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Josip Konta  
akademski kipar i slikar

## Predgovor

Suvremenih hrvatski likovni umjetnik, akademski kipar i slikar Josip Konta (rođen je u Livnu 1946.g, 1972.g. diplomirao je na zagrebačkoj ALU, od 1972.g. do 1974.g. suradnik je Majstorske radionice Antuna Augustinčića, izlagao na brojnim samostalnim izložbama diljem domovine i u inozemstvu) sredinom studenog ove godine predstavlja se s novom izložbom (19.11.2016. do 08.01.2017.), s MALOM RETROSPEKTIVOM u zagrebačkoj galeriji-caffeu LAV.

Konta je za ovu izložbu odabrao djela iz svoga polustoljetnog umjetničkog rada koja čine temelj nekoliko njegovih ključnih ciklusa, a to su Grupa, Plesači, Jahači, Pejzaži te sakralni motivi.

Na početku ipak istaknimo što je Kontin ključni, karakteristični motiv. Grupa, pojedinci u masi, grupirani, zbijeni, uvijek u prostoru, u šetnji, u traženju, u kompoziciji događanja, u dinamičnom pokretu, u plesu, u igri, otuđeni, udaljeni.

Kroz razvoj Kontinih ciklusa opažamo jasni kontinuitet autorovog traženja odgovora, kako se oduprijeti bolesti suvremenosti, alienaciji?

Na leđima konja u mitskom krajoliku odjahati će nagi jahači u nepoznato, u volumen otkrivanja, ispod neobičnih svjetala noći, u zoru, pred noć, poći u potragu za ljubavi, za nestalom i izgubljenim emocijama kroz krajobaze sjećanje ili sanjanja, dosegnuti razigrane plesače, razodjevene figure opijene plesom i iznova se prepustiti snazi i vatri lijepe oblikovanih neukrotivih konja.

Autor se za ovu prigodu retrospektive, za koju ima u atelijeru nekoliko puta više izvrsna materijala koga bi valjalo, objedinjenog prikazati u zasebnim ciklusima, koji čine skladnu i jedinstvenu cjelinu, no prostor određuje limite, tako da u ovoj prilici neće biti izložene skulptura iz Kontinog velikog kiparskog opusa, a koji se može prikazati u barem tri različite izložbe.

Na ovoj izložbi Josipa Konte moći će se vidjeti grafike, listovi posvećeni Zagrebu i njegovim prepoznatljivim i karakterističnim vedutama, te ciklusi Konja, Jahača, Plesača, Aktova te Pejzaži.

Valja također istaknuti posebnu ulogu konja u opusu Josipa Konte, u ciklusima umjetnika prikazani su poput svetih bića jer to nisu životinje, konji pripadaju prostoru između ljudi i neba, oni ih odvode, spašavaju, noseći ih na svojim snažnim tijelima u novi svijet, svijet u kojem ne samo da postoji već vlasti ljubav.

Konta je tipični predstavnik štafelnog slikarstva, ulja i platna, autor koji njeguje u svom artističkom izričaju i čak posebno naglašavajući unutarnji krhki ustroj čovjeka, česte turbulencije duha, nemogućnost ili otežanost komunikacije ne samo s drugim već i samim sobom.

Aktove Josipa Konte krasiti fina, odmjerena erotika, ljepota ženskog tijela, otmjene crte lica modela temeljna je odlika ovih po malo zamišljenih i duhom udaljenih likova u prostorima koji nam za trenutak izgledaju poput kazališne scenografija da bi u idućem trenutku pomisili kako je ipak riječ o intimnom kutku, duboko skrivenom.

Uz odabrani opus valja dometnuti i ovo, gledajući slike i skulpture Josipa Konte, pokušavajući proniknuti u njihovu osobnost, u tajnovitu vezu između umjetnika stvaratelja i njih, ploda atelijera, poneko, tankočutniji, zaciјelo bi rekao kako je začuo glazbu, adekvatnu slici ili skulpturi.

MALA RETROSPEKТИVA akademskog kipara i slikara Josipa Konte izvanredan je potez zagrebačke Galerije Lav, jer umjetnik ne samo da zaslužuje ovakvu i ovu izložbu i već i mnogo obimniju, izložbu koja bi nam pružila cjelovitiji i sveobuhvatniji uvid u polustoljetno djelo značajnog i svakako samosvojnog hrvatskog umjetnika.



**Miroslav Pelikan**, novinar i književnik

Od sredine sedamdesetih djeluje kao slobodni novinar na planu kulture (likovna umjetnost i izdavaštvo) surađujući s nizom dnevnih listova i periodikom (Vjesnik, Glas Slavonije, Slobodna Dalmacija, Novi list, Vjesnik, Večernji list, Obzor, Fokus, Oko, Delo, Večer, Dnevnik, Mladina, Oslobođenje...).

U istom razdoblju objavljuje prozu i poeziju u dnevnom tisku, specijaliziranim časopisima (Mogućnosti, Dubrovnik, Traženja, Osvit, Odjek, Republika, Forum) i na 3. programu Hrvatskoga radija (niz autorskih emisija u ciklusima Poezija naglas i Hrvatska proza).

Josip Konta, contemporary Croatian academic sculptor and painter (born in Livno in 1946, graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts (ALU) in Zagreb in 1972, collaborated in the sculpting master class of A. Augustinčić from 1972 to 1974, has exhibited at a number of solo exhibitions in Croatia and abroad) will give a new exhibition in mid-November (19.11.2016. - 08.01.2017.), a SMALL RETROSPECTIVE in Zagreb's gallery-café LAV.

For this exhibition, Konta has chosen works from his half-century artistic opus which form the basis of his several key cycles, viz. Group, Dancers, Riders, Landscapes and sacral motifs.

At the beginning, let us point out what Konta's key, characteristic motif is though. Group, individuals in multitude, grouped, compact, always in space, walk, search, in composition of occurrence, on dynamic move, at dance, play, alienated, distant.

In the development of Konta's cycles, one notices clear continuity of author's search for an answer to the question how to fend off contemporary disease – alienation?

On the back of a horse, in mythic landscape, naked riders will ride to the unknown, in the volume of revelation, under unusual night illumination, at dawn, before the night, set out in search of love, of emotions disappeared and lost through landscapes of remembrance or dreams, reach playful dancers, stripped figures besotted with dance, indulging again in the power and fire of nicely shaped and untamed horses.

For this retrospective, for which he has excellent material in his studio several times that required, the author felt was worth being presented united, in separate cycles making a harmonious and unique whole; but the space sets limits. Thus, on this occasion, the sculpture from Konta's large sculpting opus, which can be presented at three different exhibitions at least, will not be exhibited.

#### **Miroslav Pelikan**, journalist and writer

From the mid-70s, worked as a freelance journalist for culture (fine arts and publishing) and cooperated with a number of daily papers and periodicals (Vjesnik, Glas Slavonije, Slobodna Dalmacija, Novi list, Vjesnik, Večernji list, Obzor, Fokus, Oko, Delo, Večer, Dnevnik, Mladina, Oslobođenje...).

In that period he published prose and poetry in daily papers, specialized magazines (Mogućnosti, Dubrovnik, Traženja, Osvit, Odjek, Republika, Forum) and in the 3rd programme of the Croatian radio (a number of author programmes in cycles Poetry aloud and Croatian prose).

At this exhibition by Josip Konta, graphics and sheets dedicated to Zagreb and its recognizable and characteristic vedutas will be seen, as well as cycles of the Horse, Rider, Dancer, Nudes and Landscapes.

One should point out the role of horses in the opus by Josip Konta. In the artist's cycles they have been presented like holy creatures, because they are not animals. For horses, space between people and heaven is reserved. They take them, rescue them, carrying them on their strong back to the new world, world where love not merely exists, but is dominant.

Konta is a typical representative of palette painting, oil and canvas, author who, in his artistic expression, cherishes and even emphasizes man's inner frailty, frequent turbulence of spirit, impossible or difficult communication not only with others but also with himself.

The nudes by Josip Konta are distinguished by delicate, moderate erotic, the beauty of woman's body, gentle lineaments of models is the key characteristic of these thoughtful and absent-minded figures amidst area resembling theatre scenography at one moment, whereas at the other leading us to think of it as an intimate, well hidden corner.

With the chosen opus, one should also say this: while looking and paintings and sculptures of Josip Konta, trying to reach to the bottom of their personality, secret ties between the artist creator and them, the fruit of a studio, some, more sophisticated would have surely said they have heard music corresponding to the painting or sculpture.

SMALL RETROSPECTIVE of the academic sculptor and painter Josip Konta is an excellent move of Zagreb's Gallery Lav because the artist not only deserves such and this exhibition, but a much more comprehensive one, exhibition that would provide us with a more integral and comprehensive insight into the half-century work of that important and surely original Croatian artist.



## PROSTOR 1 / SPACE 1



**RADOST**

ulje na platnu  
65 x 90,5 cm  
godina: 1991

**JOY**

oil on canvas  
65 x 90.5 cm  
year: 1991

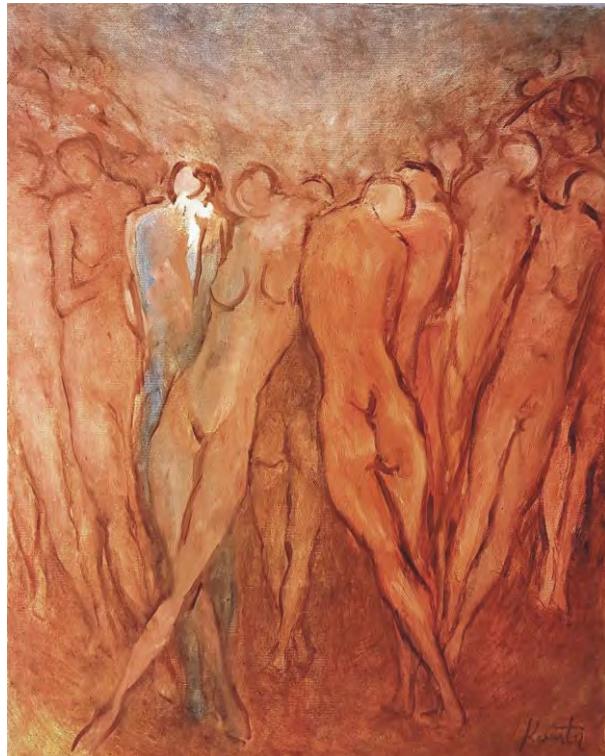


**BUĐENJE**

ulje na platnu  
55 x 80 cm  
godina: 1997

**AWAKENING**

oil on canvas  
55 x 80 cm  
year: 1997

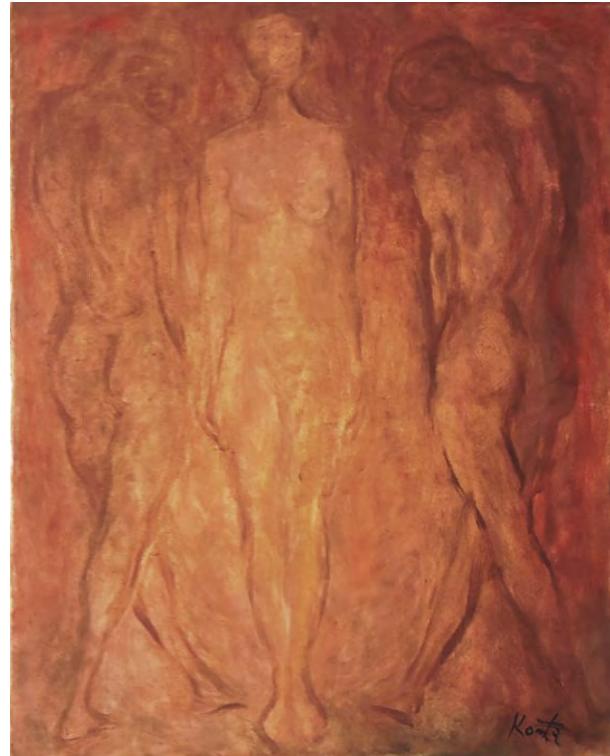


**DOGAĐAJ IV**

ulje na platnu  
40 x 50 cm  
godina: 2010

**EVENT IV**

oil on canvas  
40 x 50 cm  
year: 2010



**TRI FIGURE**

ulje na platnu  
40 x 50 cm  
godina: 2010

**THREE FIGURES**

oil on canvas  
40 x 50 cm  
year: 2010

## PROSTOR 1 / SPACE 1

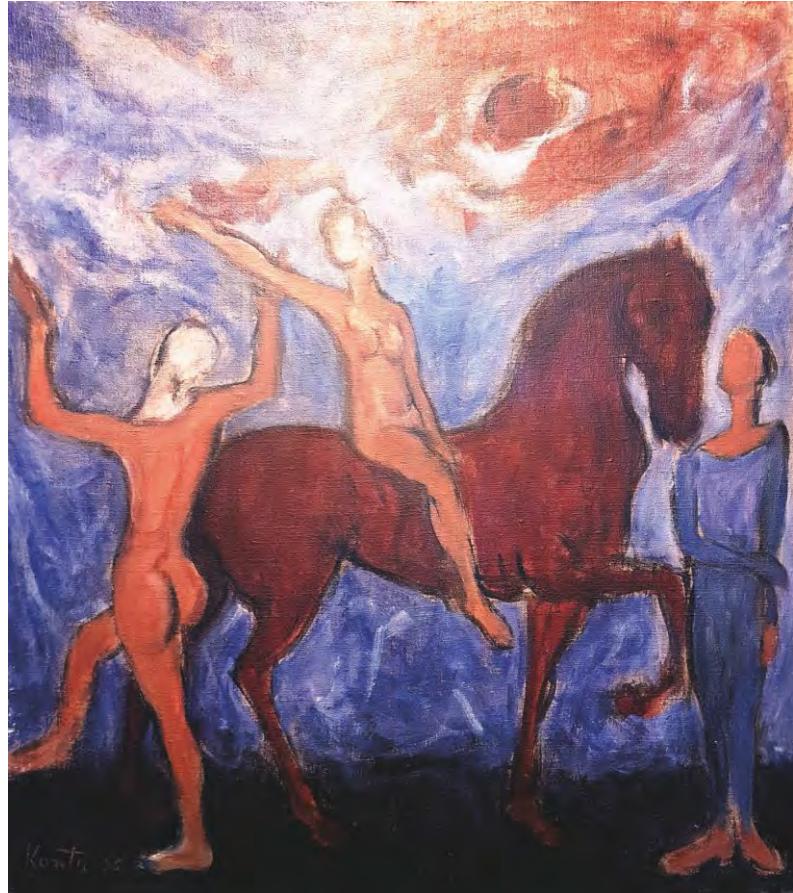


**NA BALKONU**

ulje na platnu  
60 x 75 cm  
godina: 1991

**ON THE BALCONY**

oil on canvas  
60 x 75 cm  
year: 1991



**SUSRET I**

ulje na platnu  
80 x 90 cm  
godina: 1996

**ENCOUNTER I**

oil on canvas  
80 x 90 cm  
year: 1996

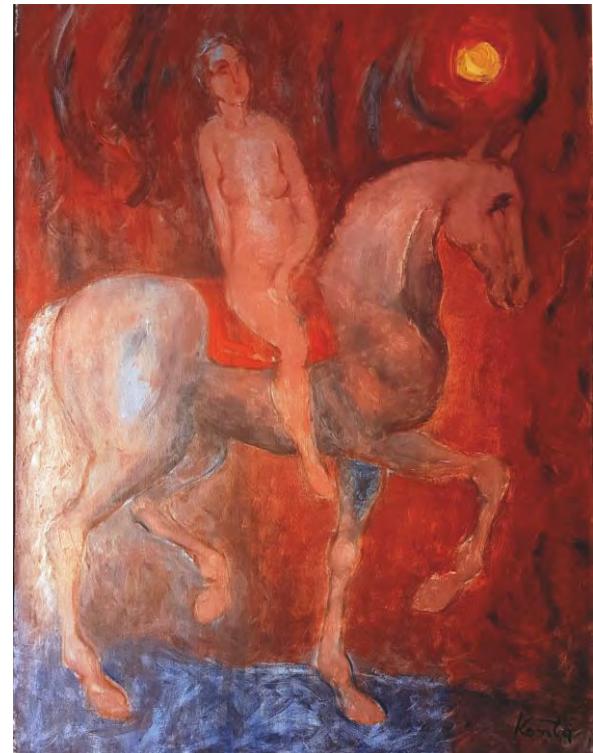


**SUSRET II**

ulje na platnu  
80 x 89,5 cm  
godina: 1996

**ENCOUNTER II**

oil on canvas  
80 x 89.5 cm  
year: 1996



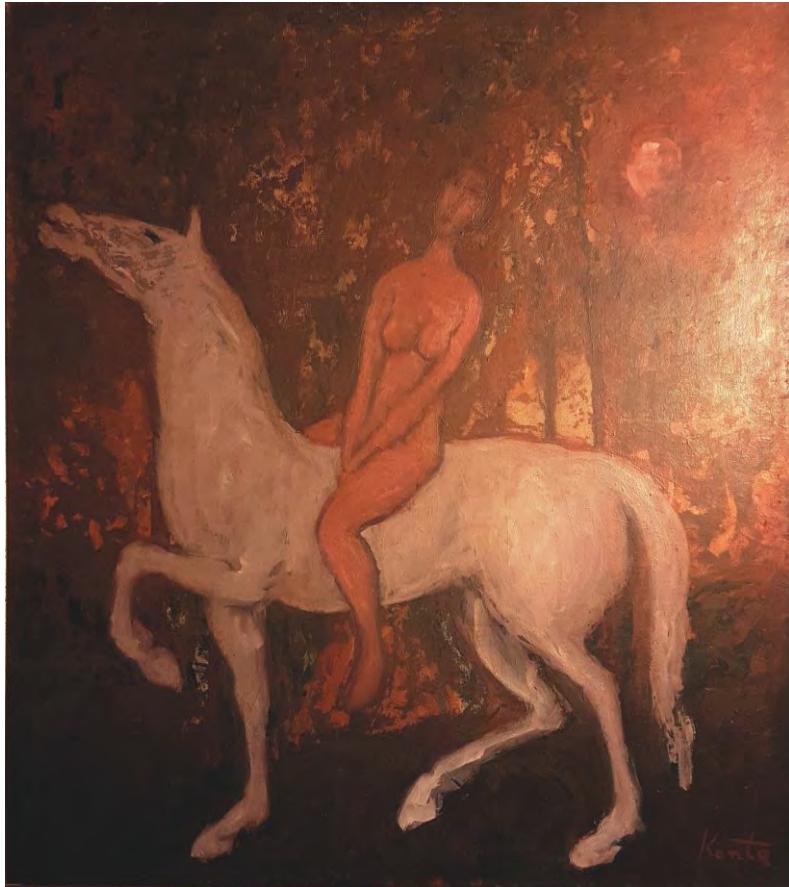
**U ZALASKU SUNCA**

ulje na platnu  
57,5 x 75 cm  
godina: 1996

**AT SUNSET**

oil on canvas  
57.5 x 75 cm  
year: 1996

## PROSTOR 1 / SPACE 1



**USAMIJENOST**

ulje na platnu  
80,5 x 90 cm  
godina: 1999

**LONELINESS**

oil on canvas  
80.5 x 90 cm  
year: 1999



**PLESAČICA I**

ulje na platnu  
55 x 86 cm  
godina: 1993

**THE DANCER I**

oil on canvas  
55 x 86 cm  
year: 1993

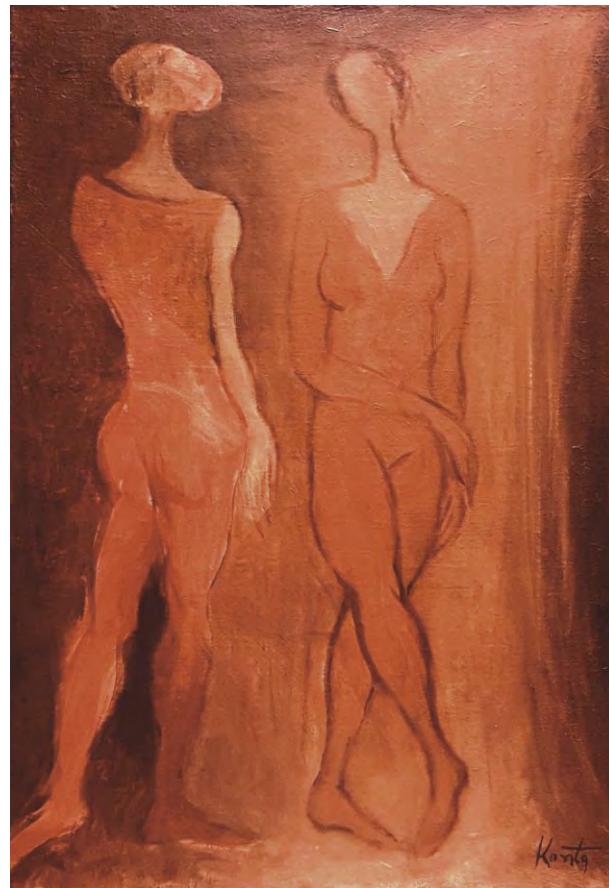


**PLESAČICA II**

ulje na platnu  
59 x 74,5 cm  
godina: 1993

**THE DANCER II**

oil on canvas  
59 x 74.5 cm  
year: 1993



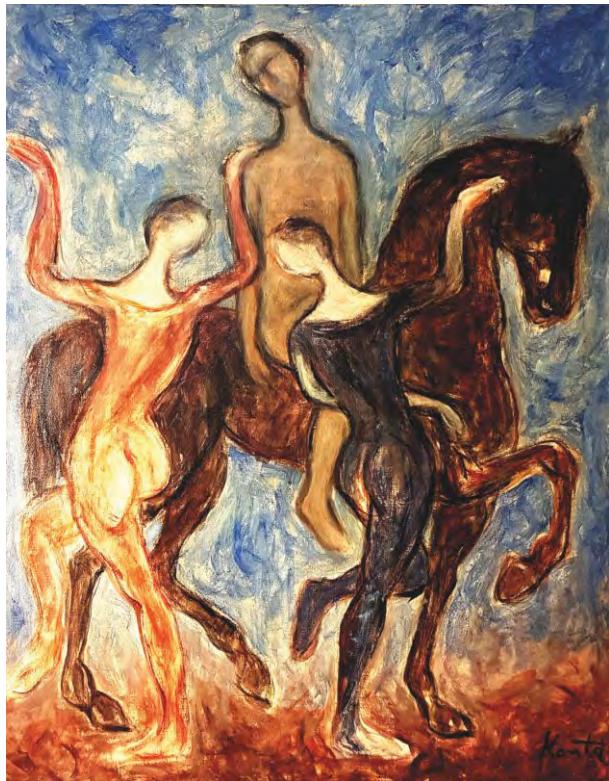
**ŠAPUTANJE**

ulje na platnu  
53 x 86 cm  
godina: 1993

**WHISPERING**

oil on canvas  
53 x 86 cm  
year: 1993

## PROSTOR 1 / SPACE 1

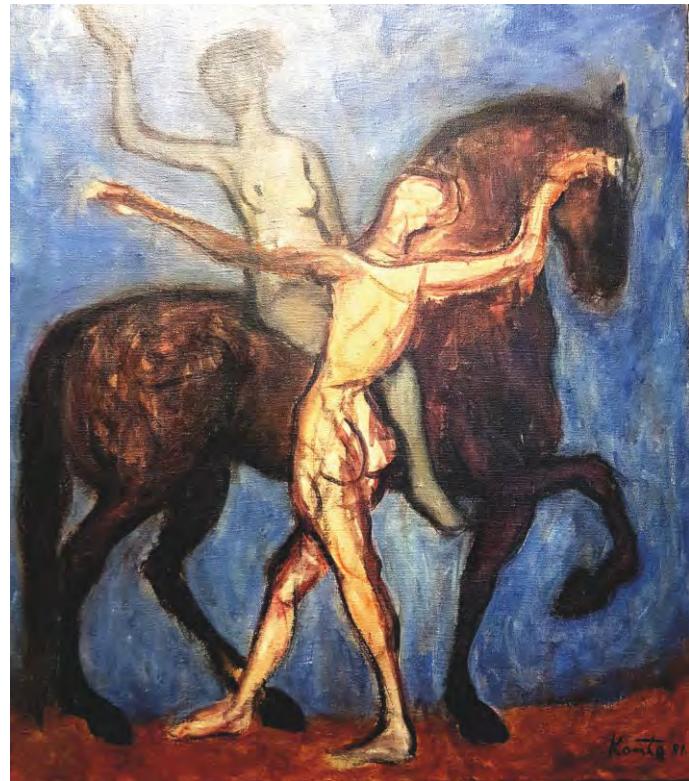


**PLESAČI**

ulje na platnu  
60,5 x 76 cm  
godina: 1994

**DANCERS**

oil on canvas  
60,5 x 76 cm  
year: 1994



**POS LJEDNJI PLES**

ulje na platnu  
70,5 x 80,5 cm  
godina: 1991

**LAST DANCE**

oil on canvas  
70.5 x 80,5 cm  
year: 1991



**POSLIJE KIŠE**

ulje na platnu  
90 x 80 cm  
godina: 1991

**AFTER THE RAIN**

oil on canvas  
90 x 80 cm  
year: 1991



**TAMNO MORE**

ulje na platnu  
58 x 43 cm  
godina: 1991

**DARK SEA**

oil on canvas  
58 x 43 cm  
year: 1991

## PROSTOR 1 / SPACE 1



**ZALAZAK NA PUČINI**

ulje na platnu  
48,4 x 35,4 cm  
godina: 1989

**SUNSET ON THE  
OPEN SEA**

oil on canvas  
48.4 x 35.4 cm  
year: 1989

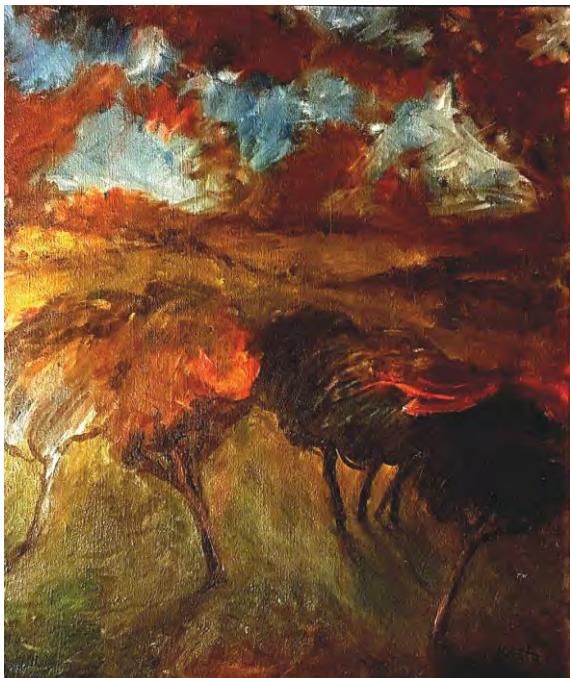


**ZADIMLJENO SUNCE**

ulje na platnu  
57 x 73 cm  
godina: 1986

**SMOKY SUN**

oil on canvas  
57 x 73 cm  
year: 1986



PRED OLUJU

ulje na platnu  
50 x 60 cm  
godina: 1979

BEFORE THE STORM

oil on canvas  
50 x 60 cm  
year: 1979

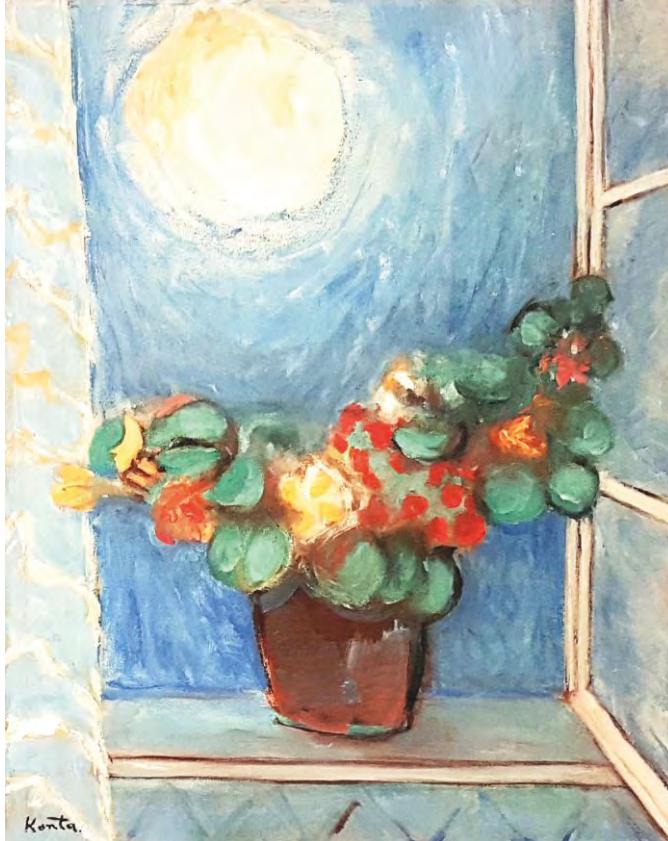


SUNCE U MAGLI

ulje na platnu  
60 x 48,5 cm  
godina: 1989

SUN IN THE FOG

oil on canvas  
60 x 48.5 cm  
year: 1989



**CVIJEĆE NA PROZORU**

ulje na platnu  
48 x 60 cm  
godina: 1980

**FLOWERS  
IN THE WINDOW**

oil on canvas  
48 x 60 cm  
year: 1980



**FIGURA ŽENE**

gips ili bronca  
visina: 73 cm  
godina: 1979

**FIGURE OF A WOMAN**

gypsum or bronze  
height: 73 cm  
year: 1979



**BALERINA**

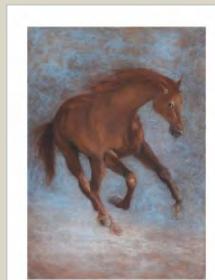
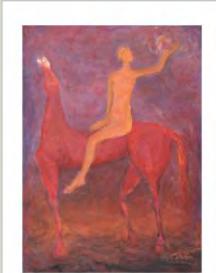
bronca  
visina: 50 cm  
godina: 1982

**BALLERINA**

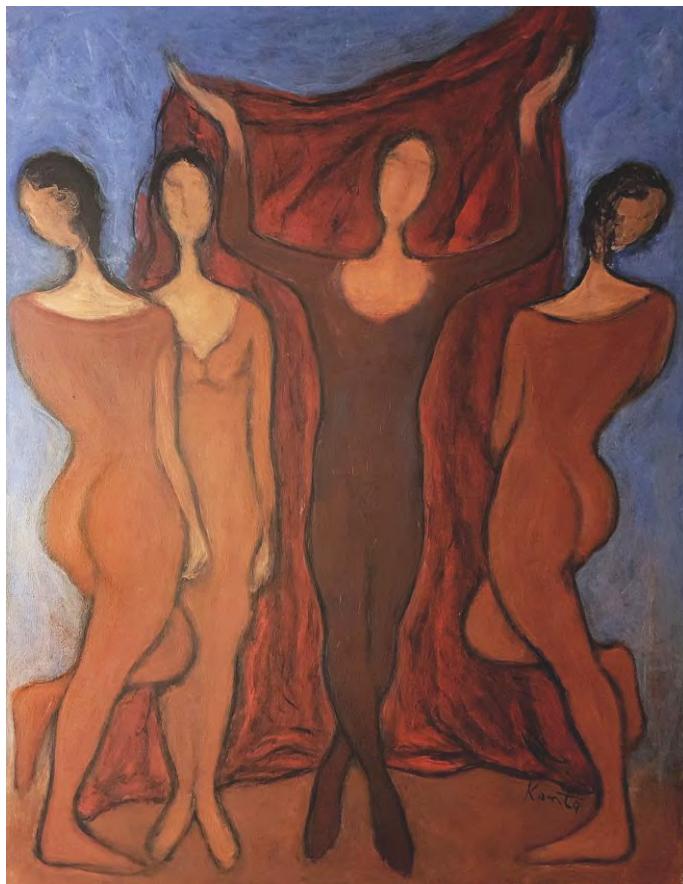
bronze  
height: 50 cm  
year: 1982

## PROSTOR 1 / SPACE 1

Za više pogledati katalog grafika / For more see the catalogue of artwork



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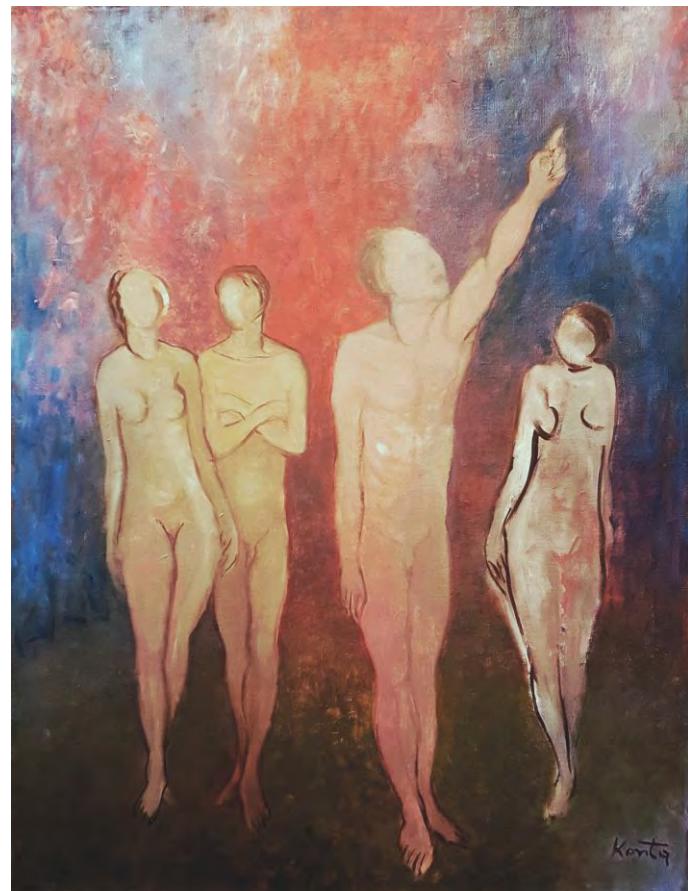


**VELIKO IŠČEKIVANJE**

ulje na platnu  
70 x 90 cm  
godina: 1994

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

oil on canvas  
70 x 90 cm  
year: 1994



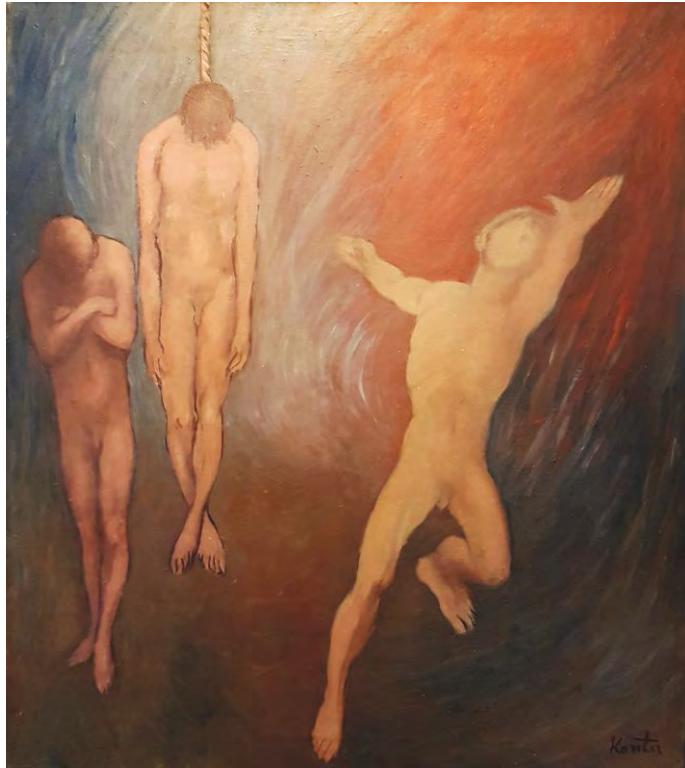
**PROSVJED**

ulje na platnu  
65,4 x 85,5 cm  
godina: 1980

**PROTEST**

oil on canvas  
65.4 x 85.5 cm  
year: 1980

PROSTOR 2 • 3 / SPACE 2 • 3

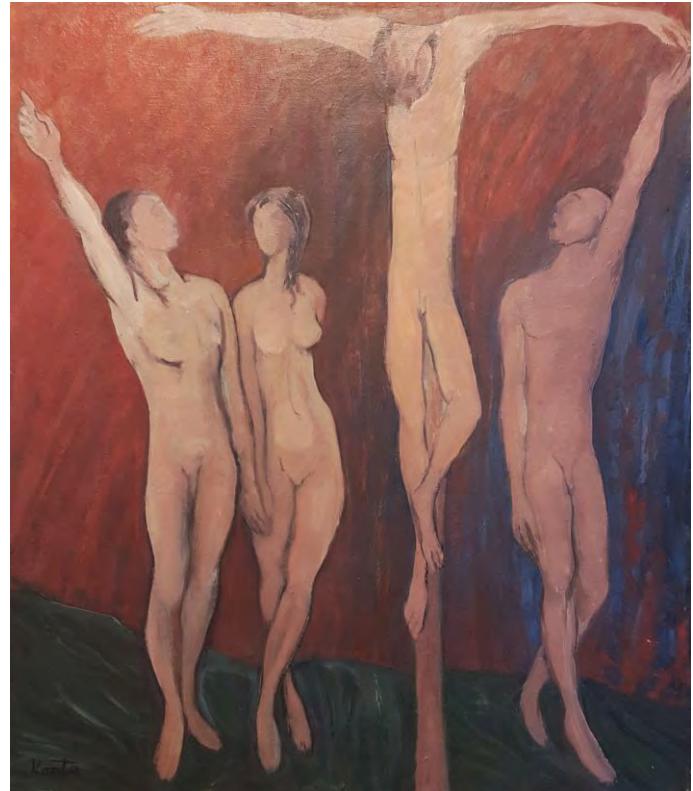


**ČETVRTI ČOVJEK**

ulje na platnu  
70,6 x 80,5 cm  
godina: 1985

**THE FOURTH MAN**

oil on canvas  
70.6 x 80.5 cm  
year: 1985

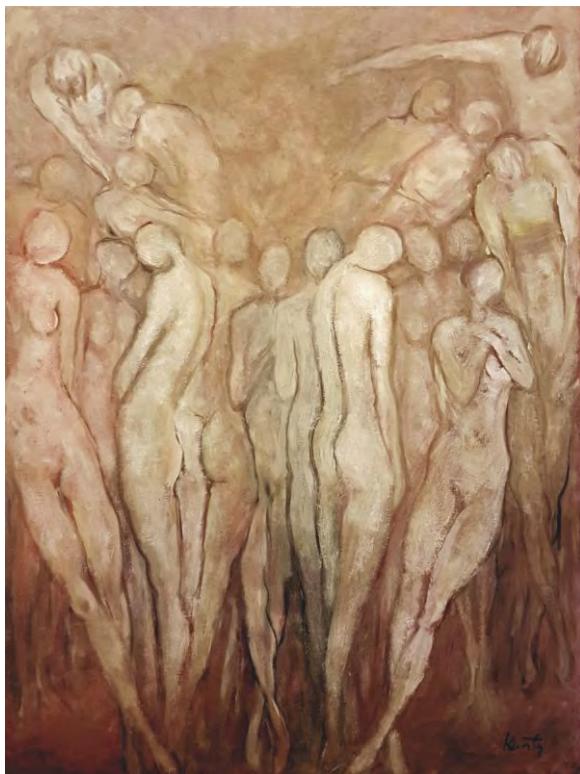


**NEZNANJE**

ulje na platnu  
70,4 x 81,5 cm  
godina: 1985

**IGNORANCE**

oil on canvas  
70.4 x 81.5 cm  
year: 1985



**DOGAĐAJ I**

ulje na platnu  
60 x 80 cm  
godina: 2004

**EVENT I**

oil on canvas  
60 x 80 cm  
year: 2004



**DOGAĐAJ II**

ulje na platnu  
60 x 80 cm  
godina: 2004

**EVENT II**

oil on canvas  
60 x 80 cm  
year: 2004

## PROSTOR 2 • 3 / SPACE 2 • 3

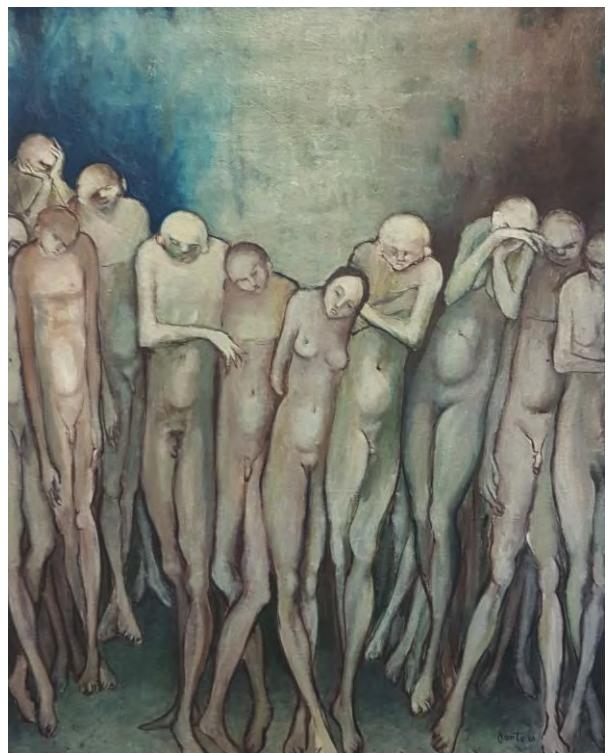


**UMORNE DUŠE**

ulje na platnu  
85 x 101 cm  
godina: 2000

**WEARY SOULS**

oil on canvas  
85 x 101 cm  
year: 2000

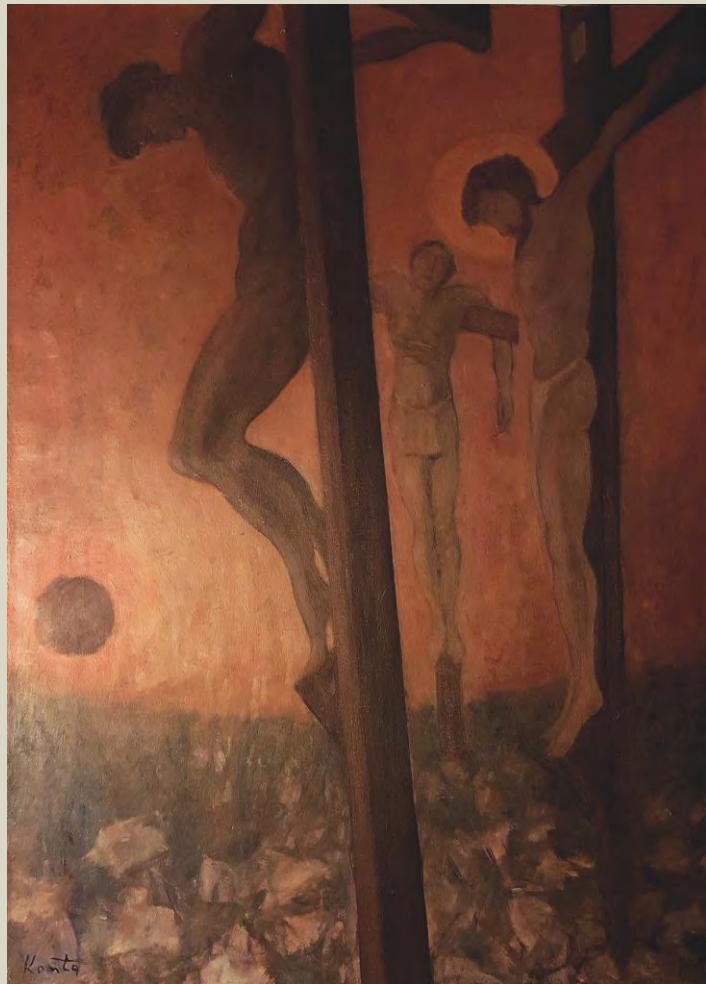


**MLIJEČNA STAZA**

ulje na platnu  
65,3 x 81,3 cm  
godina: 1981

**MILKY WAY**

oil on canvas  
65.3 x 81.3 cm  
year: 1981



**GOLGOTA**

ulje na platnu  
73,5 x 100,3 cm  
godina: 1985

**GOLGOTHA**

oil on canvas  
73.5 x 100.3 cm  
year: 1985

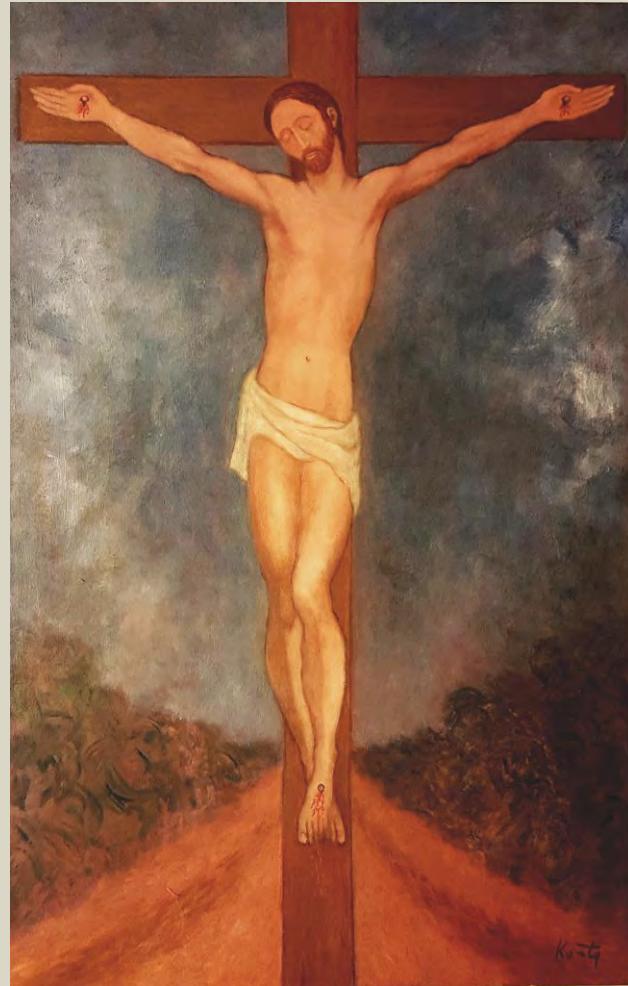


**RASPELO**

armirani gips  
68 x 97 cm  
godina: 1991

**CRUCIFIX**

reinforced gypsum  
68 x 97 cm  
year: 1991

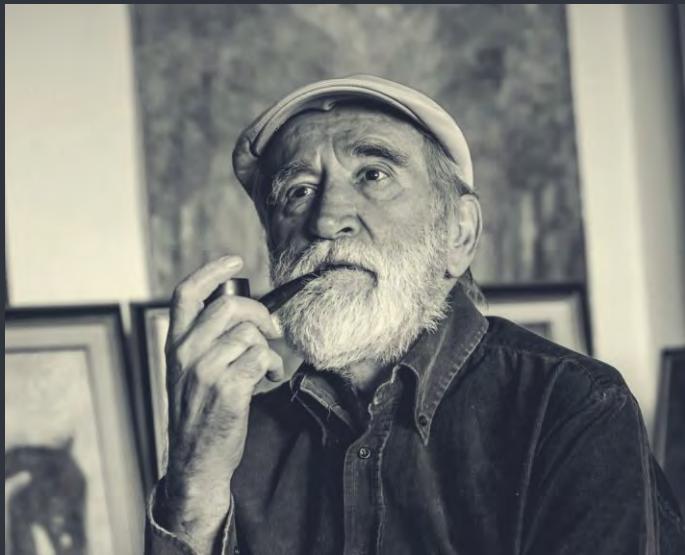


**RASPELO**

ulje na platnu  
67,8 x 98 cm  
godina: 1999

**CRUCIFIX**

oil on canvas  
67.8 x 98 cm  
year: 1999



### **Josip Konta**, akademski kipari i slikar

Rođen je u Livnu 18. 05.1946., diplomirao na Akademiji likovnih umjetnosti u Zagrebu 1972., postdiplomski studij kao suradnik u majstorskoj radionici prof Antuna Augustiničića od 1972-1974.

Poslije trogodišnjeg rada na mjestu direktora Ljevaone umjetnina pri Akademiji likovnih umjetnosti u Zagrebu, živi i radi kao samostalni umjetnik u Zagrebu. Pedesetogodišnji likovni rad popraćen nizom samostalnih i skupnih izložbi rezultirao je umjetninama koje se nalaze u privatnim zbirkama kako u Hrvatskoj tako i u inozemstvu.

### **Josip Konta**, academic sculptor and painter

Was born in Livno on May 18th, 1946. He graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts Zagreb in 1972, and post-graduated on the studies as an associate in the master class of Prof. Antun Augustinić from 1972 to 1974.

After three years of work as the director of sculpture foundry with the Zagreb Academy of Fine Arts, he lives and works as a freelance artist in Zagreb. Fifty years of his artworks were displayed in numerous individual and joint exhibitions and have found their way in many private collections in Croatia and abroad.



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