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Male Bodies and Insects. Andrej Dúbravský's Paintings Are Exhibited at the Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc from April

Telegraph Gallery is presenting one of the most prominent figures of the contemporary Slovak art scene, painter Andrej Dúbravský. The exhibition titled *GOOD BOY* features artworks in which the artist reflects on the beauty standards in today's society, as well as paintings of natural and animal motifs referencing his life in the countryside. The opening of the exhibition will take place on Thursday 11 April at 6 pm. It will be on public display at the Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc until 25 July.

The exhibition at the Telegraph Gallery presents two main themes that the young Slovak painter is currently dealing with. In addition to figurative depictions of male bodies, the exhibition also includes paintings of animals and plant elements in a rural landscape.

Inspired by Rococo scenes, Dúbravský reflects on the themes of beauty in art from both historical and contemporary perspectives. "As a society, we find ourselves in a time when we are obsessed with our own bodies. We have a constant urge to publicly present them on social media, yet we are also traumatized by the intrusion into our intimate space. Dúbravský's work reflects contemporary influences of fitness lifestyle rhetoric, stereotypes of perfect appearance, fat-shaming, the body positivity movement, and plus-size campaigns of global fashion brands," says the exhibition curator Erika Kovačičová.

Dúbravský has residences all over the world and lives alternately in Bratislava, New York and a village in southwestern Slovakia. The exhibition is complemented by ecologically themed works depicting natural motifs that surround the artist at his rural homestead. In paintings of caterpillars, bees, and chickens, the painter rediscovers romantic tendencies that blend with painterly expression and impressionistic capture of atmosphere. Dúbravský often disrupts the sterile environment of galleries and creates visually appealing experiential spatial installations. "Part of the exhibition's architecture is an installation referencing a barn. It offers a glimpse into my world in the village, where I am mentally anchored and which currently greatly influences my work," describes Dúbravský.

The exhibition of the progressive Slovak artist takes place at a time when the current cultural and art scene in Slovakia is being influenced by the decisions of the Ministry of Culture, which the artist community accuses of censorship and homophobia. "I am very happy that as a privately owned Czech gallery we can take the liberty to organize an exhibition of exceptional artworks that have no support or space in Slovakia as controversial for their queer themes," adds the chief curator of Telegraph Gallery Mira Macík.

Andrej Dúbravský graduated in painting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Bratislava. He has held a number of exhibitions in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, as well as successful projects abroad, for example at the DITTRICH & SCHLECHTRIEM gallery in Berlin or a residency in New York.

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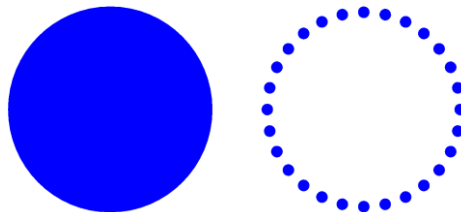
The Telegraph Gallery is also arranging guided tours with the artist. The presentation of the artist and his focus on rural life and farming as a part of the Olomouc Environmental Days (EDO) takes place on 17 April at 6 pm. Telegraph Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturday to Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. Entrance to the exhibition 50 CZK, free for Telegraph Club members. Guided tours are free.

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Telegraph Gallery regularly presents exhibitions of contemporary art from the Czech Republic and abroad. On 350 m² 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>.

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