

## PRESS RELEASE

### Theses 2018 — What is happening in young art?

In Ústí nad Labem on 16/05/2018

**Master theses 18 — An exhibition of master and bachelor theses prepared by students of the Faculty of Art and Design of the J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, the Czech Republic.**

The exhibition of theses prepared by students of the Faculty of Art in Ústí nad Labem takes place in the Emil Filla Gallery and is one of the most important events of the academic year. For students, it means that they have reached the final mark; it is the result of their studies. They will defend their works this June.

The theses are also a show of the school as an art and educational institution. Both the master and the bachelor theses illustrate the free and creative atmosphere of the school, its focus on current trends in arts and design, as well as its promotion of unique solutions and interesting craftsmanship. Most of the realizations also demonstrate the professional technical background of the Faculty of Art in Ústí nad Labem.

Within the master theses exhibition in the Emil Filla Gallery, 7 studios (Graphic Design I, Graphic Design II, Visual Design, Interior Design, Fashion and Textile Design, Ceramic Design, and Natural Materials) will introduce themselves. Visitors can look forward to a huge range of art works and media. Many books will be presented – books from recycled materials, illustrated books for children, and even a book about tattoos. Recycling is also the topic of the project by Lucie Bartošová, a student of the Fashion and Textile Design Studio who remakes damaged and discarded clothes of famous brands. Dominik Janoušek has designed and made a functioning kayak from paper, using a special technology of paper treatment. Miroslav Durák, a student of the Ceramic Design Studio, is the author of probably the boldest project of the exhibition – there will be live spiders in his installation, weaving their cobwebs around porcelain objects.

The second part of the master theses exhibition takes place in the Ústí nad Labem House of Arts and introduces 6 ateliers (Applied and Advertising Photography, Photography, Digital Media, Interactive Media, Performance). Visitors can look forward to representatives of the young generation of artists, both domestic and from abroad, who already have experienced many projects and exhibitions. Their works are exceptional in their reflection of current worldwide events, showing the latest developments of fine arts. Martina Houdek from the Applied and Advertising Photography Studio presents a series of pictures capturing faces of important figures of Czech photography. Photographer Tereza Bonaventurová opens the topic of advertising in the Czech public space, especially when it comes to city aesthetics and the influence on the quality of public spaces. Videos and video installations by Barbora Blažková focus on the sphere of personal and physical. In her works, the author often touches social and cultural stereotypes in a slightly satirical way. The exhibition is organized with regard to the present days – the world of digital problems and social networks, yet it also tries to formulate a comprehensive perspective based on traditional approaches and media.

The third part of the exhibition – **Bachelor Theses** – will be exhibited in the studios of the **Faculty of Art and Design from the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2018**. On the first day, the exhibition will be open from 2 pm till 6 pm.

**Master These will be exhibited in the Ústí nad Labem House of Arts and in the Emil Filla Gallery from the 28th of June 2018.** The exhibition in the Emil Filla Gallery will be open from 5 pm on the first day.

**The opening ceremony will take place in the Ústí nad Labem House of Arts (Dům umění Ústí nad Labem) on Wednesday the 30th of May 2018 at 6 pm.** The exhibitions will be opened by doc. Mgr. A. Pavel Mrkus, the dean of the Faculty of Art and Design.

Opening hours: Tue — Fri 10 am — 6 pm / Sat 1 pm — 5 pm. Admission free.

Curators: Martina Johnová and Eva Mráziková.

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