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**“POLISH ARTISTS IN THE
SPOTLIGHT ~ POST-WAR
GENERATION IN CENTRAL
AND EASTERN EUROPE”**

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BIDDING BEGINS MAY 19, 18:00 CET
LIVE STREAMED AUCTION
ROOM OPENS MAY 26, 18:00 CET

INTRODUCTION

Over the course of the 20th century, the Polish artists have challenged the dominant artistic movements and pioneered innovative methods and mediums. The socio-political geographies of Easter Europe witnessed turbulent historical periods in which art was made as a need for change and escape. Rather than looking for a potential market, the artists were pursuing a systemic subversion. Ans Azura's first auction with a strong focus on Polish Art, highlights the importance and relevance of this art scene on the wider European market.

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With the curated selection of this first online auction dedicated to Polish Artists, we want to offer an accessible and transparent online tool that will serve as an incubator or as a stage for Polish artists and artworks to a greater international visibility, showcasing works from the most important artists in Poland, like: Tadeusz Kantor, Jan Dobkowski, Katarzyna Kobro, Edward Dwurnik, Erna Rosenstein, Alfred Lenica, Ryszard Winiarski and many others.

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JAN DOBKOWSKI

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*Warm Place (Ciepłe Miejsce)**

Jan Dobkowski's artistic practice has remained largely unchanged throughout the many phases of his career. His paintings reflect a pantheistic philosophy based on the recognition of constant metamorphosis and interconnection. Initially influenced by Pop Art, Dobkowski began to create compositions using large flat surfaces finished with decorative, New Wave-like lines. The painting Warm Place represents Dobkowski's most recognizable style of painting, a two-coloured, red-green oeuvre, based on a 'cut-out'-like rendering of figures and shapes from the background, as seen in his famous spatial compositions. The shapes in Dobkowski's paintings are constantly changing, resulting in new visual structures. Green represents nature and red represents the energy of life, a symbolism that became the conceptual ground for many of his later spatial compositions.

Executed in: 1971

Size: 195 x 146 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the reverse, Jan Dobkowski

Provenance

Private collection, Poland.

Exhibitions

"Jan Dobkowski 70", Państwowa Galeria Sztuki, Sopot, May 11 - June 17, 2012

Literature

Publication on the occasion of the exhibition "Jan Dobkowski 70", 2012

Publication on the occasion of the exhibition "Concrete Art. Collection of Heinz and Anetta Teufl from the Art Museum in Stuttgart ", 2011, color reproduction, page 14.

Starting price:

€30,000

Estimate:

€30,000 - €50,000

EDWARD DWURNIK

*Victory Square (Plac Zwycięstwa)**

*Edward Dwurnik, an exceptional painter, has developed his own distinctive language and means of expression over the course of his career. He used this expressive language to depict Polish society, the inhabitants of large cities, members of various social groups, and contemporary political situations. His talent for using caricature, irony, and critical commentary with a large dose of warmth and affection results in an unparalleled style that makes his depictions truly unique. Dwurnik repeatedly makes reference to the urban fabric, creating his own mythology around the iconic places of Warsaw and other Polish cities. Such is the case in the painting *Victory Square (Plac Zwycięstwa)*, which shows Dwurnik to be ever the keen observer of the changes the cities were undergoing. Moreover, he sometimes even anticipated changes in his paintings. At other times, his paintings became palimpsests, revealing successive urban layers, often with a literal reference to the history of the city.*

Executed in: 1982

Size: 97 x 146 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated

Provenance

Artist's Studio, Asperger & Bischoff Gallery Inc., Private Collection, Germany

Exhibitions

1985, Edward Dwurnik. Paintings from 1980-1984, Asperger & Bischoff Gallery Inc., Chicago, USA

1998, Edward Dwurnik, Museum Villa Haiss, Zell am Harmersbach, Germany

Starting price:

€26,000

Estimate:

€28,000 - €36,000





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*Why did Sikorski have to die? (Dlaczego zginął Sikorski?)**

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Executed in: 1983

Size: 146 x 114 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated

Provenance

Artist's Studio, Asperger & Bischoff Gallery Inc., Private Collection, Germany

Exhibitions

1985, Edward Dwurnik. Paintings from 1980-1984, Asperger & Bischoff Gallery Inc., Chicago, USA

1998, Edward Dwurnik, Museum Villa Haiss, Zell am Harmersbach, Germany

Literature

EDWARD DWURNIK. SPORTOWCY, monograph of the Sportsmen series, ed. by Pola Dwurnik., pub. by Osman Djajadisastara and AgraArt, Warsaw 2011, pages 286-287

Starting price:

€26,000

Estimate:

€28,000 - €36,000



ERNA ROSENSTEIN

*The Underworld (Zaświaty)**

Erna Rosenstein is one of the most prominent figures of the Polish avant-garde, associated with the Kraków Group in the 1930's. Her artistic practice encompasses various media, such as painting, assemblage, drawing, objects, and artist books. She also published several volumes of poetry. Erna Rosenstein's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections in Poland and abroad, such as documenta, Kassel, Germany; Bienal de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; Tate Modern, London, UK; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA; Petit Palais, Paris, France; Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland; Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain; Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark; Muzeum Susch, Zerne, Switzerland; The Jewish Museum, New York, USA; Zachęta National Art Gallery, Warsaw, Poland; National Museums in Warsaw, Wrocław and Kraków, Poland; Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland, and many others.

Erna Rosenstein's artistic practice reflects the artist's sovereign expression to rewrite post-war trauma and experiences related to it. She transformed her private living space into an intimate workshop, an evolving installation that focused attention on her uncompromising merger of art and life. Rosenstein remained devoted to these kinds of poetics for decades, which is why her work comprises extraordinary combinations in which she brought disparate elements together, whether they be the sensual and the spiritual, the material and the immaterial, or the real and the imaginary. The work Zaświaty is a significant example of her practice from the 1960's, which was dominated by organic forms. Erna Rosenstein was fascinated during this period by the energy of nature and its unrestrained transformation into new forms. The drawings from this period mirror the idea of the horror vacui effect and are created from a variety of materials and techniques.

Executed in: 1969

Size: 30 x 37 cm

Medium: Mixed media on handmade paper

Signed and dated, E. Rosentein, 1969

Provenance

Private collection, Warsaw; Private collection, Kraków

Starting price:

€16,000

Estimate:

€20,000 - €30,000

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*Drawing (Rysunek)**

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Size: 21 x 30 cm

Medium: Ink and watercolor on paper

Signed Erna Rosenstein

Provenance

Private collection, Warsaw; Private collection, Kraków

Starting price:

€6,000

Estimate

€10,000 - €15,000



JERZY NOWOSIELSKI

*Abstract (Abstrakcja)**

*Nowosielski's most well-known works combine the tradition of Orthodox icon painting and the tendencies of the Western historical avantgarde. In the 1950s, Nowosielski dedicated his artistic practice to research and experiments, from figuration to geometric abstraction, like other representatives of the post-war Krakow avant-garde. Although the artist's style changed over time, it is usually easy to identify his works. The most characteristic elements of Nowosielski's work were elongated figures, mainly feminine, clear contours, clear colours, and flatness, reminiscent of early 20th century avant-garde paintings. The work *Abstract* is part of the series of paintings in which he skillfully combined a thin black line outlining of squares, triangles, or, less often, circles, with pure, luminous colour, whose intensity often produces the effect of glowing forms.*

Executed in: 1958

Size: 42 x 72 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed and dated on the reverse, Jerzy Nowosielski, 1958

Provenance

Jerzy Nowosielski Foundation. Private collection, Poland

Literature

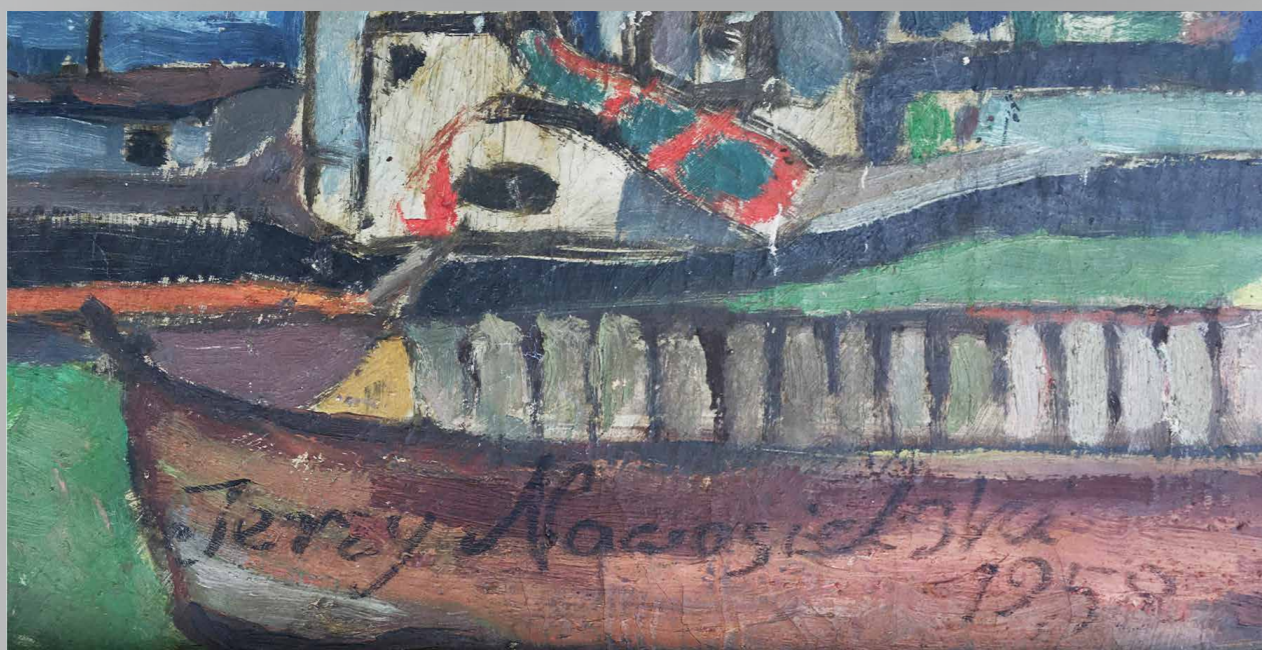
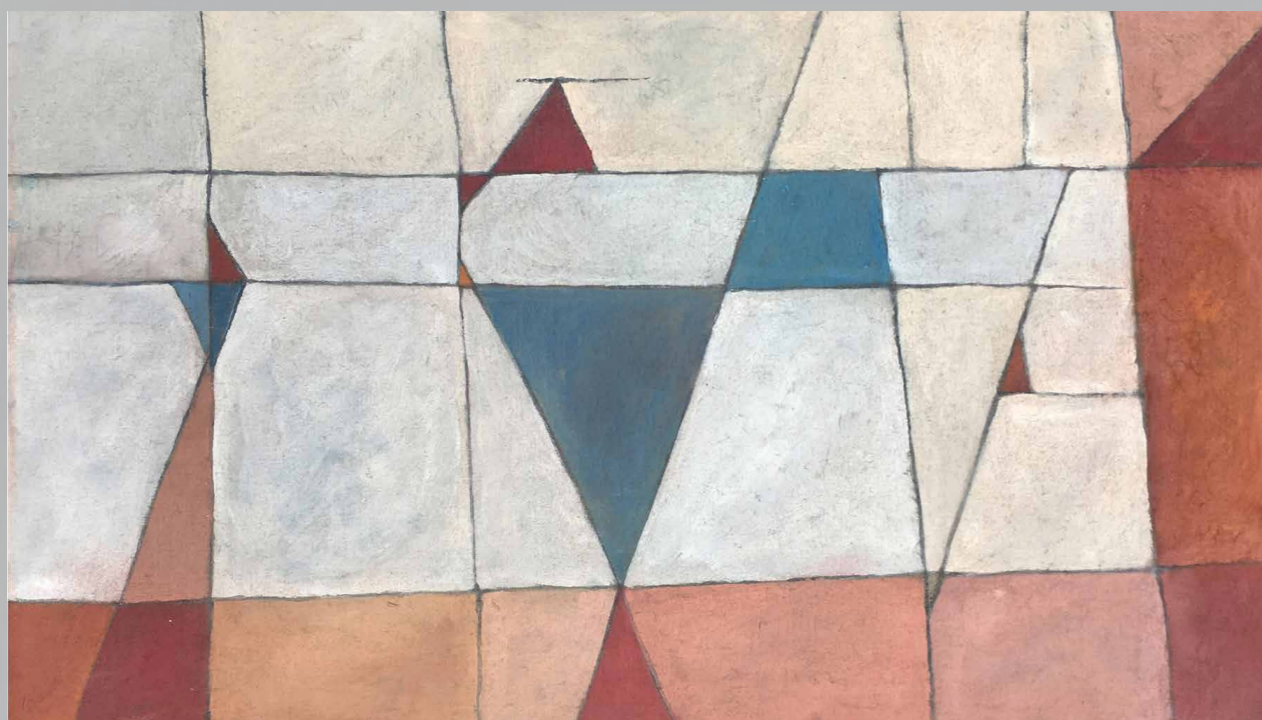
The painting is catalogued in the archives of the Nowosielski Foundation

Starting price:

€42,000

Estimate:

€50,000 - €60,000



ŁÓDŹ KALISKA

*Fan (Wachlarz)**

The Łódź Kaliska group was established in 1979 during the plein-air in Darłowo as a neo-avant-garde formation. From the beginning it was composed of artists Marek Janiak, Andrzej Kwietniewski, Adam Rzepecki, Andrzej Świetlik, and Makary (Andrzej Wielogórski). Since the group's formation, the artistic program used Dadaist strategies in happenings and performed anarchist actions. They also ridiculed the Polish neo-avant-garde and highlighted the absurdity of life in Polish society. In 1989, the group changed its name to Łódź Kaliska, mixing their Dadaist attitude with an interest in postmodernism. This could be seen in group's "staged photography" and films, which they created by making pastiches of famous paintings and films. The work Wachlarz is part of the New Pop series, which started in 2000, and represents the group's strategy of annexing the gains of art relative to mass culture. New Pop is a series of manifestos and artistic actions.

Executed in: 2004

Size: 105 x 150 cm

Medium: Fine Art Print on dibond, Edition 6/6

Signed Łódź Kaliska (M. Janiak, A. Świetlik, A. Rzepcki, A. Wielogórski)

Provenance

Private collection, Poland

The work is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity

Literature

*The work was the cover of the book *Mistrzowie ostentacyjnych transgresji*, Ewa Nowina-Sroczyńskiej; On the cover of 'Arteon' (Magazyn o Sztuce), November 2004 issue*

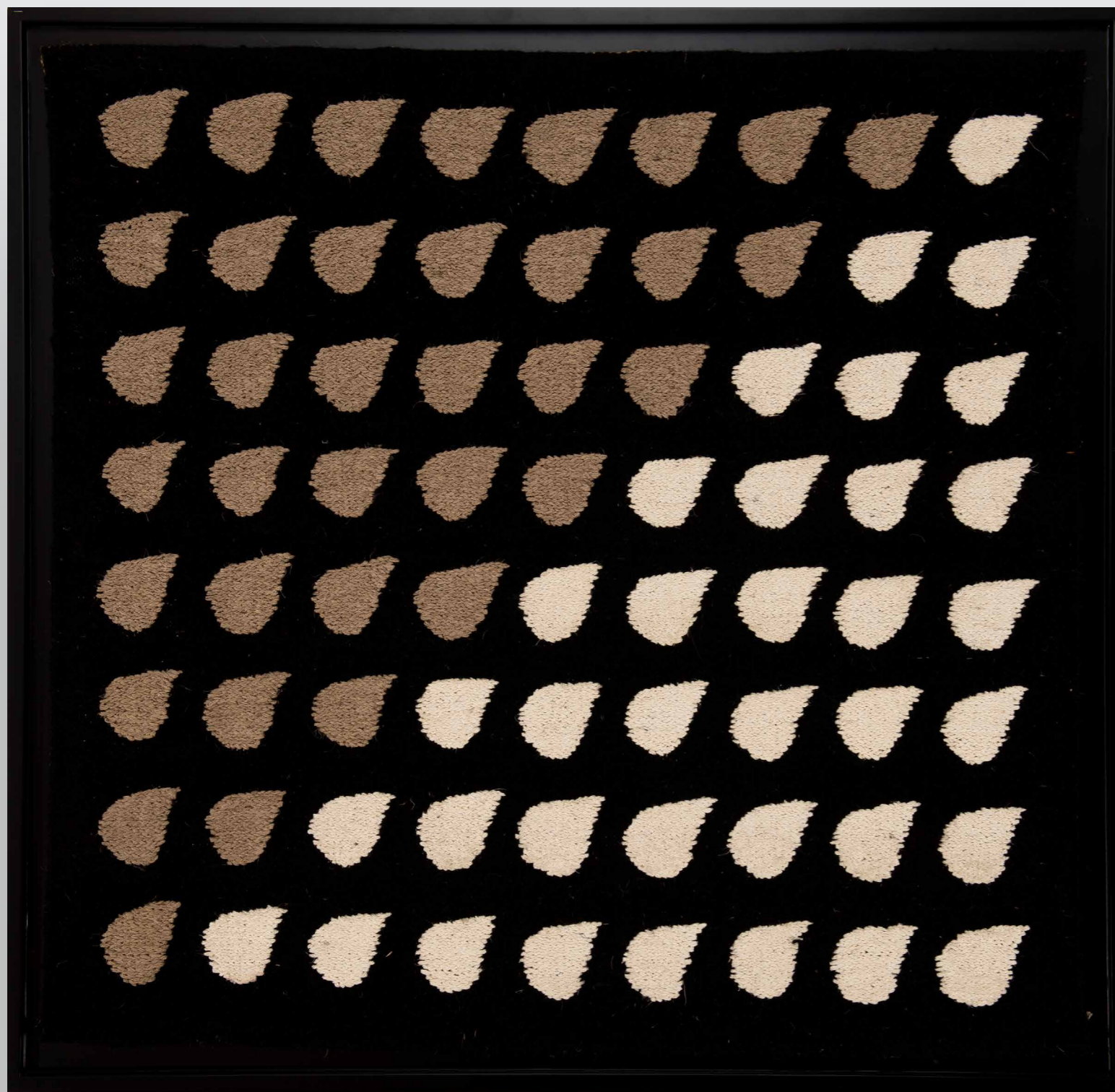
Starting price:

€4,500

Estimate:

€5,000 - €7,000





ANTONI STARCZEWSKI

*Fabric - Onions (Tkanina - Cebule)**

Antoni Starczewski explored the fields of visual art, music, and language. One of the main directives of Starczewski's work was a refusal to separate fine arts from decorative arts. His exploration of rhythms and development of sign systems led him to create so-called "visual scores," regardless of the materials and techniques in which he worked. The work Tkanina- Cebule is an exceptional example of his artistic language, since it embraces both Starczewski's conceptual and formal approaches in creating pictorial weavings. This work is a remarkable example of artist's tactic of addressing the visual arts hierarchy by putting textiles and crafts in the fine art category. Remarkably, Starczewski's patterns do not only question this relationship, but they also reflect the universal patterns that permeate nature and the environment.

Executed in mid 1970s

Size: 98,5 x 101cm

Medium: Linen, wool, tapestry

Provenance

Private collection, Poland

Exhibitions

*Antoni Starczewski. Artysta i uniwersum, Galeria Piekary, Poznań
12.09-24.10.2014*

Literature

*Sebastian Dudzik, Antoni Starczewski. Artysta i uniwersum, Fundacja
9/11 Art Space, Poznań 2014, poz. nr 32, reprodukcja barwna s.287*

Starting price:

€8,000

Estimate:

€10,000 - €15,000

MAREK WŁODARSKI

Painting 15 (Obraz 15)

In his later paintings and in the work Obraz 15, Włodarski develops his formal investigations of figures through the simplification of the oil painting's forms by painting over certain details. Through this process, he created tension between the subject matter and his own visual language, since a bright but fragmented part of the painting captures a sense of simultaneity that moves towards sheer abstraction. Aside from being a prominent artistic figure, Włodarski should also be understood as a figure of resistance against an extremely uniformed vision of Polish society and culture. His work often addressed the complexity of identity in the cultural melting pot of his home city of Lwów, with its Polish, Jewish, and Ukrainian population, directing attention onto experiences of deprivation during the war, as well as onto artefacts originating from the camps.

Executed in: 1958

Size: 81 x 65 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Provenance

Private collection, Warsaw; Private collection, Poland

Exhibitions

Mostra di Pittura Polacca Contemporanea, Sala Napoleonica, Venezia wrzesień 1959 50 ans de peinture, Musée d'Art et d'Histoire, Genewa październik-listopad 1959

Literature

Marek Włodarski (Henryk Streng) 1903-1960, kat. wyst., Muzeum Narodowe w Warszawie, XII 1981-I 1982, poz. kat. nr I.95

Starting price:

€8,000

Estimate:

€10,000 - €20,000



TERESA RUDOWICZ

*Composition 60/63 (Kompozycja 60/63)**

Early in her career, Teresa Rudowicz's artistic practice was concerned with informal abstraction, while beginning in the 1960's, she started creating her most characteristic collages, which are sometimes compared to the similar artistic currents like matter or assemblages. Often developing her own techniques, she takes the matter to another level of abstraction signaling the deformations of reality, as is the case with the work Kompozycja 60/63. Her composition is dynamic and unrestricted and freely breaks all the rules of the painted surface. Although at first glance her dramatic distortion might arouse resistance, it is important to realize that in the context of her artistic practice this deliberate, explicit reduction to abstraction is aimed at exposing the "unspoken," at breaking the boundaries, limitations and standards that are usually attached to the medium of painting.

Size: 36 x 45,7 cm

*Medium: Own technique on the board, glued to the canvas
Signed*

Provenance

Private collection, Kraków; Private collection, Poland

Exhibitions

Projekt nowoczesności w PGS w Sopocie w 2004

Starting price:

€3,000

Estimate:

€4,000 - €8,000

TADEUSZ KANTOR

*Peinture**

Kantor's painting was inspired by the contemporary art he encountered during his sojourns abroad, mostly in Paris and in New York. His paintings experimented with art informel, Dadaism, and conceptual art, and consequently began to use new materials like emballages and other found material. In this way, Kantor's paintings also encouraged an intimacy between the artist and the viewer. In many of his series, he affixed various materials to his canvases. He experimented with consumer participation by inviting his buyers to add more paint or affix other objects to his canvases, as if collaborating with Kantor. In later works, the artist merged sculpture with painting, by, for example, attaching sculpted limbs to bodies he painted on canvases.

Executed in: 1958

Size: 88,4 x 115 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed 'Kantor'; Signed and dated 'T.KANTOR / CRACOVIE / X 58'

Provenance

Galerie H. Le Gendre, Paris; Malborough Fine Art, London; Kolekcja Marc M. Spiegel, London; New York, Christie's Private Sale Ltd; Private collection, Europe

Literature

Lech Stangret, "Tadeusz Kantor. Malarski ambalaż totalnego dzieła.", Art +Edition Adam K. Dominik, Kraków 2006, repr. s. 29; Ryszard Jeremi Kluszczyński, "Od Michałowskiego do Fangora. Nowoczesne Malarstwo Polski", wyd. WBC, Kraków 2016, repr. s. 407

Starting price:

€110,000

Estimate:

€130,000 - €150,000



NATALIA LL

Post-Consumer Art (Sztuka Postkonsumpcyjna)

The series Sztuka Post-Consumer Art consists of a set of black-and-white and colour photographs, along with films of women eating a variety of foods in a suggestive manner: bananas, hot dogs, jelly. The models are sensual blonds with doll-like features, which endows their movements with a somewhat perverse and certainly erotic character. Through repetition of a series of frames, the stages of their activities can be traced. Displayed in a matter-of-fact fashion, the physiological activity of consumption is juxtaposed against the sterile elegance of the meticulous photo print. From the beginning of her career, her artistic practice has provided independent commentary on vital social and political issues, but at the same time, she remained focused on her own personal problems, mainly referring to the traditions of body art. These series of works are among the highest achievements of Polish photography and contemporary art.

Executed in: 1975 - 2021

Size: 100 x 134 cm, each

*Medium: contemporary print from the original negative from 1975
Signed on the reverse*

Provenance

*Fundacja Lokal Sztuki, acquired directly from the Artist Estate;
Private collection, Poland*

Starting price:

€20,000

Estimate:

€22,000 - €36,000

TOMASZ ŻOŁNIERKIEWICZ

Untitled, from the series Light, sound, colour (Bez tytułu z cyklu Światło dźwięk kolor)

As a painter, graphic artist, poster artist, teacher of many generations of artists, and professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Tomasz Żołnierkiewicz's artistic practice is very versatile, including drawing, painting, watercolour graphics, and posters. His body of work includes abstract paintings, lettrist, constructivist and relief compositions as well as tachisme-inspired art. His paintings reveal his fascination with different topics over the course of his career. Tomasz Żołnierkiewicz's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections in Poland, the United States, France, Belgium, and Germany, such as the National Museum, Warsaw, Poland; Biennale Plakatu, Katowice, Poland; Fundation Stefana Gierowskiego, Warsaw, Poland; Museum of the Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw, Poland; Galeria Sudio, Warsaw, Poland, and many others.

The geometric abstractions of Tomasz Żołnierkiewicz evoke space, heavenly bodies, and astrology. Often inspired by classical music (Chopin and Bach in particular), they try to transform the language of sound into the language of images. Żołnierkiewicz produced a large body of written paintings, meaning entire stretches of canvases covered with handwriting and words superimposed onto earlier writing to form illegible palimpsests. His works repurpose common shapes and images that we encounter in our daily lives to create cohesive pieces that tell their own story. The majority of Żołnierkiewicz's oeuvre is non-referential, meaning that his works exist within themselves and do not call the viewer to associate them with anything external.

Executed in: 2010

Size: 90 x 116 cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the reverse

Provenance

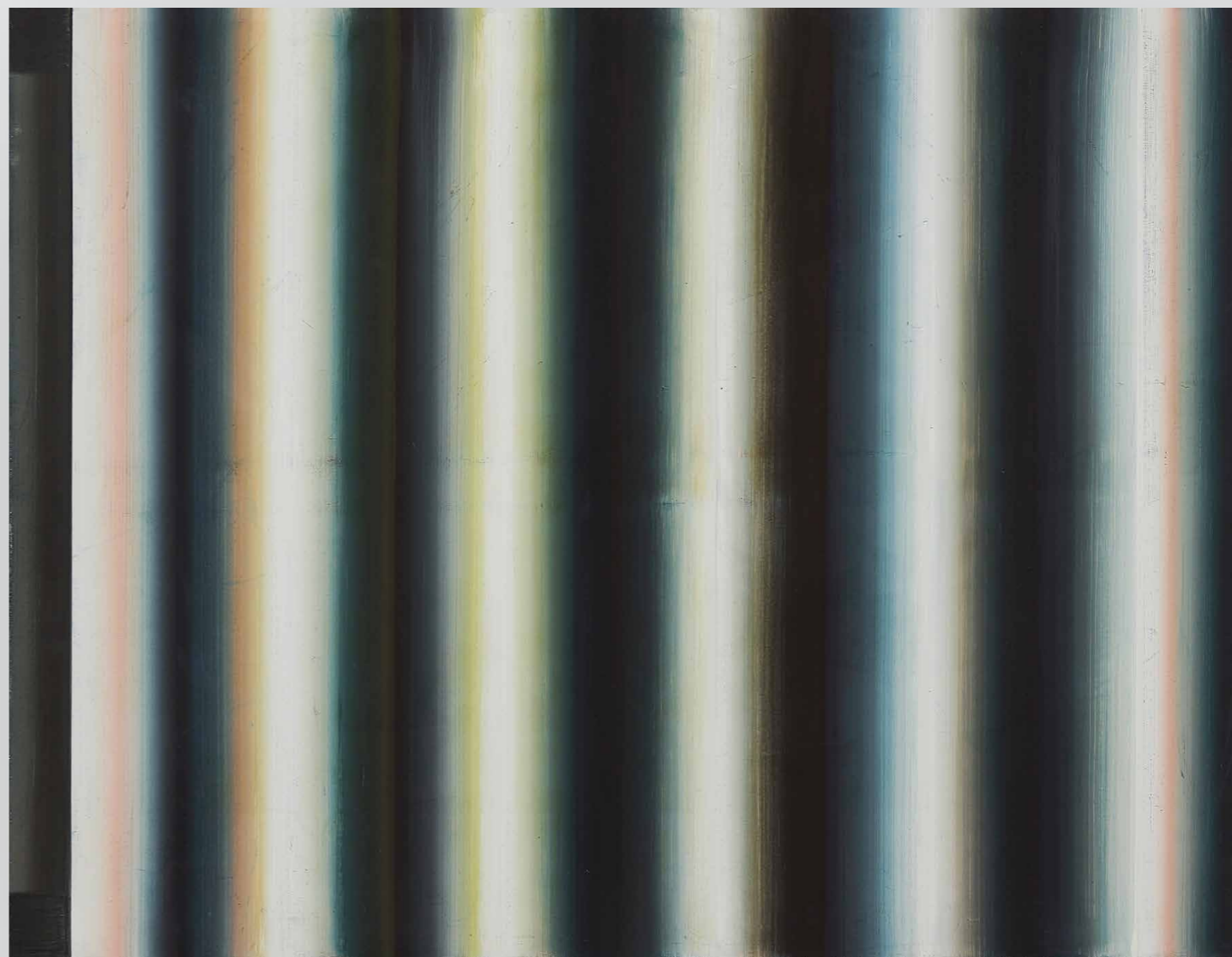
Acquired by the present owner from the Artist Estate. Private collection, Poland

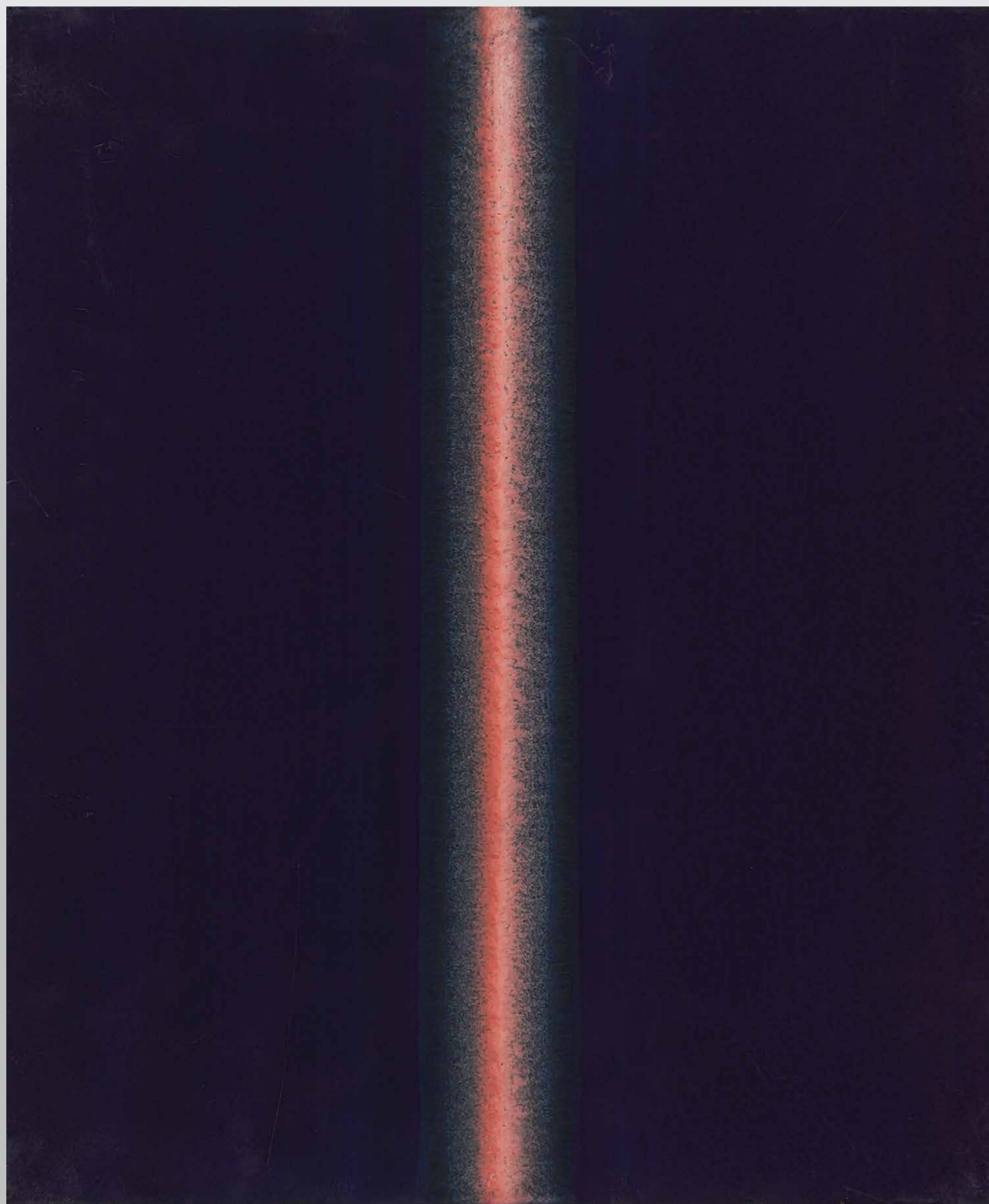
Starting price:

€4,000

Estimate:

€6,500 - €8,500





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Executed in: 2011

Size: 60 x 50 cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Signed and dated on the reverse

Provenance

Acquired by the present owner from the Artist Estate. Private collection, Poland

Starting price:

€4,000

Estimate:

€6,500 - €8,500

RYSZARD WINIARSKI

*Spatial object (Obiekt przestrzenny)**

Ryszard Winiarski was a painter and author of spatial forms and various set designs. His artistic practice was dedicated to the idea that the work of art needs to be cold, objective, and unaffected by emotion and subjectivity. His interest was not grounded in the aesthetics of the image, but instead in scientific exploration, placing the process of production above the effect of the final product. Ryszard Winiarski's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections in Poland and abroad, such as Biennale Nürnberg, Germany; Mumok, Vienna, Austria; MOCA, Los Angeles, USA; Art Museum, Łódź, Poland; the National Museums in Warsaw, Wrocław, Kraków, and Poznań, Poland; Regional Museums in Bydgoszcz and Chełm, Poland; Bochum Museum, Germany; Wilhelm-Hack-Museum, Ludwigshafen, Germany; McCrory Collection, New York, USA; Museum of Modern Art, New Delhi, India, and many others.

Ryszard Winiarski is a major figure of the Polish visual arts scene, who dedicated his practice to the exploration of the relationship between art and science. In the mid-60s, Ryszard Winiarski invented a distinctive and steady system of generating artistic forms, which positioned him as one of the key figures of systems art in Poland, an artistic trend that continued the experiments introduced by protagonists of constructivist and concrete art. Directing his attention towards the simplification of the means of artistic expression, Winiarski at first only used black and white, since for him they represented mathematical zero and one. Obiekt przestrzenny is a characteristic example of Winiarski's use of the shape of a square as a constant module structuring the composition. The works created according to his concept create a system which reflects the various factors of probability and programming.

Executed in: 1977

Size: Total height 55 cm, base dimensions 20 x 20 cm

Medium: Wood, acrylic, pencil

Signed on the base, Winiarski 1977

Provenance

Private collection, Kraków; Private collection, Poland

Starting price:

€28,000

Estimate

€34,000 - €54,000





ALFRED LENICA

*Natretny Kapris**

Alfred Lenica is a Polish avant-garde painter who was in close contact with the members of a second Kraków group (Tadeusz Kantor, Tadeusz Brzozowski, Kazimierz Mikulski, and Jerzy Nowosielski), and a founding member of the 4F+R group. In his pre-war work he combined features of surrealism, expressionism, and abstraction, while after the war he returned to figuration. Overall, experimentation remained predominant in his work. Alfred Lenica's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections at home and abroad, including the Museum of Art, Łódź; Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw; Poland; Galerie Ferrero, Geneva, Switzerland; Gallery Arsenak, Poznań, Poland; Palace of Arts, Kraków, Poland; Municipal Gallery of Contemporary Art, Belgrade, Serbia; National Museum, Warsaw, Poland; New York D'Arcy Galleries, New York, USA; Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK; Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark; National Museum, Wrocław, Poland and Olomouc Museum of Art, Czech Republic.

*Early in his career, Alfred Lenica painted figurative scenes, mainly still lifes and landscapes, following the example of cubism. After World War II, his practice moved towards abstraction and tachism. In 1948, he took part in the first Exhibition of Modern Art in Kraków, organized by Tadeusz Kantor, which set him on the path he subsequently followed in painting. This is when he started his most important artistic experiments, so-called "layered works," which involved putting several layers of paint on the canvas and then scratching it off, creating layers of irregular colour fields. The work *Natretny Kapris* is a noteworthy example of his renewed interest in tachism and abstract expressionism in the late 1950s, defining the main approach that he would use in his painting and which is considered to be highly original and one of a kind.*

Executed in: 1958-1967

Size: 100 x 81cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed lower right.

Countersigned, located "Warszawa Paris", titled on the back and

Provenance

Acquired by the present owner from the Artist Estate. Private collection, France; Private collection, Europe.

Starting price:

€28,000

Estimate:

€30,000 - €50,000

RAFAŁ OLBİŃSKI

*Macbeth**

Rafał Olbiński is a Polish illustrator, painter, and educator, and is considered one of the most important figures of the Polish School of Posters. He blurred the boundaries between illustration and painting, receiving wide international acclaim for his prolific output of provocative and technically masterful paintings, illustrations, and posters. Rafał Olbiński's works are included in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, US; Carnegie Foundation, New York, US; National Arts Club, New York, US; Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress in Washington, US; Suntory Museum, Osaka, Japan; Poster Museum, Warsaw, Poland; and many others. Olbiński has also won numerous awards, both from the graphic arts sector, such as the French Prix Savignac, the silver and gold medals of the New York Society of Illustrators, and the Gloria Artis medal, as well as for civilian achievement, such as the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta.

Olbiński developed a distinctive artistic practice, less expressive, with moderate modelling and use of saturated colours. One of the most recognizable elements of his work are elements of a landscape instead of a flat background, not infrequently featuring more complex, multi-figure compositions. Without a doubt, his opera projects occupy a very prominent place in his body of work. He has collaborated with the New York City Opera, Utah Opera, and the Pacific Opera, San Francisco in the USA and with various opera houses in Poland, namely the Grand Theatre – National Opera in Warsaw, Opera Nova in Bydgoszcz, Contemporary Theatre in Szczecin, and the Podlasie Opera and Philharmonic in Białystok. His poster for *Macbeth* is one of his most famous, historic, and controversial works. Olbiński depicts the main character's head fused to the castle wall, incorporating it into an open spiral that also symbolically imprisons him.

Executed in: 1990

Size: 53 x 36 cm

Medium: Acrylic and oil on canvas

Signed lower right Olbiński

Provenance

Private collection, Poland

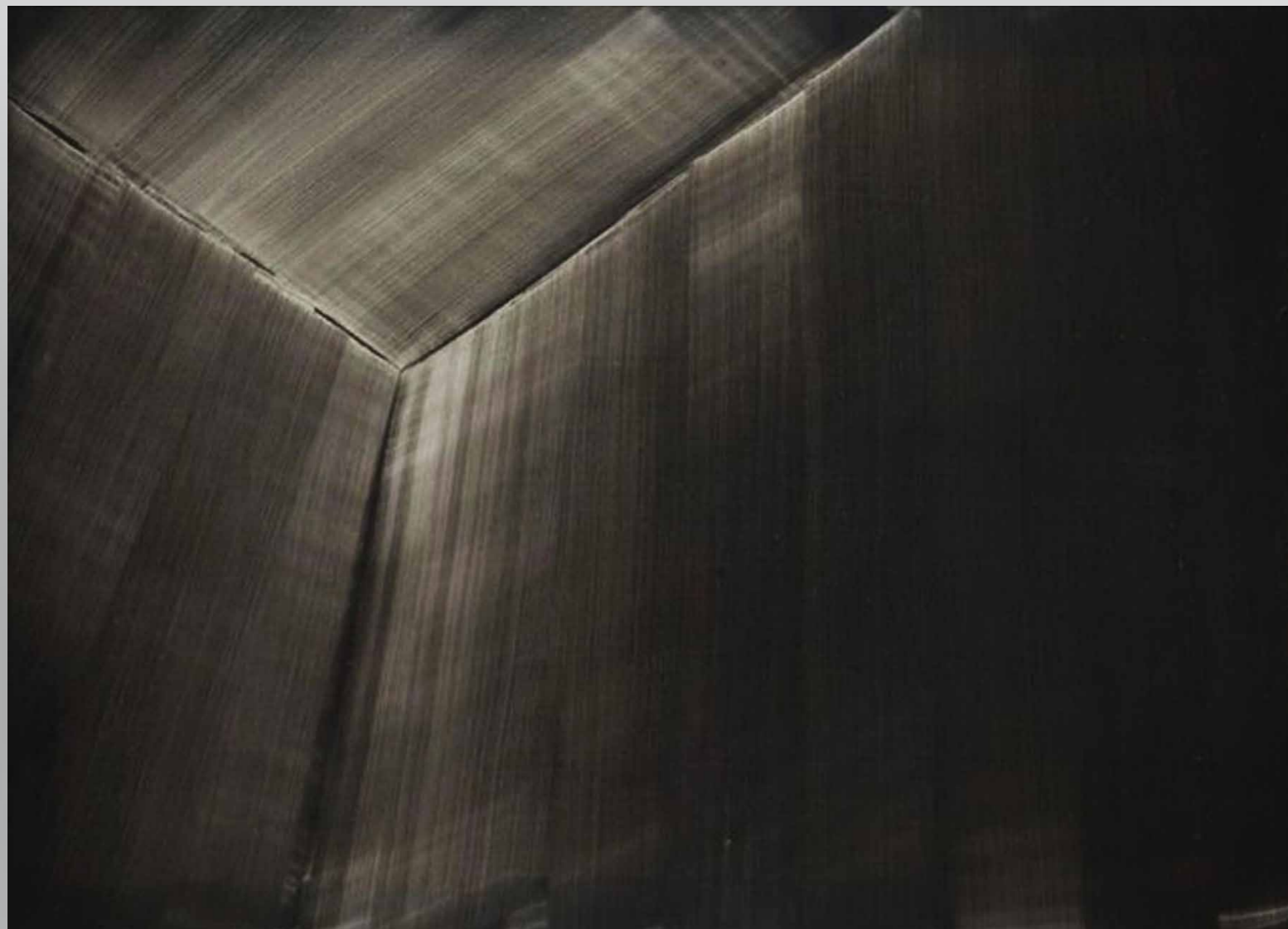
Starting price:

€16,000

Estimate:

€20,000 - €30,000





RAFAL BUJNOWSKI

*Interior**

From the beginning of his career, Rafal Bujnowski's practice has included painting, video, sculpture, drawing, and photography. A consistent interest in everyday life defines his work, which does not conform to any particular genres, but instead questions the conditions, social space, and structures prevalent in contemporary visual art. This aspect of his practice can be seen in the work Interior, which tackles the relation between abstraction and the representation of reality. With flawless painterly technique, Bujnowski creates the illusion of an interior space that invites us to question how we look at the things that surround us.

Executed in: 2005

Size: 73,5 x 100 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed

Provenance

Private collection, Switzerland

Starting price:

€14,000

Estimate:

€18,000 - €24,000

ZDZISŁAW BEKSIŃSKI

Untitled (Head 4); Bez tytułu (Głowa 4)

Zdzisław Beksiński's artistic practice is formally very diverse, since he worked in mediums including sculpture, photography, graphic art, drawing, and painting, while conceptually his work draws upon dystopian surrealism. Zdzisław Beksiński's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections around the world, among them the Museum of Art, Łódź; Zachęta Narodowa Galeria Sztuki, Warsaw; Goteborg Art Museum, Sweden; Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain; The National Museum, Poznań, Poland; International Cultural Centre, Kraków, Poland; Regional Museum, Kutno, Poland; National Museum, Wrocław, Poland; The Hermansdorfer Collection, Wrocław, Poland; National Museum, Gdańsk, Poland; The National Museum, Warsaw, Poland; The National Museum, Kraków, Poland; Historical Museum, Sanok, Poland; and many others.

*As an internationally recognized and controversial artist, Zdzisław Beksiński is known for his emotionally charged works, often depicting grotesque figures and apocalyptic landscapes. Most of his works are untitled, since he wanted to avoid any metaphorical interpretation that the spectator might formulate in connection to the title. In the 1960's, he entered the mainstream of abstraction while maintaining his own style of expression. Consequently, he created an oeuvre of impressive abstract works depicting various figures or elements of the human body. Apart from large-size figural sculptures, he also created an intriguing cycle of heads made from plaster. The work *Untitled (Głowa 4)* most directly represents Beksiński's uncompromising approach within this cycle, since its depiction of a head goes beyond the classical abstract manner and creates an irregular shape, covered with holes and calling to mind the idea of a skull.*

Executed in: 2021

Size: 26,5 x 18,8 x 21,1 cm

Medium: Patinated bronze

Signed in the lower part: Beksiński, 1/8

Provenance

Private collection, Poland

Starting price:

€20,000

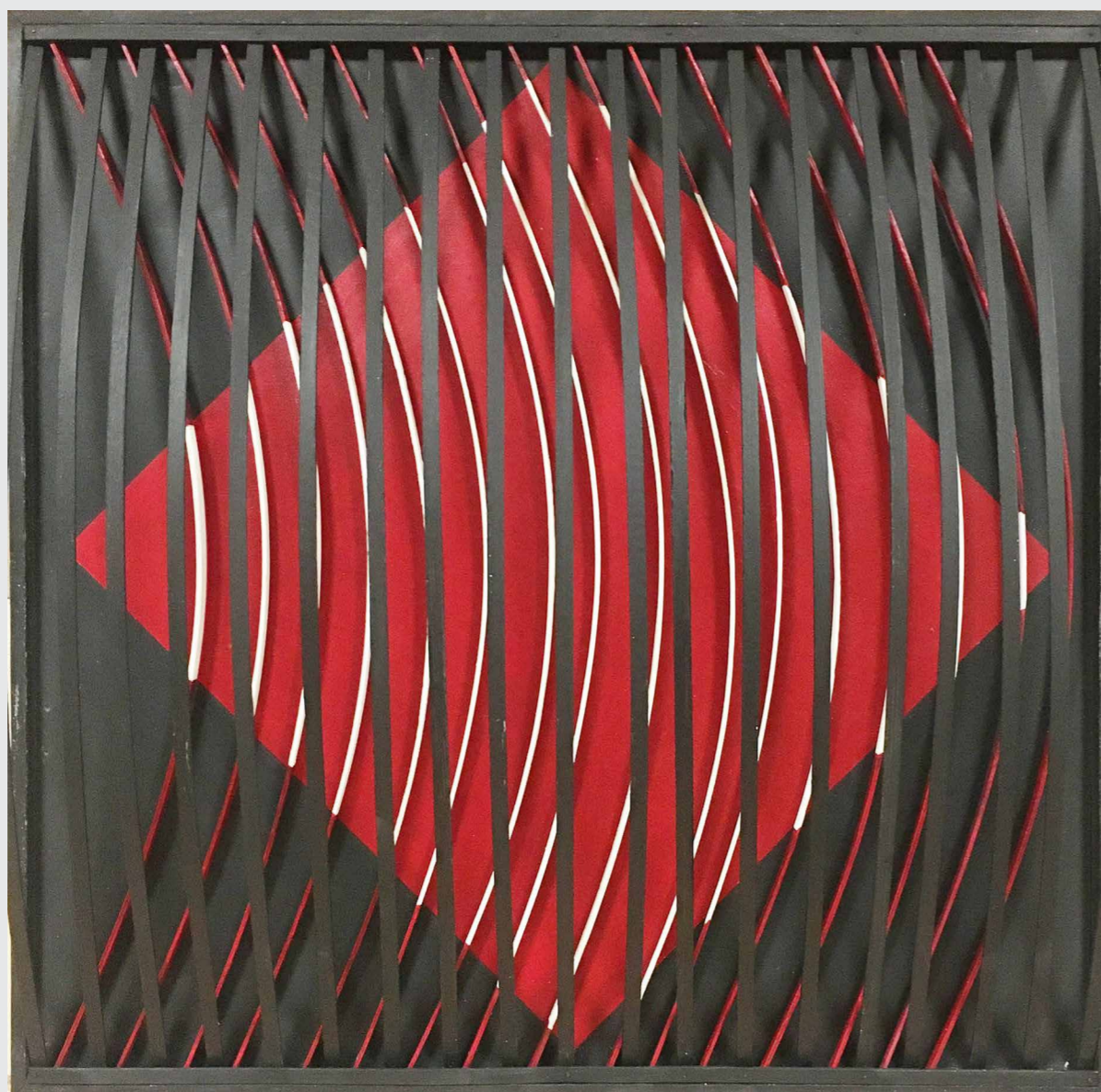
Estimate:

€24,000 - €36,000



JAN ZIEMSKI

*Relief**



Ziemski started his artistic activity in the mid 1950's as a member and co-founder of the Lublin artistic group Zamek. He is considered as the first Polish artist to deploy Op-art and kinetic art in his works and is a key representative of structural painting. Ziemski's artwork explores the interdependence between science, technology, and art. The vision of artists like Ziemski changed the perspective on art in Poland and made direct reference to the achievements of the pre-war avantgarde. Jan Ziemski's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections in Poland and abroad, such as the National Museums in Warsaw, Kraków, and Kielce, Poland; Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland; Wrocław Contemporary Museum, Poland; BWA, Lublin, Poland; Galerie Le Ranelagh, Paris, France; Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany; Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland, and many others.

Ziemski's exquisite artworks create their illusions by using black and white or colour and three-dimensional overlays that are optically separated and animated by contrasts. Even though the work Relief mimics the form of classical painting, Ziemski's use of materials, colours and overlays defines this particular artwork more as an object rather than as a painting. The most thought-provoking element of his oeuvre is that some of his works use the shapes inherent to the eye, directly illustrating their engagement with the sense of sight. Ziemski's classical and already canonical series of works in colour give the viewer the impression of movement, hidden images, and various patterns that arise in the processes between the eye of the observer and the static object.

Executed in: 1975

Size: 60 x 60 cm

Medium: Wood, plywood, acrylic

Signed on the back

Provenance

Private collection, Poland

Starting price:

€6,000

Estimate:

€10,000 - €15,00

HENRYK STAŻEWSKI

*Geometric Composition**

The geometric works of Henryk Stażewski show the artist's fascination with colour, which was a manifestation of his thoughts on the neutrality of form in itself and its dependence on the compositional context. He believed his practice demonstrated the universalism of non-objective art, since he thought that geometric abstraction, which does not depict recognizable figurative imagery, could be visually understood across all cultures. Henryk Stażewski's Geometric Composition shows a grid composed of different sized shapes in blue and violet, arranged randomly thanks to a masterful layering of colour. The whole oeuvre of Stażewski indicates that abstraction is not something detached from the external world but a result of universal investigation.

Executed in: 1980

**Size: 35,6 x 35,6 cm
52,5 x 52,5 cm (with frame)**

*Medium: Acrylic on fiberboard
Signed and dated on the reverse
Framed with museum glass*

Provenance

Acquired by the present owner from New York; Trinity International Auctions & Appraisals; Private collection, The Netherlands

Starting price:

€7,000

Estimate:

€8,000 - €10,000



STANISŁAW DRÓŹDŹ

*Untitled (Numerical Texts 2) / Bez tytułu (Teksty cyfrowe 2)**

*The work *Untitled (Numerical Texts 2)* reduces the linguistic element of poetry to an absolute minimum and employs a visual effect to enhance the impact of the word. Dróżdź often borrowed elementary visual forms directly from concrete art, arranging letters in grids, columns, or in other basic visual forms while creating a distinctive new narrative that stressed complexity and expansiveness as means of experimentation in the realm of language. Dróżdź referred to works such as this one as “notionshapes,” a kind of suspension between image and text. Due to the complex process Dróżdź used to create such works, they also became a very particular reflection of the passage of time.*

Executed in: 1978

Size: Triptyc, each: 76 x 105 cm (framed) 18 x 18 cm each print (12).

Medium: print on paper

Signed on the reverse

Provenance

Aquired by the present owner from the Artist Estate

Exhibitions

‘Concept-Shapes. Concrete Poetry’ at BWA in Wrocław in year 1994

Starting price:

€18,000

Estimate:

€20,000 - €40,000

LEON TARASEWICZ

Untitled (Bez tytułu)

The painter of Belarusian origin (born on the 14th of March, 1957 in Walky Stacja in the Białystok Region) is one of the most distinct figures of Polish contemporary art. His diploma in 1984 at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw (Professor Tadeusz Dominik's Painting Studio) became a significant event in the capital of Poland and opened the way to the best galleries in the country and the world.

In 1985, the artist rented a school building in his hometown, which was the one he attended as a child. It was the time when the artist created the development plan of the building's surroundings. He equipped the house with dovecotes and aviaries for ornamental birds. Years later, he enriched the area with the cultivation of colorful varieties of flowers (tulips, daffodils and georginas). He uses them for creating multi-colored natural compositions every year.

Although both paintings and painting installations by Tarasewicz are deeply grounded in the nature and the culture of the Orthodox Church, and they enchant with their play of intense, vivid colors and unusual luminosity, the author himself categorically distances from any allusiveness (he does not give any titles). He stresses the necessity of interpreting art in the broader context of Eastern and Western cultures.

For years, the painter has been dividing his time between the village of Walihy, where he lives and works creatively, and his alma mater, where he runs the Painting Space Studio. He is a laureate of many awards, and his works belong to various prestigious art collections such as: Museum Museet in Stockholm, National Museum of Contemporary Art in Seoul, Tufts University Gallery in Boston, etc.

The original artistic achievements of Tarasewicz ensured him a top position among Polish painters and resulted in participation in many prestigious international exhibitions. It is worth mentioning especially the last one (painting 340 x 1350 cm) at the World Exhibition EXPO 2020 (Dubai, autumn 2021)

Executed in: 2022

Size: 50 x 50 cm

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed on the reverse

Provenance

Acquired by the present owner from the Artist Estate; Private collection, Poland

Starting price:

€8,000

Estimate:

€8,000 - €12,000





IZABELLA GUSTOWSKA

*Gerda's Dream 1 (Sen Gerdy 1)**

Born in Poznań, where she lives and works. A professor at the Poznań University of Arts – she runs the Studio of Film and Performative Activities at the Department of Intermedia, and at Collegium Da Vinci a Drawing Studio in the Graphic Arts programme. She works in various domains: painting objects, graphics, photography, installations, video, video performance, film. After some years she would like to recall her Birgit Skjold Memorial Prize from the Eighth British International Biennial in Bradford, 1984, for innovativeness in graphics-in good company of such prize-winners as Max Bill, David Hockney, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Henry Moore, George Baselitz. She regards participation in several exhibitions a significant artistic experience, in particular 17a, 19a Bienal Internacional de Sao Paulo- 1983, 1987, Expressiv- Central Art. Since 1960 – Museum Moderner Kunst- Wien -1987, Hirshhorn Museum Washington DC – 1988, XLIII Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte – La Biennale di Venezia, Architectures of Gender Contemporary Women's Art in Poland– Sculpture Center NY-2003, Gender Check-Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig- Wiedeń-2009, and of the end, the work on the film *The Case of Josephine H.*-during her Kosciuszko scholarship stay in NYC in 2013, finalized with a 50' film presented at (among other) the T-Mobile New Horizons International Film Festival in Wrocław- 2014, at 11th Annual Big Apple Film Festival w NYC, New Voices, Ancient Echoes: Polish Women in Film w NYC. She is happy that her works are part of collections in significant museums in Poland and abroad, such as the National Museum in Wrocław (a collection of works), graphic works in MOMA in NYC. She finds it important to travel far and close, as it is there she collects photographic and film impulses; she likes to immerse herself in reading, talking and in sounds.

Source: Gender Politics and the Art of European Socialist States Website

Executed in: 1991

Size: 216 x 100 cm, in the frame (plexi glass) 235 x 112,5 cm

Medium: Mixed media on paper

Signed on the reverse

Provenance

Aquired by the present owner from the Artist Estate; Private collection, Poland

Starting price:

€8,000

Estimate:

€10,000 - €20,000

IGOR MITORAJ

*Perseus (Perseusz)**

Igor Mitoraj was born on 26 March 1944 in Oederan, a small town in Saxony, to a Polish mother and a French father.

He spent his youth in Poland, near Kraków. After studying at an art school in Bielsko-Biała, at the age of nineteen he enrolled in the faculty of painting at the Kraków Academy of Fine Arts where, in his final three years, he attended the courses held by Tadeusz Kantor (1914-1990), a famous painter, director and theatrical set designer.

In 1967 he took part, with other students at the Academy, in a collective exhibition at the Galeria Krzysztofora in Kraków. In 1968, following Kantor's advice, Mitoraj left Poland and went to Paris to broaden his cultural education. In the same year he enrolled in the École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts. The great success of his first important personal exhibition organized in 1976 at the Galerie La Hune in Paris encouraged him to dedicate himself exclusively to sculpture. In the same period, he was awarded the "Prix de la sculpture de Montrouge". The French culture minister of the time provided him with a studio in Montmartre in the Bateau Lavoir district and the following year he was invited to take part in the XLII Venice Biennale. In 1987 he bought a large atelier in Pietrasanta and, in 1989, he presented his works for the first time at the New York Academy of Art. In the following years he held numerous personal exhibitions and received invitations to exhibit in the most important international museums; at the same time, he also received prestigious commissions for realizing monumental sculptures in the main metropolises. His works were installed in Milan, Rome, London, Paris, Atlanta and Tokyo. Igor Mitoraj died in Paris on 6 October 2014.

In 2016 an exhibition was held in the prestigious archaeological site of Pompei where around thirty of Mitoraj's extraordinary monumental sculptures were displayed thus fulfilling his great dream.

Source: www.igormitoraj.com

Executed in: 1988

**Size: 38 x 26 x 8 cm,
height with the base: 48.5 cm**

Medium: Patinated bronze, stone

Signed lower right: 'MITORAJ'

Provenance

Private collection, Poland

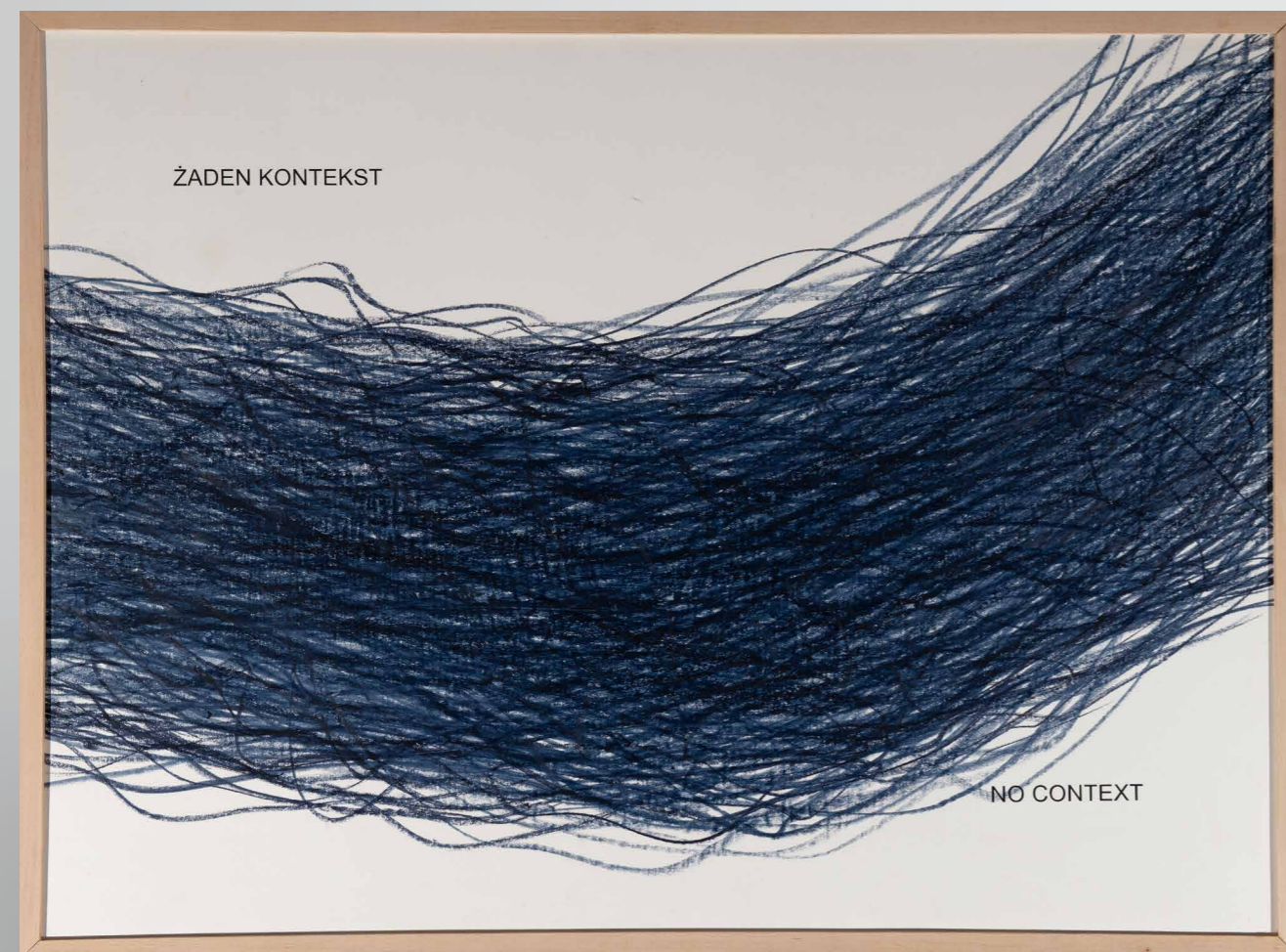
Starting price:

€8,000

Estimate:

€9,000 - €12,000





JAROSŁAW KOZŁOWSKI

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*Blue Lines, No Context (Niebiesie Linie, Żaden Kontekst)**

Jarosław Kozłowski is without a doubt the most expressive representative of conceptual art in Poland. His artistic practice is very versatile, as he uses media such as drawing, installations, art books, photography, and performance in his artistic practice. In the 1980s, Kozłowski began to create large-scale installations in which he criticized how art functions in society; several series of his works were devoted to de-mythologizing art. The drawings from the series *Blue Lines* ask questions concerning the autonomy of art and the associated relation between art and reality, which encompass issues about the social and political functions of art, its meanings, and analogies. Kozłowski has created numerous artworks over the course of his career in which he deals with the problems inherent in modernist traditions and with the social and political context of art.

Executed in: 1989 - 2018

Size: 82,3 x 112,2 cm

Medium: Paper, plate, oil pastel
Signed

Provenance

Acquired by the present owner from the Artist Studio; Private collection, Poland

Exhibitions

Jarosław Kozłowski. Ćwiczenia z obrazowania, Galeria Piekary, Poznań 09.10-13.11.2020

Literature

Jarosław Kozłowski. Ćwiczenia z obrazowania, kat. wyst., Fundacja 9/11 Art Space, Poznań 2020, reprodukcja barwna s. 28 i 86

Starting price:

€3,000

Estimate:

€5,000 - €7,000

KATARZYNA KOBRO

Katarzyna Kobro was one of the most distinguished Polish avant-garde sculptors, a prominent representative of the Constructivist movement in Poland and a co-founder of the avant-garde artist group Blok. She was a pioneer of innovative multi-dimensional abstract sculpture, rejecting the idea of pure aesthetics and working towards the assimilation of spatial rhythm and scientific approaches into visual art. Katarzyna Kobro's works have been part of many exhibitions and collections at home and abroad, such as the Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA; Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain; Centre Pompidou, Paris, France; Moderna Museet, Malmö, Sweden; Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK; Henry Moore Foundation, Leeds, UK; Zachęta National Art Gallery, Warsaw, Poland; Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland; Kunstmuseum, Haag, Netherlands; Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA; CSW Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, Poland; Starak Family Foundation, Warsaw, Poland, and many others.

Starting price:

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Estimate:

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