

Michaela Casková

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1988,
grown up in Czech Republic,
lives and works in Finland.



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Michaela Casková is an artist, art educator, nomadic gardener and forager who keeps an eye on atmospheric events. Walking, observing, asking, being in silence, listening, imagining, picking, foraging, mapping and drawing are some of her tools. Motivated by processes of connecting, sharing, doing, being and learning together she keeps moving between different collaborative and interdisciplinary projects. As a chair of Mustarinda association she takes part in projects intertwining art, science and ecological and cultural diversity. Most of her wanderings, foraging and gatherings are connected to Mustarinda house surrounded by old-growth forest or by the sea in her studio in Lapinlahti bay and Suomenlinna island in Helsinki, or her homeland in Czech Republic.

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Studies & Scholarships

2012 – 2014 – Master in Art Education (M.Ed.), Faculty of Education, Olomouc University, Czech Republic

2014 / 15 – Mustarinda association, Erasmus+ traineeship, Finland

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2010 / 2011 – Academy of Fine Arts, Graphic department, Riga, Latvia

2007 – 2012 – Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Book Design department, Faculty of Fine Arts, Ostrava University, Czech Republic

2003 – 2007 – Secondary School of Arts and Crafts, Department of Space and Creation, Brno, Czech Republic

Membership

Board member of Mustarinda association, (chair 2019–2021), Finland
Örön Residenssikeskus ry / Öro residency Center Association

Residency

2021 – Periscope, Salzburg, Austria

2021 (1st January–31st November) – long term HIAP artist-in-residence, Helsinki-Suomenlinna, Finland

2021 – Ars Bioartica, Kilpisjärvi Biological Station, Lapland

2020 – Kostomuksha Nature Reserve, Russia

2019 – HIAP, Helsinki International Artist Programme, Helsinki-Suomenlinna, Finland
2019 – LIAF (Lofoten International Art Festival), research ship Helmer Hanssen, Norway
2018 – Drake Arts Center, Kokkola, Finland
2018 – Nelimarkka museum, Alajärvi, Finland
2017 – Öro Residency Programme, Finland
2017 – Gallery Síň, Telč, Czech Republic
2017 – Koli Rynnänen Residency, Finland
2016 – Gallery Síň, Telč, Czech Republic

Solo / duo shows

2021 – Periscope gallery, Salzburg, Austria
2021 – Ars Libera Gallery, Kuopio, Finland
2018 – konText gallery, Brno, Czech
2018 – Galleria 3H+K, Pori, Finland
2017 – As a Carrot I live Life in Order, with Romana Horáková, Galerie Síň, Telč, Czech
2015 – Take Me to The Bear Mountains, Galerie Síň, Telč,
2015 – Light Trap, with Honza Šípek, Chapel of Saint John Nepomuk, Nymburk, Czech
2014 – Soil Lazyness, Flop Galerie, Olomouc, Czech
2014 – Dowser, Galerie Prokopka, Praha, Czech
2013 – Before Winter Comes, Galerie Horká, Olomouc
2013 – Naposedu, Galerie 3+1, Praha, Czech
2011 – Eržiko!, Galerie Dům u tří knížat, Brno, Czech

Group exhibitions / symposiums

2021 – Dom Jana Hálu, Liptovská galéria, Slovakia
2021 – Öro, Finland
2019 – LIAF, Lofoten International Art Festival, Biennial, Norway
2018 – Ställbergs Gruva, Sweden
2017 – Mustarinda exhibition, Titanik gallery, Turku, Finland
2017 – Symposium Šumakárt, Šumava, Czech
2016 – LUSTR, festival of contemporary illustration, Prague, Czech
2016 – RurArtMap – zpráva o létě na venkově, Prague, Czech
2016 – Symposium Chaos, Kabinet Gallery, Střítež u Poličky, Czech
2016 – Earthlings, group exhibition of Mustarinda Association Members, Finland
2016 – Kihahari, group exhibition in Moravská zemská library, Brno
2015 – V IKB, Galerie W7, Olomouc, Czech
2015 – Stolen Magpie Nest, Lost walk, streets in Boskovice, Czech
2014 – Diploma Exhibition, Faculty of Art Education, Konvikt, Olomouc
2013 – Ksiaskowy design, Czeski Festival w Giwicach, Gliwice, Poland
2013 – Art Books Wanted, Tabook festival, Tábor, Czech
2013 – Art Books Wanted, Design Blok, Praha, Czech

2013 – Graphics of the Year, Praha, Czech
2012 – Trienal of Student Illustrations, Museum of Art Havlíčkův Brod, Czech
2012 – Symposium Šumakárt, Šumava, Czech
2012 – Diploma Exhibition, Faculty of Fine Arts, Hala Gong, Ostrava, Czech
2012 – Gallery Art Wall, DOX Gallery, Praha, Czech
2012 – Gallery Armaturka, Ústí nad Labem, Czech
2012 – Knihahahaři, Gallery Zamostek, Opole, Poland
2011 – The Most Beautiful Czech Book, The Museum of Czech Literature, Praha
2011 – Book design studio, Katowice, Poland
2011 – Virtualizácija, Galéria L, Riga, Latvia
2010 – Projektowanie graficzne z Ostravy, Krakow, Poland
2010 – Dva razy inaczej, Galerie ZNACZY SIE, Krakow, Poland

Projects & collaboration

2019 – now – Evolution in Action, research team of scientists and art educators, Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland
2018 – series of posters for Nordic block for Gallery Klubovna
2018 – On Art Becoming Forested – Exercises for Post-Fossil Conditions, graphic designer, KUVA – Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki, Finland
2017 – collaboration with magazine Elonkehä, illustrator
2017 – Siemenpuu association, contribution with illustrations and text
2017 – collaboration with Clean Ocean Sailing
2017 – Mustarinda Art workshops for Hyrynsalmi school, teacher and organizer
2017 – founder of Window gallery in Hyrynsalmi village (together with many other Mustarinda members)
2016 – now – yearly Mustarinda Art Camp for children, lecturer and organizer, together with Riitta Nykänen, Selina Väliheikki and Matti Niinimäki, Mustarinda, Finland
2016 – Art teacher – Graphic design and Animation, Art School Řevnice, Czech Republic
2016 – Paper design for Paperi Kauppa Putinki, NIDE Bookstore, Room – Helsinki, Finland
2014 – now – illustrator and graphics designer for Tabula Fabula workshops, Prague
2012 – now – external graphics designer for educational projects for InBáze – center for migrants living in Czech Republic (Crates of stories, Ethno Cook Book for Children, Refufest)
6 / 2015 – concept and realization of public moving library in collaboration with community gardens Za()hrada in Olomouc and Rajská zahrádka in Brno, Czech Republic

6 / 2015 – realization of Migrating bookish booth – public library on wheels for InBáze in Prague
2014 / 2015 – external lecturer for House of Art in Brno
2013 / 2014 – graphics designer for Prague Micro Festival – contemporary poetry fest
2012 – now – external lecturer for art workshops in InBáze, Prague
2010 – now – lecturer of many workhops – bookbinding, illustration, animation etc.
2010 – as illustrator and graphic designer collaborated with many other institutions, associations and independent artists

Awards / Grants

2020–2022 – Kone foundation
2018 – Frame Finland, Mobility grant
2013 – Honorable Mention for book Samozvání, Art Books Wanted, Edition Lidu, Praha
2012 – Honorable Mention for illustration works, Fenomenon Book, Brno

Publications

2020 – Mustarinda magazine, Gather together
2018 – On Art Becoming Forested – Exercises for Post-Fossil Conditions, KUVA – Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki, Finland
2017 – Letters about Future, Siemenpuu foundation
2017 – Elonkehä magazine, 3/2017, 4/2017
since 2016 – Taideleiri Magazine, annually
2016 – Ethno Cook Book for Children, InBáze
(center for migrants in Prague)
2015 – now – Crates of Stories – manuals for multicultural education based on sharing stories, InBáze
2013 – Mustarinda Off the Grid, Mustarinda association
2012 – Samozvání
2010 – City Means