

# eastcontemporary

**ANIA BĄK (b. 1984, Poland) lives and works in Poznań.**

Ania Bąk is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź. In her artistic practice the artist uses various means of expression, from painting, sculpture to moving images and sounds. Through her works Ania Bąk attempts to reflect on how we have been trained to perceive and universalise only one objective dimension of reality. The artist proposes to cross beyond this threshold and speculates upon the perception of aesthetics as a multisensory action.

Just like matter itself, Ania Bąk's paintings do not have permanent and inviolable boundaries. Her deeply organic works establish previously unknown temporary connections, which reveal corporal possibilities and materialize here and now in the act of perception. It is the viewer who becomes part of its structure, its complement generating temporal and spatial unity between the body and the object.

One of the most relevant aspects for the artist is the creative process itself by which she unveils the active agent of matter. Indeed, her process is reminiscent of alchemical transmutation: from analysing and understanding matter by decomposing it to creating other matter. She likes to highlight the qualities of nontraditional materials such as glass pellets, natural fibres, foil, silicone or glue. The stratification of patterns and layers contributes instead to the creation of porous and rough texture of canvas, projecting at the same time the pure experience of each single component of the painting. As a result, our attention is absorbed by the matter itself which begins to vibrate, revealing its vitality and dynamics.

## EDUCATION

2005-2004 MA at Academy of Fine Arts in Lodz, PL  
2017-2019 PHD in the Intermedia Department at University of Fine Arts in Poznan, PL  
2021 Doctoral Degree of Fine Arts, Poznan, PL

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Time out of Joint*, Museum of Art in Łódź, PL  
ARCO Madrid, *Opening Section*, dialogue with Nour Jaouda, eastcontemporary

2021 *Thing that come in waves*, Skala Gallery, Poznan, PL

2020 *U*, Fotofestiwal, Lodz, 2020, PL

2019 *Drumming the Night*, Pracownia Portretu, Lodz Sun's  
*comical eyes, not tears* (with Wera Bet), OS17 Project Space, Szczecin, PL

2018 *Sundog*, *Realny Obszar Działań*, Warsaw *Kissing is more hygienic than shaking hands* (with Jakub Czystoczón) 9/10, Poznan, PL

2017 *The Real Thing*, W Y Gallery, Lodz, PL

2016 *Plateau*, Skala Gallery, Poznan, PL

## UPCOMING

Solo show, eastcontemporary, Milan, IT