

eastcontemporary

Eliška Konečná (b. 1992, Czech Republic) lives and works in Prague.

In 2020 she graduated from the Painting Department of the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague (Studio led by Robert Šalanda and Lukáš Machalický 2018 - 2020) and her diploma work was listed as one of the best of the year 2020 at the Academy. Konečná's work stems from an effort to display the untouchable abstract reality, which she interprets into material dimension. The alternative materials and techniques such as woodcarving or embroidery, which were previously marginalized and belonged to rather artisanal and decorative artistic tradition, are at the core of Konečná's artistic research. The artist encourages the viewer to settle into the world of her hand-crafted artifacts balancing on the fleeting border of wakefulness and sleep, tactile and immaterial. The floaty shapes of her wooden or soft bas-reliefs often underline the transgression of the body and its visual narratives related to the corporeality perceived through the prism of desires and drives.

EDUCATION:

2014-2020 AVU Academy of Fine Arts in Prague (Painting studio), CZ
2018 KABK Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Netherlands (Fine Arts), NL

SELECTED SOLO/DUO EXHIBITIONS:

2020 *More Than Two Eyes Coupels2*, with Michael Nosek, Berlínskej Model Prague, CZ
Collection of Trophies That I Won Over Myself, with Michael Nosek, Galerie SPZ, Prague, CZ

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION:

2021 *Tide of Softness*, Pragovka Gallery, Prague CZ. Curated by Veronika Čechová
OKO/UCHO, Gampa Pardubice, CZ. Curated by Piotr Síkora & Iza Kaszyńska
69.čín: Osamotě o samotě, GAG Galerie Zlín, CZ
Les Danses Nocturnes, eastcontemporary, Spread Museum Entrevaux, FR
PEEL (my tendence was never meant to be a scar), Galerie A.M180, Prague, CZ. Curated by Jan Durina
Feral Signals, eastcontemporary, Milan, IT

2020 *Mood Spelled Backwards*, Galerie Kurzor, Centrum pro současné umění, Prague, CZ
NEW SELECTION, Kvalitář Gallery, Prague, CZ

2019 *Uncertain Horizons, 0 Generations*, Festival of Contemporary Fine Arts, Jihlava, CZ
Folie à Deux, trios, quatre... Prallel Vienna, Lassallestrasse, Wien, AT
Folie à Deux, PRÁM, Prague, CZ
To nejlepší mne ještě nepotkalo, Kovárna, Valeč, CZ
Easy Peasy Lemon Squeeze, Garage Gallery Karlín, Prague, CZ
You're broken - when your hart is not open, Czech Centre Berlin, DE
12th Prize of Art Critique for Young Painting, Galerie Kritiků, Prague, CZ

2018 *Bouncing off*, BillyTown, The Hague, NL
KOMÍN, Industra Art, Brno, CZ

2016 GEPOAME, Galerie Bím, Dobřichovice, CZ
Existence of emptiness, JednaDvaTři Gallery, Prague, CZ

RESIDENCIES:

2021 Artist in Residence, MeetFactory, Prague, CZ

COLLECTIONS: Konečná's graduate work *Antagonismus_Já Ty (Antagonism_I You)* was purchased by Czech art collectors Jakub and Kateřina Havrlant.