

# TELEGRAPH

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## Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc opens exhibiton of Mark Ther

**Czech artist Mark Ther has been dealing with taboo topics in his work for years. The exhibition called May, curated by Michal Jalůvka, will focus on the theme of death in a raw yet ethereal way, as is usual for the artist. It will open with a vernissage on Thursday 12 May at 6 pm. It will be on display at the Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc until 17 July.**

The exact form of the exhibition will remain a surprise for visitors until the last moment. Mark Ther's work raises questions, emotions and sometimes it even outrages. However, the artist does not deliberately provoke, but, as he says himself, draws attention to what is so often silent in society.

*A number of lines of interpretation could certainly be successfully developed regarding Mark Ther's vast body of work, aiming at his profound theoretical reflection. But one could equally say that the most interesting thing about Mark Ther is Mark Ther himself, said curator Michal Jalůvka.*

### **ABOUT THE EXHIBITION**

*What is the meaning of a death that has managed to escape attention? No funeral, no flowers and funeral feast, nor the continued ringing of the doorbell... Some existences just seem to disappear from the world unnoticed, having vanished from the minds of their surroundings long time ago. But appearances can be deceiving. Every person leaves a trace behind. Things, personal possessions accumulated during a lifetime, become the only reminder of the deceased. They are an open diary, which can only be read when the last page contains an unfinished sentence and its meaning fades away..., said Michal Jalůvka, the curator of the exhibition.*

Something wrong with that? Then come and see the exhibition at the Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc in person. It's May, after all, and the open garage door lets in some fresh spring air while inviting an uninvited visit to the building. Come on in...

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Telegraph Gallery is opened from Tuesday until Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the exhibition and the guided tour is free.

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**Mark Ther: May**

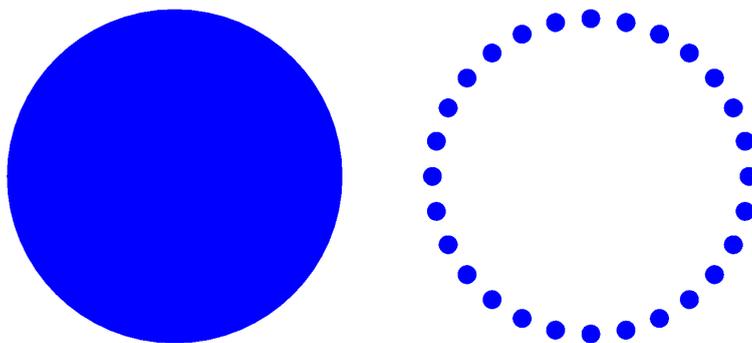
12. 5. – 17. 7. 2022 (the vernissage 12 May. 2022 at 6 pm)

Curator: Michal Jalůvka

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Organizer: Telegraph Gallery, Jungmannova 4, Olomouc

**MARK THER (1979)** studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague (AVU) in the studios of Painting II under Vladimír Skrepl and New Media I under Michael Bielický. In 2004 he received a scholarship to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, a private school in Manhattan, New York. Seven years later, he was awarded the Jindřich Chalupecký Prize. The artist's main focus has been on short fiction films, which he has moved on to from drawing and gallery installations. His way of working is characterised by the approach of a director who composes individual details and elements of meaning into a final whole. He has presented his work at Czech and international exhibitions and film festivals, for example in Berlin, Rotterdam and New York.



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Free entry

Telegraph Gallery organizes regular exhibitions of contemporary art from the Czech Republic and abroad. On 350 m<sup>2</sup> it presents the work of well-known and overlooked artists of all ages. It also organizes workshops, art courses and offers residencies to Czech and international artists. For more information visit <https://telegraph.cz/galerie>.