

## **Josef Bolf**

Born 1971 in Prague, Czech Republic.

### **Studies and stipends:**

1990 – 1998 Academy of Fine Arts in Prague, studios of Jiri Naceradský, Vladimír Kokolia and Vladimír Skrepl

1995 Kongsthögskolan, Stockholm, SE

1996 Akademie der Bildende Kunst Stuttgart, DE

2006 Europäische Künstlerhaus Oberbayern residency program, Freising, DE

2007 ISCP – International Studio and Curatorial Program, stipend, NYC, USA

2011 – Artist of the Year Award, selected by a 10-member jury in an annual award organized by Art & Antiques, ArtTalk, and the regional galleries of Klenov/Klatovy and Cheb

Member of the group BJ (Bezhlavý Jezdec / Headless Rider, active 1998-2002) together with Ján Mancuska, Jan Šerých and Tomáš Vaněk

### **Solo exhibitions:**

#### **2011**

*Josef Bolf*, galerie Kaple, Valasske Mezirici, CZ

*Don't Look Now*, Jiří Švestka Gallery, Berlin, DE

#### **2010**

*Personal Disposition*, h u n t k a s t n e r, Prague, CZ

*The Wolf*, Ana Cristea Gallery, New York, N.Y., USA

#### **2009**

*You Are Not You, You Are Me*, curated by Edita Jeřabková, Prague City Gallery, Old Town Hall, Prague, CZ

*Golden Days*, Arcute Arte Contemporaneo, Beijing, China

#### **2008**

*Just Give Me a Little More Time*, curated by Lenka Vítková, Pavilion E, Olomouc, CZ

*You Look Like Me*, Blansko City Gallery, Blansko, CZ

*We all give in ...*, House of the Lords of Kunštát, Brno House of Arts, Brno, CZ

*Great Expectations*, ZAK Gallery, Berlin, DE

*Suspirium*, Sokolská Exhibition Hall, Ostrava, CZ

#### **2007**

*What if you could go back in time and change all those hours of pain and darkness into something better?*, Ad Astra Gallery, Kurím, CZ

*Pink Eyes*, Na bidýlku Gallery, Brno, CZ

#### **2006**

*My Empire of Dirt*, Slavie Gallery, Nachod, CZ

*Soft and Pink*, h u n t k a s t n e r, Prague, CZ

*Death Is Not The End?, For Everyone*, curated by Yvona Feranciová, Atrium, Moravian Gallery, Brno, CZ

*Josef Bolf: Czech Comics*, Antikvariát Fiducia, Ostrav, CZ

## **2005**

*Double Feature Picture Show*, (with Jan Šerých), České pojišťovny Gallery, Prague, CZ

## **2004**

*Dogs, Faces, Manatee*, Hranice na Moravě City Gallery, CZ

*Josef Bolf*, AM180 Gallery, Prague, CZ

## **2003**

*Narapoia*, Ouky Douky Gallery, Prague, CZ

## **2002**

*Un Gatto nel Cervello*, Na bidýlku Gallery, Brno, CZ

## **1999**

*Delusa and Bingara*, Die Aktualität des Schönen Gallery, Liberec; Titanic Gallery, Museum of Music, Olomouc, CZ

*I Would Like to Collect the Pieces of Your Heart After It Has Been Broken By Someone*, Černý Pavouk Gallery, Ostrava, CZ

## **1998**

*Umelý chlapec (Plastic Boy)*, Starter & Sorter Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Novos Bichos*, České Budějovice City Gallery, České Budějovice, CZ

## **Group exhibitions:**

## **2010**

*Les amis des mes amis sont mes amis, Hommage a Ján Mančuška*, Galerie Jocelyn Wolff, Paris, FR

*Colorless Green Ideas Sleep Furiously*, galerie dukan hourdequin, Paris, FR

*A Dance*, curated by Daniel Pitin and Lioba Reddeker, HangART7, Salzburg, AU

VI NEW ZLIN SALON, Zlin Regional Art Gallery, Zlin, CZ

*Storage*, Prague Quadriennale, National Theatre Plaza, Prague, CZ

*Surface, Depth, Space: Perspective Motives and Principals in Art*, curated by Petr Ingerle, Moravian Galerie, Brno

*After the Fall*, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, New York, USA

*Czech Painting from the 1990s Generation*, curated by Richard Adams, DUMB: Brno House of Arts, Brno, CZ

*Josef Bolf and Ivan Pinkava*, curated by Petr Vanouš, Regional Gallery of West Bohemia, Pilsen, CZ

*And Don't Forget the Flowers*, curated by Yvona Ferencová, Moravian Galerie, Brno, CZ

*Decadence Now! Visions of Excess*, curated by Otto Urban, Rudolfinum, Prague, CZ

*After the Fall*, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, New York, USA

*Josef Bolf, Marcel Hueppauff, Jiří Petrboj, Vladimír Skrepl*, Wannieck Gallery, Brno, CZ

*Absurdita? Grotoska? Ironie?*, curated by Jiří Machalický, Galerie NOD, Prague, CZ

*Planet of Eden, The World of Tomorrow in Czechoslovakia Socialism*, curated by Tomáš Pospíšzy, DUMB" Brno House of Arts & Dox, Prague, CZ

*After Velvet*, curated by Sandra Baborovská, Prague City Gallery, House of the Golden Ring, Prague, CZ

*Umheimlich*, curated by Zuzana Štefková, Galerie Cypriana Majernika, Zichy Palace, Bratislava, SK

*Tales of the Unexpected*, curated by Radek Vana & Marie Rus Bojan, Project Foundation, Dek22, Rotterdam, NL

## **2009**

*A Good Eye and a Good Heart: Work from the Jiri Staha Collection*, Galerie Sternberk, Sternberk, CZ

*Fourteen S*, curated by Milena Slavicková, DOX Center for Contemporary Art, Prague, CZ

*Share Your Dreams, Young Art from the EU*, Galerie Suppan Contemporary, Vienna, AU

*White Paper, Black Bride*, curated by Jirí Kovanda and Edit Jerabková, & *SHORTLIST: 12 Painters from the Czech Republic*, curated by Daniel Pitín, Prague Biennale 4, Karlin Hall, Prague, CZ

*Undercurrents*, curated by Petr Nedoma, Rudolfinum Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Transfer*, House of the Lords of Kunštát, Brno House of Arts, Brno, CZ

## **2008**

*It Hasn't Hurt For Hundreds of Years*, Blansko City Gallery, Blansko, CZ

*New Acquisitions*, Prague City Gallery, Old Town Hall, Prague, CZ

*Transfer*, whiteBOX Gallery, Munich, DE

*Inverzní romantika (Inverted Romantic)*, Bast'art Contemporary, Bratislava, SK

*Evokation vs. Fetisch*, Galerie der Hochschule für Bildende Künste Braunschweig, DE

*6th Biennale of Young Artists*, curated by Karel Cisar, Prague City Gallery, House of the Stone Bell, Prague, CZ

*Resetting / New Ways to Reality*, curated by Petr Vanouš, Prague City Gallery, Municipal Library, Prague, CZ

## **2007**

*Fragments.cz*, curated by Viktor Cech, Castello di Rivara, Centro d'Arte Contemporanea, Turino, IT

*STILL: Another Exhibition of Painting*, FUTURA Center for Contemporary Art, Prague, CZ

*The Most Curatorial Biennial of the Universe*, APEXART, New York, USA

*NeuEuropa*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, Australia

*Gross Domestic Product*, curated by Kryštof Kintera, Prague City Gallery, Municipal Library, Prague; & curated by William Hollister at Mars Gallery, Moscow, RU

*Skull Hunters*, curated by Edit Jerabková and Lenka Vítková, Klatovy/Klenová Gallery -U Bílého jednorotce, Klatovy; Galerie Šternberk, Šternberk; Gallery of Eastern Bohemia, Pardubice; Kunst-und Gewerbeverein, Regensburg, DE

*Vitamin Painting*, Bast'art Contemporary, Bratislava, SK

*Spleen and Ideal / Categorization of Ecstasy*, Gallery Brno, Brno, CZ

Sovereign Art Foundation Award, Club Row at the Rochelle School, A Foundation, London, UK

*Economy of Purpose*, curated by Display Gallery, Eskort Gallery, Brno, CZ

## **2006**

*Acne, Contemporary Czech Painting from the Collection of Richard Adam*, Rudolfinum Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Czech Painting 1985-2005: The Richard Adam Collection*, Wannieck Gallery, Brno, CZ

*Hot Stuff*, (A.M.180+ Full Screen), Stanica Tilina, SK

*Fear in the City, or, The Prague Underground*, Adria Palace, Prague, CZ

*Blind Men Measuring an Elephant*, curated by Rafani, Gallery C2C, Prague, CZ

## **2005**

*1811197604122005*, curated by Galerie Display, Plan B, Cluj, RO

*Jindřich Chalupecký Award Finalists*, Municipal Library, Prague City Gallery, CZ

*The 5th Biennial of Young Artists*, curated by Karel Cisar, House of the Stone Bell, Prague City Gallery, CZ

*The 4th Zlín Salon of Young Artists*, Zlín City Gallery, CZ

## **2004**

*Private Mania: The Richard Adam Art Collection*, House of the Lords of Kunštát, House of Arts, Brno, CZ

*Eastern Lights, Neutral*, (curated by Display Gallery), Motorenhalle Dresden, DE

*Contemporary Painting from the Collection of Richard Adam*, Jihlava City Gallery, Jihlava, CZ

*Nebe je kino, kámo (Heaven is a Movie, My Friend)*, Art Factory, Prague, CZ

## **2003**

*Ceskoslovensko*, Slovak National Gallery, Bratislava, SK

*Kompression*, Kolonie Wedding, Berlin, DE

## **2002**

*Encuentros intimos de la tercera especie*, (with David Adamec and Ivan Vosecký), NoD Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Blažo -Bolf -Jablonska -Pavlán*, Display Gallery, Prague, CZ

Kunstverein Stuttgart, with Ján Mancuška, a part of the Wechselstube project, Stuttgart, DE

*The Glory of Astronauts Goes Down in Flames*, BJ artist group, Šternberk City Gallery, Šternberk, CZ

*Hedonistic Abstraction*, Pratačuv Palace, Moravian Gallery, Brno, CZ

## **2001**

*Story*, NoD Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Glued Intimacy*, (curated by Vit Havránek), Jelení Gallery, Foundation and Center for Contemporary Arts-Prague, CZ

*Art Moskva*, (with artist group BJ), organized by Umelec, Dom Chudotnikov, Moscow, RU

*Le Jeux de Francofonie*, National Gallery, Ottawa, Canada

*Magnetic Fields*, Jelení Gallery, Foundation and Center for Contemporary Arts-Prague, CZ

*Grrr! Žbuch! -1st Festival of Comics*, Jelení Gallery, Foundation and Center for Contemporary Arts-Prague, CZ

*Criss/Cross: Praha -Stuttgart-Wroclaw*, curated by David Kulhanek and Gabriela Bukovinska, organized by the Foundation and Center of Contemporary Arts-Prague, Broumov Brewery, Broumov, CZ

*Exhibition of Comics*, Burizone Gallery, Bratislava, SK

## **2000**

*Nest of Games*, (with Tomáš Vanek), an exhibition project by Petr Nikl, Rudolfinum Gallery, Prague, CZ

*BJ*, curated by Vit Havranek, Jelení Gallery, Foundation and Center for Contemporary Arts-Prague & Školská 28 – Communication Space, Prague, CZ

*End of the World*, curated by Milan Knížak, National Gallery, Kinský Palace, Prague, CZ

*Classic 2000*, City Gallery of Olomouc, CZ

*Past Present, Present Past*, AJG-Gallery of Southern Bohemia, Hluboká nad Vltavou, CZ

*2nd Zlín Salon of Young Artists*, Zlín City Gallery, CZ

*Women Come and Go, Only We, Writers of Sci-Fi, Remain*, artist group BJ, 761 Gallery, Ostrava, CZ

## **1999**

*Metro*, Cerný pavouk Gallery, Ostrava, CZ

*Art for a Hospital: The Collection of the Foundation and Center for Contemporary Arts-Prague*, Václav Špála Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Unplanned Connections*, Mánes Exhibition Hall, Prague, CZ

*Perplex*, curated by Jirí and Jana Ševčík, Václav Špála Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Maxisklad*, Mánes Exhibition Hall, Prague, CZ

*About Love*, Richter Villa, Prague Castle, Prague, CZ

*Visions*, NoD Gallery, Prague, CZ

**1998**

*Down in the Bunker*, Klub Bunkr, Prague, CZ

*New Acquisitions*, National Gallery, Collection of Contemporary Art, Veletržní Palace, Prague, CZ

*Graduates from the Academy of Fine Arts*, Veletržní Palace, National Gallery, Prague, CZ

**1997**

*DUM*, Bořivojova 26, Prague, CZ

*Artwork in Public Space*, (with the artist group BJ), organized by the Foundation and Center of Contemporary Arts, Veletržní Palace, National Gallery, Prague, CZ

*S...S...*, Bunkr, Prague, CZ

*Post-Romanticism*, Nora Gallery, Pardubice, CZ

*Fruits from Prague*, Czech Center, Berlin, DE

**1996**

BJ, (BJ artist group), Gallery at the Prague Academy of Fine Arts, Prague, CZ

**1995**

*Linocut*, Jaroslav Frágner Gallery, Prague, CZ

*Recommended Paintings*, Béhémót Gallery, Prague, CZ