



## MICHAL JACKOWSKI

Born in Bialystok, Poland, in 1978



*“Classicism is the universal language of art, a timeless code”*

Michal Jackowski graduated in Sculpture Restoration at the Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts in Poland and during university he practised his skills on marble and bronze sculpting. Alongside his artistic projects, Jackowski boasted extensive experience in the reconstruction of baroque sculptures, in making high quality copies of Masters and creating his own compositions on public and private commission.

Deeply connected to the tradition of Antiquity, Michal unites classical elements and the modern mythology of consumerism symbolised by speech balloons, chewing gums and The Beatles lyrics, generating a deeply surprising and contrasting relationship between tradition and modern times. Furthermore, the artist focuses his research on people, their spiritual condition and interpersonal relations by bringing out eternal questions that we all need to confront. Classical aesthetics and antique elements are combined with pop-culture references that encourage the viewers to not only reflect on themselves but also on their connection with both the past and the present.

Michal Jackowski is presently working on two ongoing series: *“Antique Games”* and *“Circles of Life”*. In *“Antique Games”* the artist combines timeless, classical aesthetics and modern and pop-art elements. The principal subjects of his artworks are female or male figures that can relate to the idea of beauty personified by Aphrodite or narcissism embodied by ancient god Apollo. These characters also represented as non-identified subjects that constantly deal with everlasting problems and need to confront spiritual and moral questions of today as in the past.



In “*Circles of Life*” the artist explores the human body and the spiritual and emotional bond between a woman and a man: Michal portrays two figures in a melancholic pose that strive to overcome the distance between each other. This couple also symbolizes the everlasting energy between feminine and masculine elements in nature.

Michal Jackwoski is constantly growing and emerging in the European artistic scene. Amongst other exhibitions, the artist exhibited his works at the Opera House and the Your art Maison gallery in Poland and during the exhibition “*Le Cinque Anime della Scultura*” at Como Lake in Italy. Michal has also participated in renowned international fairs: Art Basel and the Zurich Art International Art Fair, and he has been awarded several times during Artrooms Fair in London and Rome and the International Art Biennale in Florence.

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## ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

### EXHIBITIONS

### UPCOMING

**2023** Warsaw, Royal Castle Museum, solo exhibition

**2023** Oman, ROYAL OPERA HOUSE IN MUSKAT, solo exhibition

**2022** Goluchowo Castle, National Museum in Poznan, solo exhibition

**2022** Circles of Life, Alfons Karny Museum of sculpture, solo exhibition, Bialystok, Poland

### 2021

City Gallery Wieża Ciśnień, solo exhibition, Kalisz, Poland

Solo exhibition, Il Salotto di Milano, Milan, Italy

“Polish art in the world” – group art exhibition + discussion panel at XXX Economic Forum, Karpacz, Poland

“Who do you want to be, tomorrow?”, solo exhibition, Casimir Pułaski Museum, Warka, Poland

Laboratory of Sculpture, group exhibition, Warsaw, Poland, Centrum Koneser Praski

### 2020

Community of Values, Pultusk, Poland

Private Show, Złota 44, Warsaw, Poland

Everything will be fine' Charity Auction and virtual exhibition on Artgate.com

### 2019

Internal Independence, Opera House Exhibition, Bialystok, Poland

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## **2018**

Le Cinque Anime della Scultura, Como Lake, Italy  
The Night of Museums, Bialystok, Poland

## **2017**

Exhibition at Your art Maison Gallery and Space Design Showroom, Warsaw, Poland

## **ART FAIRS**

### **2020**

BAF, Bergamo Art Fair, Bergamo, Italy

### **2019**

Artrooms Awards, London, UK  
Sculptures Art3f, Luxembourg  
Artrooms Fair, Rome, Italy

### **2018**

Art Basel Fair, Basel, Switzerland  
ZurichArt International Art Fair, Zurich, Switzerland  
Parallax Art Fair, London, UK

### **2017**

XI Florence Biennale, Fortezza da Basso, Florence

## **AWARDS**

**2019.** Vastari Award, Artrooms Fair, London

**2019.** Umberto Mortari Award

**2019.** 11 HellHeaven Gallery Award – solo show in Rome and Miami, Artrooms Fair, Rome, Italy

**2017.** 4<sup>th</sup> place in sculpture, XI Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy

**2017.** Special mention from the President of Biennale, XI Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy

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