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Artists from the Nitra Gallery collection ▾

Edita Ambrušová, Július Bártyfay, Robert Bielik, Albín Brunovský, Michal Czinege, Orest Dubay, Tomáš Džadoň, Jozef Fedora, Sibylla Greinerová, František Gross, Ladislav Guderna, Vladimír Havrilla, Olga Johanidesová, Rudolf Klimovič, Bohuslav Knobloch, Andrej Kolenčík, Vojtech Kolenčík, Jozef Kollár, Patrik Kovačovský, Edmund Massányi, Monika Pascoe Mikyšková, Rastislav Podoba, Maximilián Schurmann, Ludovít Slamka, Armín Stern, František Studený, Patrik Ševčík, Viliam Široký, Vladimír Vestenický, J. B. Wieland, Ernest Zmeták, Uljana Zmetáková

Guest artists ▾ Adéla Babanová,

Oto Hudec, Július Koller, Jana Mináriková, Katarína Poliačiková, Ester Sabik, Matěj Smetana

Curator ▾ Omar Mirza

Duration ▾ June 9 — August 27, 2023

Space ▾ Representative Halls

Opening ▾ June 8, 2023, 5pm — World Oceans Day

Accompanying events from our new program series Pinacotheme ▾

June 27, 2023, 6pm — lecture:

Peter Megyeši — *Iconology of Sailing: Nautical Motifs in Contemporary Visual Art in Slovakia*

August 24, 2023 — Night of the Sea at the Nitra Gallery:

6.30pm — closing event with a guided tour

8pm — movie screening and talk with the film

directors: *Return to Adriaport* (2013, 14:23 min., directed by Adéla Babanová), *Once There Was a Sea...* (2021, 17 min., directed by Joanna Kožuch),

Homo Ciris (2013, 22:30 min., directed by Jana Mináriková)

For the upcoming summer holiday season 2023, Nitra Gallery has prepared an exclusive ultra all inclusive last minute voyage around the sea – that's right, not around the world, but around the sea! You will have eleven weeks to explore all of the seas and oceans on Earth!

You will see works by over thirty artists whose paintings, prints and drawings have been fished up out of Nitra Gallery's depositories and laid right onto the sunny azure shores of our Representative Halls, in some cases for the first time. This crew is joined by external tour guides – six contemporary artists with poetic, humorous, personal, ecological or documentary interpretations of sea motifs in their video works and an installation created specially for this occasion. For the demanding, weather-beaten old sea dogs, we have an extra bonus: the first conceptual painting of the sea in the world!

You can make your stay even more pleasant with a wide selection of optional trips: you will be able to relax on the most beautiful beaches, visit the safest havens, try out various sailboats, steamships or dories, listen to the sounds of the sea, analyze the classical love triangle boy/man/old man and the sea, deep dive into a sea of fish and visit the Queen of Adriatic. You can even find out what it would look like if our inland country would finally have its own sea dream come true.

The tour package includes eighty different depictions of seas and oceans by artists from Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Austria-Hungary from the late 19th century until today. And if it were not enough, you can think of a sea of your own thanks to a text by the author Monika Kompaníková (sorry, in Slovak language only).

What is left to say? The dictionary defines sea as a large area of salt water that is partly or completely surrounded by land, but we all know that sea is more... and there is more to see than that...