

PRESS RELEASE

Exhibition: *Edible, Beautiful, Untamed*

Artist: Anna Hulačová

Curated by: Tjaša Pogačar

Duration: 24.02. 2023 – 10.04. 2023

Location: A WINDOW, Kunsthalle Bratislava.

Kunsthalle Bratislava is very happy to announce a new solo exhibition of the Czech sculptor Anna Hulačová, entitled *Edible, Beautiful, Untamed*, curated by Tjaša Pogačar. The main protagonists of the exhibition aren't human. This is a world of modified organisms and machinery – giant vegetation, hybrid insects, and mutated agricultural equipment. Heavy concrete objects with shapes reminiscent of engines are adorned with intricate ceramic vegetal growth. Plants lean over your head, their monumental size the result of some accidental or engineered genetic modification, or – as it may well be – a humbling of a human perspective and privilege. From a fusion of the organic and technological emerges a vision of post-anthropogenic nature; a perhaps monstrous, perhaps fantastic, feral garden.

The common rural landscape is home to edible cultivated wheat, the beautiful feral daffodil, and the untamed thistle. To Anna, they symbolise various material, species, cultural, and economic interactions and overlapping interests that shape agrarian ecosystems. In this garden, or rather greenhouse, aesthetics and ideas of bygone times, such as failed modernist and Soviet utopias and 90s retro futurism, when technological advancement promised a brighter future, morph as well.

Anna Hulačová graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague, the Studio of Intermedia Work II under Jiří Příhoda. She has exhibited her work at many institutions, including most recently at Frieze Cork Street in London, Galeria Arsenał in Białystok, Brno House of Arts, Art Encounters Biennial 2021 in Timisoara, MO.CO. Montpellier, Centre Pompidou in Paris, Fondation Louis Vuitton in Paris, Liberec Regional Gallery, East Slovakian Regional Gallery in Košice, 2019 Aichi Triennial in Japan, Casino Luxembourg, Baltic Triennial 13, Prague City Gallery, Prague National Gallery, and Gdansk City Gallery. She currently lives and works in Klučov, Czech Republic. In 2022 the installation *Edible, Beautiful, Untamed* was also exhibited as part of the Art Basel Parcours program.

Solo show *Edible, Beautiful, Untamed* is the first episode of an exhibition project titled *Under This Strange Sun*. The second episode of this project will open at Kunsthalle Bratislava on 20 April 2023.

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