



Marie Tomanova, Bio

Czech-born Marie Tomanova grew up in a South Moravian border town, Mikulov. After receiving a painting MFA she left for the United States, where she turned to photography. Displacement, identity, gender, and memory became key themes in her work.

Tomanova has had solo shows worldwide including in New York City, Prague, Tokyo, and Paris; her work has been exhibited in Berlin for the European Month of Photography 2020 Biennial, at Paris Photo (2023), and at the Rencontres d'Arles as part of the Louis Roederer Discovery Award 2021 (Arles, France). At Rencontres d'Arles it was selected to travel to the Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival in Xiamen, China in 2021.

Tomanova's first book, *Young American* (Paradigm Publishing, 2019) focuses on individuality, identity, and belonging in the American social landscape. It features a foreword by acclaimed photographer Ryan McGinley and sold out shortly after its publication. Deftly entwining portraiture and landscape to recontextualize and expand the meaning of each, Tomanova published, with art historian Thomas Beachdel, her second book, *New York New York* (Hatje Cantz, 2021) with a foreword by Kim Gordon. Her third book, *It Was Once My Universe*, with foreword by Lucy Sante, was published by SuperLabo, Japan in fall of 2022. It's a deeply personal project about her return home to the Czech Republic after eight years in exile as an immigrant living in the United States.

World Between Us, a feature length HBO documentary by director Marie Dvořáková on Tomanova's trajectory as an artist, will be premiered at the International Documentary Film Festival Ji.Hlava in October, 2024.



Marie Tomanova

Born in Valtice, Czech Republic

Lives and works in New York

Represented by C24 Gallery in the US and the Republic of Turkey

Represented by Stieglitz19 in Belgium and The Netherlands

Represented by Chelsea

EDUCATION:

MFA Painting, Faculty of Fine Arts, VUT Brno, Czech Republic

BFA Studio Art, Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic

MONOGRAPHS:

2022 *It Was Once My Universe*, Author & Introduction by Thomas Beachdel, PhD,
Foreword by Lucy Sante, Published by Super Labo, Japan

2021 *New York New York*, Author & Introduction by Thomas Beachdel, PhD,
Foreword by Kim Gordon,
Published by Hatje Cantz, Germany

2019 *Young American*, introduction by Ryan McGinley, edited & essay by Thomas
Beachdel, PhD, Published by Paradigm Publishing, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2025 *3 Empty Weeks in July*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, Moravian Gallery, Brno,
Czech Republic (Upcoming)

2024 *Lost and Found*, C24 Gallery, New York, USA

5 East Broadway, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, Isetan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2023 *5 East Broadway*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, Fotograf Gallery, Prague,
Czech Republic

As We Are, Curated by Thomas Beachdel and Šimon Kříž, Galerie Dukla
Ostrava, Czech
Republic

2022 *Fragile*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, Stieglitz19, Antwerp, Belgium

It Was Once My Universe, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, SUPER LABO, Tokyo,
Japan

- Nothing Compares To You: Marie Tomanova - Brno*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel and Šimon Kříž, Galerie OFF/Format, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2021 *It Was Once My Universe*, Curated by Sonia Voss, Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival, Xiamen, China
- Finding Magic Together: New Works by Marie Tomanova*, Curated by David C. Terry, C24 Gallery, New York, NY
- World Between Us*, Site-specific Installation as part of Art Residency "Dílna", Chateau Mikulov, Mikulov, Czech Republic
- It Was Once My Universe, Louis Roederer Discovery Award*, Curated by Sonia Voss, Rencontres d'Arles 2021, Arles, France
- Young American*, Fotogalleri Vasli Souza, Oslo, Norway
- 2020 *Live For The Weather*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, European Month of Photography, Tschechisches Zentrum Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- It Was Once My Universe*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, and František Fekete, Galerie 35m2, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2019 *Young American*, Pragovka Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
- Like A Dream*, SO1 Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- Young American - Residency Installation*, OSMOS Station, Stamford, New York
- Young American*, AFO 54 | Academia Film Olomouc 2019, Olomouc, Czech Republic
- Marie Tomanova - New York Calling: A Mini Retrospective*, EEP Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Young American*, Space Place Gallery, Nizhny Tagil, Russia
- Young American*, Museum of Modern Art, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Young American*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, PhD, Czech Center New York, New York

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

- 2022 *La distance qui nous lie / The distance that links us*, Photo Saint Germain festival, Curated by Sonia Voss, Centre tchèque de Paris, Paris, France
- 2021 *Štreit - Tomanova: Poetic of Place*, Curated by Thomas Beachdel, and Veronika Šrek Bromová, Galerie Kabinet Chaos, Střítěž, Czech Republic

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2024 *Grow It, Show it!*, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany (Upcoming)
RSVP: Ridiculously Strange Version of the Present, Her Clique, Lisbon, Portugal (Upcoming)
- 2023 *Paris Photo Festival*, Stieglitz19 Gallery, Paris France
- 2022 *UNSEEN Photo Festival*, Stieglitz19 Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The New Portrait, Stieglitz19 Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
I see you / Dialogy o portétu, Curated by Anežka Kořínková and Kateřina Sýsová, 8smička, Humpolec, Czech Republic
- 2021 *Art Design Fashion*, The Moravian Gallery, Museum of Applied Arts, Brno, Czech Republic
Tender, Curated by Michal Nanoru, Czech Centre London, London, UK
Dílňa, 28th Art Symposium, Curated by Jiří Černický, Chateau Mikulov, Mikulov, Czech Republic
- 2020 *On the Inside - Portraiture Through Photography*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *FIGURAMA*, 220 Years of Academy of Fine Arts, Kampus Hybernská, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2018 *Young American*, Museum of Modern Art, Tbilisi, Georgia
Currents, curated by Barbara Zucker, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Friends with Benefits, Curated by Bethanie Irons, George Caleb Bingham Gallery, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA
- 2017 *NSFW: Female Gaze*, Curated by Lissa Rivera (Museum of Sex) and Marina garcia-Vasquez (*Creator's Project*, *VICE*), Museum of Sex, New York, NY
Black Mirror, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, New York, NY
Baby, I Like It Raw: Post-Eastern Bloc Photography and Video, Czech Center New York, New York, USA
Na Telo, Galerie G99, Dum Panu z Kunstatu, Brno, Czech Republic
Love Games - Art Show Benefit for Planned Parenthood NYC, Image Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Sensual Assault, Outdoor installation in desert, Pioneer Town, California, USA
GAZE, Gallery Protocol, Gainesville, Florida, USA
- 2016 *Figuratively Full*, Pop Art, Montreal, Canada
SELF REFLECTION, Untitled Space, New York, NY
YOUTH EXPLOSION: The New Bohemia, Czech Center New York, New York, USA
Female Gaze, Untitled Space, New York, NY, USA
Razzle Dazzle, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, USA

- 2015 *Who's Afraid of Feminism*, Curated by Catherine Morris, A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY
CYBERFEMINISM, Round table discussion on 4th wave feminism, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, USA
Curriculum Vitae, Ars Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
FOURSOME, Gallery Sensei, New York, NY, USA
Wish You Were Here, A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY
Moist, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA, USA
6th Annual Contemporary Photography Exhibition, Philadelphia Photo Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA
OPEN15, Front Art Space, New York, NY, USA
Borders & Boundaries, Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA, USA
Color Show, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR
Bushwick Open Studios, The Living Gallery, New York, NY
The Feminist Sex Shoppe, On The Ground Floor, Los Angeles, CA
Taking Pictures, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2013 *UN-REAL*, The Stood, Purchase, NY
- 2010 *CUPRUM*, Chateau Valtice, Czech Rep.
- 2009 *Infinity & Banana*, Reduta, Brno, Czech Rep.
- 2008 *Workshop of Frida Kahlo*, Galerie Slevarna, Brno, Czech Rep.
Baroque is Punk, Chateau Tynek, Czech Rep.
Malba2/RULEZ/, Trutnov gallery, Czech Rep.

CURATORIAL PROJECTS:

- 2021 *Bára Prášílová: Circles*, Czech Centre Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2019 *The New Bohemia Open Call*, Committee Member and Juror, Czech Center New York, New York, NY
- 2018 *Muse Muse*, Czech Center New York, New York, NY
- 2017 *Bára Prášílová: One and Three Photographs*, Gallery Claude Samuel, Paris, France
Baby I Like It Raw: Post-Eastern Bloc Photography and Video, Czech Center New York, New York, NY
The Future is Female, Public art exhibition by #SAVEARTSPACE, The Storefront Gallery & public spaces, New York, NY
The New Bohemia Open Call, Committee Member and Juror, Czech Center New York, New York, NY

2016 *Youth Explosion: The New Bohemia*, Czech Center New York, New York, NY

PANEL DISCUSSIONS & LECTURES & TALKS:

- 2023 Invited Lecture, Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague, Czech Republic
PechaKucha Night Mikulov, Mikulov, Czech Republic
- 2022 It Was Once My Universe, Artist Talk, Ginza Tsutaya Book Store, Tokyo, Japan
It Was Once My Universe, Talk & book presentation, Czech festival - Adrift,
Organized by Czech Centre Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
Masterclass - Marie Tomanova & Thomas Beachdel, Prague Art Week,
Superstudio, New Stage of the National Theatre, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2021 Life Before, Panel discussion with focus on environmental crisis, Metrograph,
New York, NY
Panel Discussion with Marie Tomanova, Thomas Beachdel, and Karen Marshall,
Moderated by Amanda Hajjar, C24 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 PechaKucha Night Prague Vol. 71, Prague, Czech Republic
Video screening & Artist / Curator Talk for European Month of Photography
2020, Tschechisches Zentrum Berlin, Berlin, Germany
SALOON Berlin x Marie Tomanova: Artist Talk, Tschechisches Zentrum Berlin,
Berlin, Germany
SALOON Praha x Marie Tomanová: Virtual studio visit & Talk, Online via ZOOM
- 2019 Video screening & Talk with art historian Thomas Beachdel and Marie
Tomanova, Czech Centre Tokyo, Japan
Panel Discussion for Marie Tomanova: Young American with Ksenia Nouril
(Jensen Bryan Curator) and Thomas Beachdel (Art historian at City University of
New York, Hostos), The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA
Photography & Publishing Lecture, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2018 The Six-Minute Challenge, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, New
York, NY
- 2017 Panelist, Sexual Self: Censorship and Social Media, Panel discussion lead by
Alexandra Marzella as a part
of NSFW: Female Gaze exhibition at Museum of Sex, presented at VICE
headquarters, NY, NY
- 2016 TED x Prague Women, "It's about time" - Presenting "Mckenzie Tomski" a
collaboration with Mirenka Cechova



2015 CYBERFEMINISM, Round table discussion on 4th wave feminism lead b Gabriella Shypula, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

RESIDENCIES:

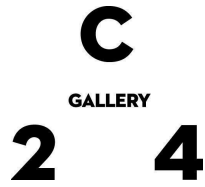
2021 28th Annual Symposium "Dílna", Chateau Mikulov, Mikulov, Czech Republic
2020 27th Annual Symposium "Dílna", Chateau Mikulov, Mikulov, Czech Republic
2019 OSMOS Station Residency, project by Cay-Sophie Rabinowitz (OSMOS Magazine) and Christian Rattemeyer (MoMA), Stamford, NY

PUBLICATIONS & EXHIBITION CATALOGS:

2022 Photo Saint Germain festival, exh. cat., La distance qui nous lie, Curated by Sonia Voss, Centre tchèque de Paris, Paris, France
2021 Rencontres d'Arles 2021, exh. cat., Louis Roederer Discovery Award, Curated by Sonia Voss, Rencontres d'Arles 2021, Arles, France
2020 European Month of Photography Berlin, biennial catalogue, Published by Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH, Germany
27th Annual Symposium "Dílna," Mikulovské Symposium Dílna, residency & exh. cat., curated by Petr Vaňous and Tomáš Tichý, Czech Republic
2019 Tělo - Výraz - Obraz - Koncept, Hana Stehlíková Babyrádová a kol., MUNI Press, Czech Republic
2018 Currents, curated by Barbara Zucker, exh. cat., Published by A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2017 Na Tělo, Galerie G99, exh. cat., Published by Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic
Pics or It Didn't Happen, book by Arvida Bystrom and Molly Soda, Prestel Publishing, UK
2016 Who's Afraid of Feminism, exh. cat., Curated by Catherine Morris, Published by A.I.R. Gallery and Women's Caucus for Art, Brooklyn, NY
OPEN15, exh. cat., Published by Front Art Space, New York, NY

AWARDS:

2023 Nominated for the Photographer of the Year by Czech Grand Design Awards-Finalist
Nominated for Elle Women Awards



- 2021 Shortlisted for the Louis Roederer Discovery Award 2021 and granted an exhibition at Rencontres d'Arles
- 2020 Nominated for Photographer of the Year by Czech Grand Design Awards
- 2019 Nominated for Photographer of the Year by Czech Grand Design Awards - Finalist
Nominated for Photographer of the Year by the Association of Professional Photographers of the Czech Republic
Nominated for Book of the Year by the Association of Professional Photographers of the Czech Republic
- 2018 Gomma Grant 2018 - Best Rising Talent
- 2018 Winner of the PDN's Faces Competition