

Czech Glass Innovations and Contemporary Art in Hong Kong
(HKAC, as part of Art Basel Hong Kong 2023 VIP Program)

As part of the Art Basel Hong Kong 2023 VIP program, the Czech Consulate General in Hong Kong and its partners are pleased to present to you two exhibitions: ***CZECH IN – World-Renowned Glass Innovations from Czechia***, complemented by *Monsters by Lasvit*, and ***Symbiosis 2.0***.

Consulate General selected the **Hong Kong Arts Center** as the venue during **Art Basel Hong Kong 2023** to introduce Czech glass innovations and contemporary art to Hong Kong and international audiences. The exhibition CZECHIN is presented in cooperation with **Czech Centres** and the **Museum of Glass and Jewellery in Jablonec nad Nisou**. *Symbiosis 2.0* is co-organized by the **Prague Art Week** and **Alliance of Czech Contemporary Art Galleries**.

This 2-in-1 exhibition was made possible thanks to the sponsorship from the main partner **Lasvit**, other partners like **Moser**, **Preciosa**, **Equip Asia**, **Home Credit** and with the support of Hong Kong's **Double Q Gallery**.

Join us from March 24 to March 29, 2023 at the Hong Kong Arts Centre Pao Galleries (4/F) to learn more about Czech glass design and innovations, including the monsters inside you, and contemporary Czech art. 24th to 28th March, 10:00 – 20:00, 29th March, 10:00 – 12:00.

Hong Kong Arts Centre Open House will also include three guided tours of the exhibitions on March 25, 2023: *Symbiosis 2.0* at 11:30, CZECH IN at 14:00 and “Late Night Guided Tour” for both exhibitions at 20:00.

CZECH IN WORLD-RENOWNED GLASS INNOVATIONS FROM CZECHIA

CZECH IN showcases major innovative contributions to international glassmaking (utility glass, technical glass, glass jewellery) through-out the time. From tradition to most contemporary techniques, CZECH IN introduces glasswork as an innovative, original craft with a long tradition in the Czech Republic.

Organized by Czech Centres, in cooperation with The Czech Consulate General in Hong Kong and Museum of Glass and Jewellery in Jablonec nad Nisou under the curation of **Petr Nový**, CZECH IN presents the best of Czech glass through works from Lasvit, **GREYA** – Pavla Weberová, Moser, **PAS Jablonec**, **Glassbor**, **AG Plus**, **Rautis Poniklá**, Ladislav **Ševčík**, **Bohemia Crystal**, **Kavalierglass**,

SEVEROSKLO, LHOTSKÝ, Preciosa Ornela, Estrela Es-Press, Preciosa Components, Ralton, Bohemia Machine, ECOGLASS, Preciosa VINOLOK, BROKISGLASS, Zuzana Krejčová, Jakub Petr - QUARTZ. Moser and Preciosa companies will be displaying additional design pieces.

The exhibition is complemented by a special presentation showcasing Lasvit's award-winning project of glass objects entitled "Monsters." Created by leading designers and artists, including Alessandro Mendini, the Campana Brothers, Yabu Pushelberg, and Daniel Libeskind, each glass sculpture captures a personal snapshot of fear and unease in glass, a material designed to be both fragile and eternal. This is the first time Lasvit presents the series in Asia.



CZECH IN exhibition will be accompanied by selected works by **Tomski&Polanski** illustration studio from Prague.

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Symbiosis 2.0

Symbiosis 2.0, a group exhibition curated by Prague based duo of curators, **Lenka and Richard Bakes**, features works of Czech contemporary artists from five prestigious Prague galleries and one Hong Kong's Gallery. The individual works all relate to the exhibition's title "Symbiosis" and explore interspecies connections and cooperation. Individual artworks reflect on fundamental questions such as where one organism ends and another begins? What exactly does an autonomous individual mean in nature or in the universe? Organisms can never be understood in isolation, for they are a set of active agents that make up our environment and which are studied by the science of ecology.



The first exhibition of this project Co-exists 'symbiosis' was exhibited at the Prague House in Brussels in 2022. This second edition of Symbiosis introduces major Czech contemporary artists to the Hong Kong's public for the first time. Galleries: **Berlinskej Model** (Miroslava Večeřová, Duna, Alena Kotzmannová), **Double Q Gallery** (Kateřina Ondrušková, Monika Žáková), **hunt kastner** (Jiří Skála, Jiří Thýn), **Kvalitář Gallery** (Jiří Matějů), **Lucie Drdová Gallery** (Václav Kopecký, Barbora Kleinhamplová), **Polansky Gallery** (Martin Kohout, Jakub Choma).

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