

## Marta Zgierska

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Marta Zgierska, born in 1987, Lublin, Poland. She holds MFA in Photography (The Leon Schiller National Film, Television and Theatre School), MA in Theatrology and MA in Journalism (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University). In her artwork she deals with the subject of trauma, liminal experiences and associated tensions. After a serious car accident, her body, physically affected, naturally became a tool for studying reality. In her current works she is stitching painful performative process in colorful sweet aesthetics, taken from the visual code characteristic for the modern beauty industry, to tell about current oppression of feminine body. She explores the canons of feminine beauty and undermines the pressure that the contemporary society exerts on the woman's image. In 2015 she was named one of Lens Culture's Top 50 Emerging Talents. In 2016 she won one of the most prestigious photography awards – Prix HSBC pour la Photographie and also Daylight Photo Awards, Reminders Photography Stronghold Grant, FotoLeggendo Giovanni Tabo Prize and Kolga Tbilisi Photo Award. In the same year she was nominated for the ING Unseen Talent Award. Her project "Post" has been published as a book by Actes Sud in 2016. It received the PDN Photo Annual Award (2017). Her works were exhibited at Finnish Museum of Photography (Helsinki, 2017), International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum (Geneva, 2017), Museum Dr. Guislain (Ghent, 2017), Musée de la Photographie Andre Villers (Mougins, 2016), Galerie Esther Woerdehoff (Paris, 2016), Gowen Contemporary Gallery (Geneva, 2016 and 2019), Galerie Intervalle (Paris, 2017 and 2019), Unseen Amsterdam (2017), Artgenève (2019). Her works were presented also during numerous festivals, including Festival Circulation(s) and Athens Photo Festival. In 2018 and 2021 she was nominated for the prestigious Foam Paul Huf Award, in 2019 for the DZ BANK Art Collection Fellowship. In 2019 she was named Artist of the Year at the DongGang International Photo Festival in South Korea. Her works can be found in the collection of HSBC Foundation and in many private collections.

### Education

2020 - PhD in Fine Arts, Doctoral School of Humanities / Institute of Fine Arts, Marie Curie-Skłodowska 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 / Theatrology, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland?  
 2006 - 2011 MA in Journalism, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

### Upcoming and Current exhibitions

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

### Solo exhibitions

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, Arret sur l'Image Galerie, Bordeaux, France  
 2016 Post, Prix HSBC pour la Photographie, Galerie Sintitulo, Mougins, France`

### Sélection of group show

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 Estreet, 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 Obecnosci, Fotofestiwal, PWSFTviT, Lodz, Poland  
2012 Ostatni Seans, 2b+r Gallery, Warsaw, Poland  
2012 Port Praski, MFFM, Jaroslaw, Poland  
2011 Ostatni Seans, Fotofestiwal, The Cinematography Museum, Lodz, Poland  
2011 Lodz. Widoki poza pamieciami, Skwer, Warsaw, Poland?