

KAROL RADZISZEWSKI



He works with film, photography, installations and creates interdisciplinary projects. Born in 1980 in Bialystok, Poland. Lives and works in Warsaw, Poland, where he received his MFA from the Academy of Fine Arts in 2004. His practice extends to magazines, artist books, fashion as well as curatorial concept projects. Publisher and editor-in-chief of DIK Fagazine.

For over a decade now, Karol Radziszewski has been consistently developing the heritage of the LGBT+ community with special emphasis on artists from Central Europe. The Queer Archives Institute - QAI - he has set up is a one-man institution which documents achievements of artists from the countries of the former Eastern Bloc, who, because of the geopolitical factors, had had no chance to become known to general public. With his works shown in institutions all over the world, Radziszewski rewrites life stories, returning the right place in history to people who had been deprived of it.



EXHIBITIONS

SOLO

2023

(upcoming) Karol Radziszewski solo exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Skopje, Macedonia
One Day This Kid..., Between Bridges, Berlin

2022

Myths, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

2021

Mon chéri Soviétique, Studio Gallery BWA, Wrocław

2020

Hyacinth, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

Ménage á Deux, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin

Poczet, Kunst(Zeug)Haus, Rapperswil

QAI/CEE, Museum of Contemporary Art Metelkova, Ljubljana

2019

Power of Secrets, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw

QAI/CEE, The Multimedia Cultural Centre, Split

Queer Archives Institute, Schwules Museum / HAU, Berlin

2018

QAI/CEE, HELLERAU - European Centre for the Arts, Hellerau/Dresden

2017

QAI/CO, Fundación Gilberto Alzate Avendaño, Bogota

QAI/CEE, Centrala, Birmingham

2016

Ali, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

Queer Archives Institute, Videobrasil, Sao Paulo

2015

Art in America, Galeria Manhattan, Łódź

Tomorrow will be different, (with Josef Rabara), Fotograf Gallery, Prague

2014

In the Shadow of the Flame, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

The Prince and Queens. Ciało jako archiwum, CSW, Toruń

America Is Not Ready For This, MOCAK, Cracow

Pozdrowienia z Ameryki!, CCA Łaźnia, Gdańsk

America Is Not Ready For This, FUTURA Center for Contemporary Art, Prague

2012

America Is Not Ready For This, Contemporary Museum, Wrocław

LOVE, Raster, Warsaw

DIK. Archiwum, Kolonie, Warsaw

Invitation, Starter, Warsaw

2011

Heal The World, Museum of Art, Łódź

Body of Work, Splatterpool Artspace, New York

Backstage, Bunkier Sztuki, Cracow

2010



Ćwiczenia na równowagę, Galeria Arsenal, Białystok

2009

Siusiu w torcik, Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw (curator)

Ready 2 Die, video-performance, Museum of Art, Łódź

Fag Fighters in Riga, Supernova Gallery, Ryga

MARIOS DIK, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw

2008

Oh!, Galeria Arsenal, Białystok

Pissing Chapel/DIK Fagazine, White Cubicle Toilet Gallery, London

2007

Man, it must be great, Hamidrasha Gallery, Tel Aviv

Zawsze chciałem, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw

Struktura faktu artystycznego, BWA Gallery, Zielona Góra

2005

Pedały, private apartments, Warsaw

Biuro, Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw

GROUP

2022

To Be Seen, Queer Lives. 1900-1950, Munich Documentation Center, Munich

Embrace Platform, Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe

Fotoklub. Współczesna i dawna fotografia z polskich kolekcji prywatnych, State Gallery of Art, Sopot

Every Moment Counts, Henie Onstad Kunstenter, Hovikodden

2021

Shadows Conceal the Earth, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

The Night Will Drive a Heart, Contemporary Museum, Wrocław

11th edition of MOMENTUM Biennale House of Commons, Moss

Collection Co-selection, Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art, Warsaw

You'll Never Walk Alone, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin

Baltic Triennial 14: The Endless Frontier, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius

Instant Archives. Instant and Instax in Poland, National Museum, Gdansk

In the beginning was the deed!, Arsenal Gallery, Białystok

arcHIV. A Search for Traces, Schwules Museum, Berlin

2020

W czarodziejską burzę włożę własną duszę, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

Biennale Matter of Art, Prague Market, Prague

Theft and Destruction, Arsenal Gallery, Białystok

2019

Kolarz, Rondo Sztuki, Katowice

Trzy plagi, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin

Her Own Way, TOP Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokio

Artyści polscy w kolekcji Bunkra sztuki, Bunkier Sztuki, Cracow

BODY WORKS, State Gallery of Art, Sopot



Pałac sztuki. Młode malastwo polskie, National Museum, Gdańsk
We will not change our show, The Brno House of Arts, Brno
Krzysztof Garbaczewski. Badania terenow, Galeria Arsenał, Białystok
2018
Things to learn from Facebook, Part of the 3rd Tbilisi International Triennial - Tbilisi
to Michael, In the frame of JERK OFF 2018 festival DOC!, Paris
Praktyki okupacji dzieła, Contemporary Museum, Wrocław
Jutro będzie wojna?, Museum of Modern Art Open'er Festival
Faith Love Hope, Kunsthaus Graz
Gypsyland, In a frame of the 1st Roma Biennale, Maxim Gorki Theater, Berlin
Plusy i minusy, Galeria Arsenał, Białystok
Dzikość serca, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
2017
Przechwałki i pogróżki, TRAF0, Szczecin
Forms of Resistance, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast
It Won't Be Long Now, Comrades!, Framer Framed, Amsterdam
Art Work: Contemporary Artists from Ukraine and Poland, Mystetskyi Arsenal, Kiev
Find Art, Museum of Art, Łódź
Amazing Perplexities, Lavra City Gallery, Kiev
Everything is Getting Better. Unknown Knowns of Polish (Post)Colonialism, Cavity Contemporary,
Berlin
Syrena herbem twym zwodnicza, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw
Późna polskość, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
Dynamika pogorszeń, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw
2016
The Morality Reflex, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius
Common Affairs, Deutsche Bank KunstHalle, Berlin
Why are we afraid of sunsets?, Gdanska Galeria Miejska, Gdańsk
QAI/BY, Y Gallery, Minsk
Sui Generis, Dello Scompiglio
Masters Peasants Peasants Masters, BWA Sokół Gallery, Nowy Sącz
The Wild West. A History of Wrocław's Avant-Garde, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb
Our Heart Is a Foreign Country, Studio Gallery, Budapest
2015
IV Odessa Biennale of Contemporary Art, Odessa
Test of Spirit, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
Someone will remember us in the future, National Academy of Art, Sofia
Imagined Communities, Personal Imaginations, Budapest Gallery, Budapest
AIDS: Based on a true Story, Deutsches Hygiene-Museum, Dresden
Slash: In Between the Normative and the Fantasy, kim? Contemporary Art Centre, Riga
Kanibalizm? O zawłaszczeniach w sztuce, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Midnight Show III. Taken, Design BWA, Wrocław
Działania Na Głowę. Polska Sztuka Dzisiaj, Kunsthalle, Bratislava
2014
Diabły!, Galeria Biała, Lublin
Private Nationalism, Kunsthalle, Kosice



Crimestory, CSW Znaki Czasu, Toruń
Private Nationalism, Divus, Praha
The Emperor's New Apparel, Karlin Studios, Prague
2013
PERFORMA 13, New York
Learning from Warsaw, Museum Bäregasse, Zurich
Göteborg International Biennial for Contemporary Art, Goteborg
8. Biennale Fotografii, Poznań
Niebezpieczne związki, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
15. Biennale Sztuki Mediów WRO, Wrocław
Mum, I just really need to focus on my art right now, Galeria Arsenał, Poznań
The Emperor's New Apparel, Trafo Gallery, Budapest
Enchanting Forms, IDEAS 40203, Louisville, Kentucky
I Salute the Potter's Clay, Czarna Gallery, Warsaw
2012
Krzyk mody, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw
Rosa Arbeit auf goldender Strasse, exhibit Gallery, Vienna
Dziesięć procent bieli, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
Rysunek wraca w wielkim stylu, Galeria Arsenał, Białystok
4. Artboom Festiwal, Cracow
Happy Birthday Mr. Fluxus, "Zamek" Centrum Kultury Zamek, Poznań
2011
Spectrum. From the Zacheta Video Collection, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna
Thymós. Sztuka gniewu 1900 – 2011, CSW Znaki Czasu, Toruń
14. Biennale Sztuki Mediów WRO, Wrocław
Desire is WAR, The Contemporary Art Gallery of The National Brukenthal Museum, Sibiu
2010
Obraz kontrolny, Museum of Art, Łódź
Ars Homo Erotica, National Museum, Warsaw
Residency Culture, Museum of Contemporary Art Vojvodina, Nowy Sad
Working Title, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
Animal Manifesto, Raster, Warsaw
Fancy Success, Bunkier Sztuki, Cracow
Self Publish, Be Happy, The Photographers' Gallery, London
2009
Prague Biennale 4, Karlin Hall, Prague
Workers Leaving the Workplace, Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Lipsk
New York Photo Festival, DUMBO, New York
Vogue, CCA Łaźnia, Gdańsk
Smell it!, Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna
Live Archive (The Generational: Younger Than Jesus), New Museum, New York
2008
The Young and Evil, tank.tv / Tate Modern, London
Just Different!, Cobra Museum, Amsterdam
Inne miasto, inne życie, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Red eye effect. Polish photography of the 21st century, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw



Queer Zines, New York Art Book Fair, New York
TIT FOR TAT, < rotor >, Graz
Bat-Yam International Biennale of Landscape Urbanism, (szu szu), Bat-Yam
Under the Skin: New Video from Poland, New Museum, New York
2007
Consequences and Proposals, Biennale of Young Artists, Talin
Kolekcja sztuki XX I XXI wieku. Siła Formalizmu, Museum of Art, Łódź
Views 2007, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Dziedzictwo betonu. Od Le Corbusiera do blokiersów, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
5. Biennale Fotografii, Galeria Arsenał, Poznań
2006
Poza, Real Art Ways, Hartford
MEGAZINES, Visionaire Gallery, New York
Miłość i demokracja, CSW Łaźnia, Gdańsk
Samsung Art Master, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
2004
Powinność i bunt, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Ostatnie dni Laboratorium, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
Nova Polska 70-80, (szu szu), Maison Folie de Moulins, Lille
Drang nach West(end), compact/space, Berlin



RESIDENCIES:

2014 FUTURA Center for Contemporary Art, Prague
2011 Residency Unlimited, New York
2009 New Media Center_kuda.org, Novi Sad
2007 Casino Luxembourg, Luxembourg
2006 PROGR, Bern

AWARDS AND HONORS:

2009 Paszport Polityki Award
2009 Minister of Culture and National Heritage Scholarship
2007 Deutsche Bank Foundation Prize finalist
2006 Minister of Culture Scholarship
2006 Samsung Art Master Prize
2002 Minister of Culture Scholarship

INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS:

Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw
Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Wroclaw Contemporary Museum, Wroclaw
Bunkier Sztuki Contemporary Art Gallery, Cracow
Arsenal Gallery, Bialystok
Museum of Art, Lodz
Zachęta Collection, Szczecin
The ING Polish Art Foundation

FILM FESTIVALS:

T-Mobile New Horizons International Film Festival, Wroclaw (2014, 2012)
Millennium Docs Against Gravity Film Festival, Warsaw (2019, 2013)
BFI Flare: London LGBTIQ+ Film Festival (2014)
International Short Film Festival Oberhausen (2011)
And others.

