

Marta Zgierska

Martra Zgierska is a Polish artist born in Lublin in 1987. Her work addresses the theme of trauma, liminal experiences and the tensions associated with them. Since her serious car accident, her physically affected body has naturally become a tool for exploring reality. Through performative photography, she explores the canons of feminine beauty and challenges the pressure that contemporary society exerts on women's image. Her work has been exhibited in numerous museums, galleries and festivals. Winner of the 2016 HSBC Prize for Photography and numerous other awards and grants. In 2018, she was nominated for the Foam Paul Huf Award 2018 and the DZ BANK Art Collection Fellowship 2019. In 2019, she was named Artist of the Year at the DongGang International Photography Festival in South Korea. In 2023, she won the Prix Bob Calle du livre d'artiste (Centre Pompidou, Paris, France). A doctoral student at the Doctoral School of Humanities/Institute of Fine Arts, Marie Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, she holds a Master's degree in photography (Polish National Film School, Lodz), a Master's degree in teatrology and a Master's degree in journalism.

Education

2020 - PhD in Fine Arts, Doctoral School of Humanities / Institute of Fine Arts, Marie Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland?
 2009 - 2015 MFA in Photography, The Leon Schiller National Film, Television and Theatre School, Lodz, Poland?
 2006 - 2011 MA in Polish Philology / Teatrology, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland
 2006 - 2011 MA in Journalism, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland

selection of solo exhibitions

2023 Zachęta Project Room, Warsaw, Poland - BWA, Bydgoszcz, Poland
 Short Circuit, FaVu Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
 Photoforum Pasquart, The Biel/Bienne Festival of Photography, Switzerland
 2022 I AM, Museum of Adam Mickiewicz in Smielow, Department of the National Museum in Poznan, Poland
 2021 MIA Photo Fair, Solo show / Gowen Contemporary, Milan, Italy
 2021 Garden, Odesa Photo Days Festival, Ukraine
 2020 Votive Figure, Photo Israel, Tel-Aviv, Israel
 2020 Votive Figure, Athens Photo Festival, Benaki Museum, Greece
 2020 I Do Not Share with Anyone, curator: Adam Mazur, Krakow Photomonth, Poland
 2020 Personal Portrait, Wszyscy Jesteśmy Fotografami, Promotional Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
 2020 Blush, Galerie Sintitulo, Mougins, France
 2019 Blush, Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland
 2019 Artist of the Year, DongGang Museum of Photography, South Korea
 2019 Afterbeauty & Votive Figure, Galerie Intervalle, Paris, France
 2019 Blush, Biala Gallery, Lublin, Poland
 2018 Post, The Fort Institute of Photography, Warsaw, Poland
 2017 Post, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
 2017 Post, heART Geneva, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, Geneva, Switzerland
 2017 Post, Galerie Intervalle, Paris, France
 2017 Post, Filter Space Gallery, Chicago, USA
 2017 Post, Reminders Photography Stronghold Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Duo-show

2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Musée de la Photographie Andre Villers, Mougins, France
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, L'Arsenal, Metz, France
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Arrêt sur l'Image Galerie, Bordeaux, France
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Galerie Sintitulo, Mougins, France

Sélection d'expositions collectives

2020 Photo Basel Berlin Art Fair / Gowen Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
 2020 Art Paris Art Fair / Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Paris, France (virtual edition)
 2020 Photo Basel / Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Basel, Switzerland (virtual edition)
 2019 Votive Figure, Galeristes Art Fair / Galerie Intervalle, Paris, France
 2019 Afterbeauty, Rituals I: Correlations, Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, Austria
 2019 Takeover, PGS National Gallery, Sopot, Poland
 2019 Votive Figure, Polyptyque / Galerie Intervalle, Marseille, France
 2019 Afterbeauty, Artgenève / Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland
 2018 Post, Galeristes Art Fair / Galerie Intervalle, Paris, France
 2018 Identity Issues, Riga Photography Biennial, Latvia
 2018 Angst, Museum Dr. Guislain, Gent, Belgium
 2018 5 x 2 = 10, Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland
 2017 Post, Unseen Photo Fair Amsterdam / Galerie Intervalle, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 2017 Drift, Beirut Art Fair / Gowen Contemporary Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
 2017 Post, Backlight Photo Festival, Tampere Art Museum, Finland
 2016 Post, Festival Circulation(s), Paris, France
 2016 Post, Athens Photo Festival, Benaki Museum, Greece
 2016 Post, FotoLeggendo Festival, Rome, Italy
 2016 Post, Encontros da Imagem International Photography Festival, Braga, Portugal
 2016 Post, Bitume Photofest, Lecce, Italy
 2016 Celeste Visible White Photo Prize, Fondazione Studio Marangoni Gallery, Florence, Italy
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, PAD Paris, France

2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Parcours Saint-Germain, Paris, France
2016 Salon of New Photography, Raster Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
2015 LensCulture Emerging Talents, SF Camerawork, San Francisco, USA
2015 Post, Malmo Fotobiennial, Sweden
2015 Post, Poznan Photo Diploma Award, Maison de la Photographie, Lille, France
2015 Post, Poznan Photo Diploma Award, Biennale of Photography in Poznan, Poland
2015 Post, DongGang International Photo Festival, South Korea
2015 Post, Pa-ta-ta Festival, Granada, Spain
2015 Post, Rencontres de Ghar el Melh, Tunisia
2014 Future Condition, Photokina, Cologne, Germany
2014 Eastreet, East Poland House in Brussels, Belgium
2014 Eastreet, KD Gallery, Nancy, France
2014 Eastreet, Lublin, Poland
2012 Oskoma, FF / Imaginarium Gallery, Lodz, Poland
2012 TIFF Festival Debuts Section, Wroclaw, Poland
2012 Private Property, TIFF Festival, Wroclaw, Poland
2012 Fashion choc moglo byc inaczej, OFFPiotrkowska, Lodz, Poland
2012 Historie Obecności, Fotofestiwal, PWSFTviT, Lodz, Poland
2012 Ostatni Seans, 2b+r Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
2012 Port Praski, MFFM, Jaroslawa, Poland
2011 Ostatni Seans, Fotofestiwal, The Cinematography Museum, Lodz, Poland
2011 Lodz. Widoki poza pamięcią, Skwer, Warsaw, Poland?