Ethnographic
Museum, Prague, 3. 6. 2022 – 31. 5. 2024



<https://www.nm.cz/en/program/exhibitions/phundrado-drom-the-open-road#gallery-9>





NA ROMSKÝCH ŽIVOTECH ZÁLEŽÍ

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ŠEDÁ ^[1] AWARD – WE FEED ON THE INFORMATION IN THE BRNOX GUIDE

This is our reaction to the Litera Book Award in the category Journalism for Kateřina Šedá's book BRNOX. The Brno Bronx Guide.

The aim of Kateřina Šedá was to give general public a sense of the Brno neighborhood called Bronx and arouse interest in the place. That did not happen, though. On the contrary, Šedá in her „revealing“ process did not get further than to the beginning of her journey, which, however, most of the ambient society is familiar with. The residents of the neighborhood are caricatured and ridiculed in the book. Ordinary readers have only confirmed their prejudices and stereotypes concerning the Roma. But Kateřina Šedá is an acclaimed writer and we believe that an artist bears responsibility and should try to expand horizons – go further than what the majority can see.

Magnesia litera, a prestigious literary award, which Šedá received for the Guide, then in the eyes of most Roma seemed as if it had definitely proved the centuries lasting injustice and once again legitimized the Gadjo derision. The Guide of the locality became a lampoon thrown in the faces of the Roma!

Romani Black Panthers

The art group ROMANE KALE PANTHERA was established as a reaction to anti-Roma marches in the Czech Republic. Based on such events, people in affected areas had to make a decision, change their attitudes and mainly take a stand on the basis of their ethnicity. People who lived normal lives became activists.

Glossary of terms:

Gadjo = Non-Romani

^[1] Šedá is the surname of the author, however, it also translates as GREY in Czech. The award could be also interpreted as GREY AWARD then.

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(auto)graphic communities



collective curatorship
opening 8 june, 7 pm
8 – 10 june
tři ocásci (5 pm to late)
tř. kpt. jaroše 18, brno

Documents of Socially Engaged Art

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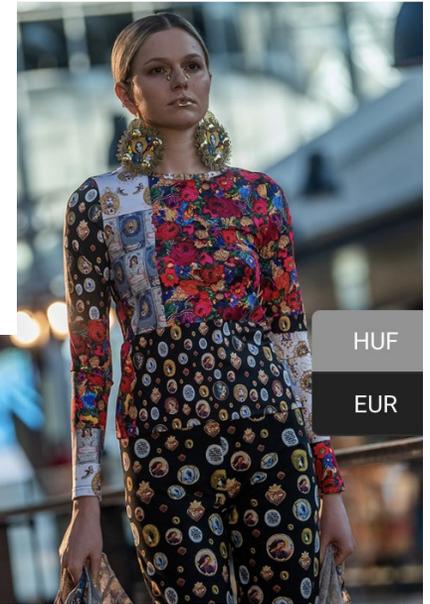
Figure 1. Josef Lada – Illustration for the chapter Mikeš stolen. Approx. 1934. © Josef Lada. Published with the kind permission of Josef Lada's heir. Talking tomcat Mikeš is approaching the fire, around which the 'Gypsies' are sitting, to ask them for overnight shelter and food. Subsequently, he is captured, put in a bag and beaten. This is a stereotypical portrayal of Roma as oriental travellers with bad intentions.



Figure 2. Romane Kale Panthera: Mifeš Stolen – A Rewrite of History, 2020. Illustration accompanying the rewritten chapter of Josef Lada's fairy tale book. © Romane Kale Panthera. Published with the kind permission of Romane Kale Panthera. Next, we can see the inversion of good and bad. In the artistic intervention, the good tomcat Mikeš turns into Mifeš, an embodiment of evil. Roma are portrayed as good magicians fighting against evil.

R O M A N I

A growing feminist Roma movement means we will see more Roma woman taking control of their image in fashion. “The more Roma women will be empowered to have independence, safety, and a say in their careers, the more fashion designers that the Roma will have,” Grigore says. “Probably there are quite a few that we don't know about, just because they don't have the platform and accessibility.”



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MAREK POKORNÝ
A AŠTA ŠMĚ





POSTERS



What is a poster?

A large-format poster is a big piece of paper or image featuring

- a short title
 - an introduction to your topic
 - an overview of your approach (body)
 - your results in graphical form (conclusion)
 - a list of references (bibliography)
- if all text is kept to a minimum (500-1000 words), a person could fully read your poster in 5-10 minutes.

FOSTERING A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE:
Yale Public History Institute's Candid Conversation on Race

An exhibition is one way of conducting a conversation. In order to foster a community dialogue about African American history and culture, public history institutions must curate for conversation in their exhibitions.

INTRODUCTION

CURATING THE SILENCE

How do we interpret African American history if we don't have the objects?

- Re-interpret objects through a different lens
- Allow objects to have multiple (maybe even conflicting) stories
- Place greater value on oral history and memory
- Move beyond the particular in the way we tell history
- Prioritize cultural history over material history
- Continue the conversation beyond the exhibition space

DEVELOPING DIALOGUE

- BE HONEST about what you don't know
- LEARN more about the current scholarship
- SET **CONCLUSION** your community
- SET ground rules for discussion
- ENGAGE community members to act as cultural liaisons
- PARTNER with local public history institutions
- DEVELOP relationships with local faculty and graduate students
- ACKNOWLEDGE your institution's biases
- CONSIDER sensitivity training for staff
- HIRE staff members of African American descent

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"Cultural diversity is an invitation to DISCOVER rather than to EXCLUDE."
- Richard Rabinowitz

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Learning outcomes

- Translate what you learnt in lectures and discussions into own research
- Find an original topic and conduct independent research on it
- Turn your findings into a brief visual and oral presentation
- Think about most important information to include in a poster
- Be able to present your poster

Questions to ask

- **What is the key message from the research that you want to highlight to your audience?**

Not just the work of art/artist, but the message

- **Along with the main image, what other material (texts, graphs, other images) do you need to support the poster theme?**

Keep it simple. Choose a lead image and supporting material.

- **Who is the audience?**

Us

- **What medium?**

Handmade collage or software (PowerPoint, Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Canva...).

Practicalities

- **What size should your poster be?**

A2 ideally, landscape or portrait

- **How many words?**

1000 words max. Think of the font and size.

What colours will you use?

- **Plan it.**

You have the idea; how will you present it visually and in an interesting way?

- **Keep it simple.** Limit text, focus on images but explain.

- **Sketch it out.**



PIGS IN SPACE: EFFECT OF ZERO GRAVITY AND AD LIBITUM FEEDING ON WEIGHT GAIN IN CAVIA PORCELLUS

SPACE EXES

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ABSTRACT:

One ignored benefit of space travel is a potential elimination of obesity, a chronic problem for a growing majority in many parts of the world. In theory, when an individual is in a condition of zero gravity, weight is eliminated. Indeed, in space one could conceivably follow ad libitum feeding and never even gain an gram, and the only side effect would be the need to upgrade one's stretchy pants ("exercise pants"). But because many diet schemes start as very good theories only to be found to be rather harmful, we tested our predictions with a long-term experiment in a colony of Guinea pigs (*Cavia porcellus*) maintained on the International Space Station. Individuals were housed separately and given unlimited amounts of high-calorie food pellets. Fresh fruits and vegetables were not available in space so were not offered. Every 30 days, each Guinea pig was weighed. After 5 years, we found that individuals, on average, weighed nothing. In addition to weighing nothing, no weight appeared to be gained over the duration of the protocol. If space continues to be gravity-free, and we believe that assumption is sound, we believe that sending the overweight — and those at risk for overweight — to space would be a lasting cure.

INTRODUCTION:

The current obesity epidemic started in the early 1960s with the invention and proliferation of elastane and related stretchy fibers, which released wearers from the rigid constraints of clothes and permitted monthly weight gain without the need to buy new outfits. Indeed, exercise today for hundreds of million people involve only the act of wearing stretchy pants in public, presumably because the constrictive pressure forces fat molecules to adopt a more compact tertiary structure (Xavier 1965).

Luckily, at the same time that fabrics became stretchy, the race to the moon between the United States and Russia yielded a useful fact: gravity in outer space is minimal to nonexistent. When gravity is zero, objects cease to have weight. Indeed, early astronauts and cosmonauts had to secure themselves to their ships with seat belts and sticky boots. The potential application to weight loss was noted immediately, but at the time travel to space was prohibitively expensive and thus the issue was not seriously pursued. Now, however, multiple companies are developing cheap extra-orbital travel options for normal consumers, and potential travelers are also creating new ways to pay for products and services that they cannot actually afford. Together, these factors open the possibility that moving to space could cure overweight syndrome quickly and permanently for a large number of humans.

We studied this potential by following weight gain in Guinea pigs, known on Earth as fond of ad libitum feeding. Guinea pigs were long envisioned to be the "Guinea pigs" of space research, too, so they seemed like the obvious choice. Studies on humans are of course desirable, but we feel this current study will be critical in acquiring the attention of granting agencies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

One hundred male and one hundred female Guinea pigs (*Cavia porcellus*) were transported to the International Space Laboratory in 2010. Each pig was housed separately and deprived of exercise wheels and fresh fruits and vegetables for 48 months. Each month, pigs were individually weighed by duct-taping them to an electronic balance sensitive to 0.0001 grams. Back on Earth, an identical cohort was similarly maintained and weighed. Data was analyzed by statistics.

RESULTS:

Mean weight of pigs in space was 0.0000 +/- 0.0002 g. Some individuals weighed less than zero, some more, but these variations were due to reaction to the duct tape, we believe, which caused them to be alarmed push briefly against the force plate in the balance. Individuals on the Earth, the control cohort, gained about 240 g/month ($p = 0.0002$). Males and females gained a similar amount of weight on Earth (no main effect of sex), and size at any point during the study was related to starting size (which was used as a covariate in the ANCOVA). Both Earth and space pigs developed substantial dewlaps (double chins) and were lethargic at the conclusion of the study.

CONCLUSIONS:

Our view that weight and weight gain would be zero in space was confirmed. Although we have not replicated this experiment on larger animals or primates, we are confident that our result would be mirrored in other model organisms. We are currently in the process of obtaining necessary human trial permissions, and should have our planned experiment initiated within 80 years, pending expedited review by local and Federal IRBs.

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Would You Like Unions with Your Crustcumbs? Offal Eating in James Joyce's *Ulysses*

Dr. Richard Best



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Georgian Paper Traces: Women's Stories, Ephemeral Texts and Hidden Objects

What?

The country house has long stood as an institution for objects, art, and architecture, but how were these spaces experienced on the page?

This research contextualises women's manuscript material penned at Georgian country houses within the eighteenth century's culture of letters, including epistolary fiction and property novels.



NOSTELL PRIORY.
FRONT VIEW.
DESIGNED BY J. COOPER. ENGRAVED BY J. GIBSON.

Why?

To address questions such as...
How were women's private writings informed by the dynamic culture in which they wrote?

What can the survival of more ephemeral papers tell us about archival privileges?

How do such writings react and intersect with the spaces in which they were created, stored, or preserved?



Who?

Looking at four properties across the North of England, all of which are now owned by the National Trust. The women explored include:

- The Winn sisters at Nostell Priory (1736-1800)
- Elizabeth Egerton (d. 1743) at Tatton Park
- Cecilia Stuckland (1741-1814) at Sizergh Castle
- Hannah Greg (1767-1828) at Quarry Bank

How?

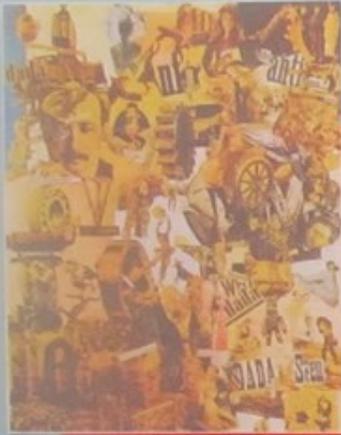
The research brings together archives, objects, manuscript ephemera and published literature to understand the rich and varied ways women lived and wrote in the eighteenth-century country house. It employs creative approaches to studying these documents; exploring the material form, composition, and layout of women's paper traces.

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HANNAH HOCH

BIOGRAPHY

Hannah Hoch was born in 1889 on November 1st in Gotha, Germany. She went to the College of Arts and Crafts. She studied glass design, graphic arts, calligraphy, embroidery, fabric and wallpaper there in Berlin. She had numerous relationships in her lifetime. Her and Til Brugman had a stable relationship, they lived together for 10 years. She later married Kurt Matthies in 1938, but their relationship ended with a divorce in 1944. She befriended Raoul Hausmann in 1915, he's the one who introduced her to Dadaism. She was a part of the Dada Movement most of her life. Her life ended May 31st in 1978.



1919

Did you see the picture in the picture? We just speak of the submarine beer belly culture.



The Beautiful Girl
-1920



She enjoyed creating art through painting, collage, photography and graphics. Which when combined gave her Photomontage, the style of art she is most known for. She used her art to demonstrate her view and opinion on matters in the world around her. She had feminist ideas, and using irony in her work, she showed people how the world viewed women. Her work opposed the thoughts of the moral and political world. As she grew older, the Photomontage work slowly became painting, she sometimes even put both styles in her art. Her work started out as recognizable images, but started becoming abstract. She drew inspiration from Pablo Picasso.

STYLE OF ART

Dada

The Dada movement was not a movement, its artists were not artists, and their art was not art. Dada was a literary and artistic movement. They were mad that the world let World War I happen. Due to their discontentment they protested. They used every way of public forum they could to spit on nationalism and other things like materialism. Things they felt like contributed to the war. They chose their name dada, because it was the only thing that made the least amount of sense. They used a lot of sarcasm in their work. Their one rule is to never follow any known rule. Their intention was to shock the public with their protest in the form of art. They did not want their work to be viewed as "acceptable". So they spiraled in the opposite direction whenever it did.

KANDINSKY

Early History

Wassily Kandinsky was born on December 16, 1879, in Moscow, Russia. He was the son of a wealthy family and was educated at the University of Moscow. He studied law and economics, but his true passion was art. He began painting in 1900 and was part of the Blue Rider movement.



Wassily Kandinsky

Abstract and Geometric

Kandinsky's work is characterized by its use of abstract shapes and colors. He believed that art should express the inner world of the artist, rather than the outer world. His work is often described as 'inner music'.



Abstract Painting



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WASSILY KANDINSKY

ARTIST PROFILE



Wassily Kandinsky



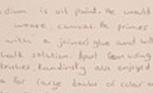
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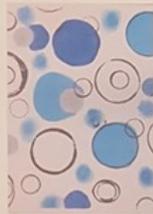
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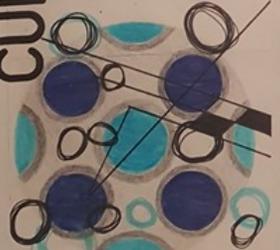
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CURVES

GEOMETRIC SHAPES

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SPHERE

Looking at Kandinsky's work I decided to try and create my own 'reception' based on this style. In my first attempt I used a black paper drawing out shapes that are related to Kandinsky such as circles, triangles and lines. I painted the shapes with bright colors using colors similar to those that Kandinsky would use. In my next attempt I used a white paper and used the same shapes but with different colors and sizes. I also used different lines and shapes that are related to Kandinsky's work.

These two drawings are inspired by Wassily Kandinsky's work. The first drawing is a circle with a square inside it, and the second drawing is a square with a circle inside it. The colors used are red, blue, yellow, and black. The shapes are simple and geometric, which is characteristic of Kandinsky's style. The drawings are arranged in a way that creates a sense of balance and harmony.

Some resources

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