

# TELEGRAPH

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## Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc Presents Spontaneous Drawings by Czech Artists

The exhibition *Connection* presents drawings by fifteen artists with a talent for giving artistic form to phenomena that are beyond ordinary sensory perception. The central figure among the artistic visionaries is Karel Malich, whose spatial drawings meet the works of Margita Titlova Ylovsky, Jan Hísek, Jana Kasalová, Inge Kosková, and Petr Nikl, as well as lesser-known artists, some of whom are exhibiting for the first time. The project is curated by Terezie Zemánková. The exhibition's opening will take place on Thursday 14 December at 6 pm. It will be publicly displayed at the Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc until 28 March next year.

The Connection project focuses on the work of contemporary Czech authors of different generations, which is an intimate testimony of their spiritual experiences. The central figure of the exhibition is the solitary genius of Czech post-war art, the sculptor and painter Karel Malich (1924-2019), who is often classified as part of the so-called New Sensibility movement. *"In his work, Malich explored the intersection of sensory perception with his own transpersonal, even mystical, experiences. For Malich, as for all the exhibiting artists, drawing became the ideal means of expression. It allows for an authentic and true record of perception, whether it is made with pencil, pastel, pen, pen, brush or wire in space,"* explained curator Terezie Zemánková.

The presented drawings were mostly made alone, in silence and sometimes in the dark, during meditation, during prayer or recitation of mantras, after yoga or spiritual exercises, but always in a state of disconnection from one's own will, rational correction, or self-censorship. Sometimes they are a seismographic record of the author's emotions. Mostly, however, they ignore subjective feelings and delve deeper into transpersonal processes. They map the space where sensory and extrasensory perception meet. The creators become mediators, gently touching invisible power lines of energy flows, intangible dynamic processes, and entities. Their work lacks the calculation and appears as pure testimony.

*"The works of artists who have undergone an art education are mostly abstract in nature. They cannot be compared to the drawings of the Czech Spiritism of the first half of the 20th century, whose amateur artists drew on the principles of spiritualist beliefs and concretely portrayed symbolic messages of spiritual forces in the form of fantasy landscapes, fauna, and flora. Nor can they be likened to the automatic creations of the surrealists. However, in all these works we find strikingly related organic forms that resemble natural structures, cell clusters, plant curves, the morphology of gems, and so on,"* concluded curator Terezie Zemánková.

### Useful Information

Telegraph Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturday to Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm (lunch break from 12 to 12.30 pm). Entrance to the exhibition and guided tour 50 CZK.

Members of the TLG CLUB loyalty programme can visit the exhibition for free and enjoy other benefits. Prospective members can register at the gallery front desk or online at <https://telegraph.cz/en/tlgrphclub>.

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### CONNECTION

12/15/2023 – 3/28/2024 (opening 12/14/2023 at 6 pm)

Concept of the exhibition, curator: Terezie Zemánková

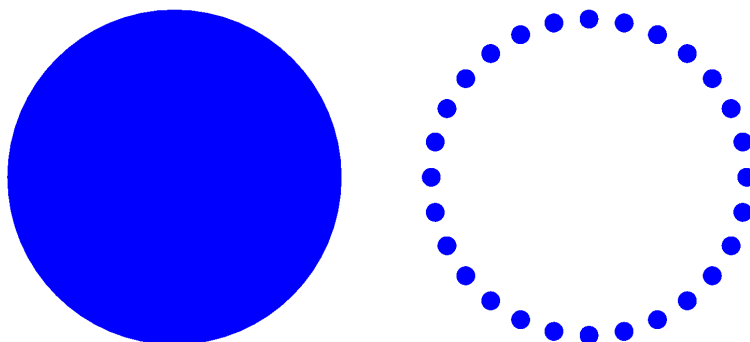
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### Exhibiting artists:

Josef Duchan, Dagmar Havlíčková, Jan Hísek, Jana Kasalová, Jiří Kornatovský, Inge Kosková, Alžběta Krňanská, Tomáš Lampar, Karel Malich, Přemysl Martinec, Petr Nikl, Taja Spasskova, Anna Šimková, Margita Titlová Ylovsky, Marcela Vorlíčková



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Entrance 50 CZK, free for Telegraph Club members.

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

### TLG CLUB

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