



VILLA MAGDALENA

Miroslav Tichý (Kyjov, 1926-2011) withdrew to a life in isolation in his hometown of Kyjov, Moravia, Czech Republic after studying at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague from 1945-1948. In the late 1950s he quitted painting and became a distinctive Diogenes-like figure. From the end of the 1960s he began to take photographs mainly of local women, in part with cameras he made by hand. He later mounted them on hand-made frames, added finishing touches with pencil, and thus moved them from photography in the direction of drawing. The result are works of strikingly unusual formal qualities, which disregard the rules of conventional photography. They constitute a large oeuvre of poetic, dreamlike views of feminine beauty in a small town under the Czechoslovak Communist régime.



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LIVED AND WORKED IN KYJOV, CZECH REPUBLIC

SELECTED SOLO SHOWS

2023

Screenshots, Galleria Edizioni Periferia, Luzern, Switzerland

2015

Miroslav Tichy: Women and women, Moravian Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
Drawings and Photographs - Miroslav Tichy, Delmes & Zander, Köln, Germany
Piège pour un voyeur, Galerie Christophe Gaillard, Paris, France

2014

Click Click: Raphael Danke & Miroslav Tichy, Van Horn, Dusseldorf, Germany
Miroslav Tichy, WestLicht, Wien, Austria

2013

City of the Women, Zephyr, Mannheim, Germany

2012

L'Homme a la Mauvaise Caméra, Pascal Polar Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
The Artist with the Bad Camera, Moscow House of Photography, Moscow, Russia
Drawings and Photographs - Miroslav Tichy, Galerie Susanne Zander, Köln, Germany

2011

Miroslav Tichy, Retrospektiva, SI Fest, Savignano sul Rubicone, Italy
Miroslav Tichy, Wilkinson Gallery, London, England
Sun Screen - Miroslav Tichy, Horton Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Les formes du vrai / Forms of Truth, City Gallery Prague, Prague, Czech Republic
The Estate of Miroslav Tichy, Galerie Walter Keller, Zürich, Switzerland
Retrospektiva Miroslav Tichy, Sala Municipal de San Benito, San Benito, Spain
Miroslav Tichy, HBK Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany
Tarzan Retired, Guido Costa Projects, Torino, Italy

2010

Miroslav Tichy, International Centre of Photography, New York, NY, USA
Miroslav Tichy, Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris, France

2009

Miroslav Tichy, Jiri Svestka Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Miroslav Tichy, Galerie Elisabeth & Klaus Thoman, Innsbruck, Austria
Miroslav Tichy - Style Options, DOMINIK ART PROJECTS, Krakow/lerly Kewenig, Cologne, Germany
Prayers, Dreams And Goddesses, Gallery Kewenig, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Miroslav Tichy - Mirography, Ivorypress Madrid, Spain



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2008

Miroslav Tichý, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Miroslav Tichý, Centre national d'art et de culture Georges Pompidou, Retrospective, France

Miroslav Tichý, Kunsthaus Bregenz, KUB Billboards, Bregenz, Austria

Miroslav Tichý, Museum of Modern Art Frankfurt (MMK), Frankfurt, Germany

Miroslav Tichý, Tanja Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2007

Miroslav Tichý, BANG Gallery Beijing and Shanghai, China

Miroslav Tichý, Central European House of Photography, Bratislava, Slovakia

Miroslav Tichý, Taka Ishii Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2006

Miroslav Tichý, Presentation House Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Miroslav Tichý, Galerie Sternberk, Sternberk, Czech Republic

Miroslav Tichý, Michael Hoppen Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Miroslav Tichý, Brno House of Art, Brno, Czech Republic

Miroslav Tichý, De Hallen, Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands

2005

Miroslav Tichý, Nolan/Eckmann Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Miroslav Tichý, Zeno Gallery, Antwerp, Netherlands

Miroslav Tichý, Galerie Arndt&Partner, Berlin, Germany

Miroslav Tichý, Kunsthaus, Zurich, Switzerland



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SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2023

Edgewalkers: Sacred and Profane, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2022

After any given time – Harald Szeemann & Miroslav Tichý, Tichy Ocean Zurich, Zurich, Germany
Thomas Chapman & Miroslav Tichý: Leisure Surveillance, Villa Magdalena, San Sebastián, Spain

2022

Found In Translation: Art Brut from the Czech Republic, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2008

Biennale of Sydney 2008, Sydney, Australia
National Gallery of Czech Republic, Int. Triennale of Contemporary Art, Prague, Czech Republic
Miroslav Tichý and Julia Margaret Cameron, Magasin 3 Konsthall Stockholm, Sweden

2007

Miroslav Tichý, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Like Leaves, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2006

Artists for Tichý – Tichý for Artists, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Wörlen, Passau, Germany
Artists for Tichý – Tichý for Artists, East Bohemian Museum, Pardubice, Czech Republic
5th International Ink Biennial, Shenzhen, China
Black Night, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, Austria
Déjà vue, Artibus Foundation, Ekenas, Finland
Artists for Tichý – Tichý for Artists, Moravska Galerie, Brno, Czech Republic

2005

Prix de la découverte, Rencontres de la Photographie, Arles, France
Arnulf Rainer and His Collection of Art Brut, La maison rouge, Paris, France

2004

International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Seville, Spain

1990

Von Einer Welt zu'r Andern, Die Blaue Kunsthalle DuMont, Cologne, Germany