



HZA BAŽANT

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As an artist, Hza Bažant has collaborated with a number of institutions such as the National Theatre, Czech Television, Czech Radio, Czech Centres, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and a number of non-profit organisations and private entities.

Hza Bažant is one of the founding members of the Hura collective, with whom he is opening an independent gallery and screen-printing workshop called Hygienic Station in autumn 2008.

He is the leader of the giant puppet troupe Echt Street Puppets, active in Europe and Asia www.echtstreetpuppets.com.

He has exhibited his work in Prague, Paris, Berlin, Dresden, Vienna, Moscow Tokyo and Taipei. He has given numerous workshops in the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, the UK and Taiwan.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019 - Present	Head of stagedesign section, Department of Alternative and Puppet theatre, Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.
2010 - Present	Lecturer, Department of Alternative and Puppet theatre, Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.
2005 - Present	scenic realizations for theatre, film and television productions

EDUCATION

1994 - 1999	Secondary Professional School of Applied Art Prague, Stagedesign department.
2001 - 2007	Department alternative and puppet theatre, Academy of Performing Arts in Prague, Czechia
2008 -2013	PhD studies Alternative and Puppetry and its Theory, Academy of Performing Arts in Prague
2005	Internship in the studio of illustration and graphic design, The Academy of Arts, Architecture & Design in Prague, Czechia
2006	Internship in Bühnenbild studio, Universität der Künste, Berlin, Germany

AWARDS

2021	Graphics of the year 2021 Award for serigraphy „Together“ Association of Czech Graphic Artists HOLLAR Prague
2020	National Theatre Critics' Award, Scenography of the Year 2020 for The Cabinet of Wonders or Orbis pictus, directed by Michala Homolová, Naive Theatre Liberec, CZ
2016	Graphics of the year 2016 Award for serigraphy „Along the stream“ Association of Czech Graphic Artists HOLLAR Prague
2015	Most Beautiful Czech Books of the Year 2015 Book „Nusle“ Award for illustration The National Museum of Czech Literature

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2022 Bones of darknes, Czech centre Paris, Paris, Fr
2018 Hairs, eyes, death, Jatka 78, Prague, Cz
2018 Nusle and other works, Galerie N, Jablonec nad Nisou, Cz
2016 Nusle AO galerie, Vienna, Au
2016 GRAPHIC DAYS KÖLN #2, Kunsthaus Rhenania, Cologne, De
2015 Nusle, Urban Spree Galerie, Berlin, De
2015 The Millionaires Club, Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Leipzig, De
2014 Berlin Graphic Days 4#, Urban Spree Galerie, Berlin, De
2013 Berlin Graphic Days 3#, Urban Spree Galerie, Berlin, De
2013 Signals from the Unknown, DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Prague, Cz
2012 Nusle, Bio Oko, Prague, Cz
2012 Urban Clash, Kunsthaus Tacheless, Berlin, De
2011 Nusle, GAMU Gallery, Prague, Cz
2010 Komiks is my Pony, Mlýnská Gallery, Prague, Cz
2010 Hura 2010, Koloni Gallery, Dresden, De
2010 Mundorum Regnum, Trafo Galerie, Prague, Cz
2009 Meat, Tribo Gallery, Prague, Cz
2009 Horror Monster show, group exhibition, Hygienic Station Gallery, Prague, Cz
2009 Perak, Solo Exhibition, Hygienic Station Gallery, Prague, Cz
2008 Popo Popular, group exhibition, Hygienic Station Gallery, Prague, Cz
2008 Hygienic Station, group exhibition, Hygienic Station Gallery, Prague, Cz
2008 White galleries, Pantheon, Prague, Cz
2007 Hura.cz group exhibition in KC Zahrada, Prague, Cz
2007 Hza Arbeit, Lucerna Palace, Prague, Cz
2007 Co-Mix, Euro-Asian-European Contemporary Art Meditations, Poznan, Pl
2007 Architecture and Comics. Group exhibition, Centre for Central European Architecture, Prague, Cz
2006 exhibition Time Master at the international comics festival Komissia - Moscow, Ru

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

2022 Puppets, Technology, Magic, Jan Bazant and collective, Kant, Cz
2019 La Danseuse du Mao, script Olivier Richard, Edition Pika, Hachette Livre, Fr
2018 ZOOM 4 - Hza Bažant, foreword Ivan Adamovic, Alphabet books, Cz
2017 Alone in the museum and the journey with timemachine, text Petra Braunová, Albatros media, Cz
2016 Alone in the museum, text Petra Braunová, Albatros media, Cz
2015 Nusle, Hura Kolektiv, Cz
2012 Time Master - Phantom Face, script Filip Novák, Hura Kolektiv, Cz
2011 We Are Still at War, Argo, Cz
2011 AARGH! - Annual Special, Alphabet Books, Cz
2010 Generation Zero, Albatros media
2009 Gavron, Alphabetbooks, Cz
2008 Krakatit, adaptation of Karel Capek's novel, TallPress, Cz
2008 Perak, Labyrint, Cz
2006 The Time Lord Volume I, (F. Novák- text, J. Bažant- drawing), Cz
2005-2007 Aargh revue, Alphabetbooks, Cz
2006 Burkele, K9, Ukraine
2005 Only Good Things About the Undead, BBart, Cz

SELECTED SCENIC REALISATIONS

2022 Starý Dobrý Nový, National Theatre, Brno, Cz
2022 The great journey, directed by Michala Homolová, Bábkové divadlo na Rázcestí, Banská Bystrica, Sk
2020 The Cabinet of Wonders or Orbis pictus, directed by Michala Homolová, Naive theatre Liberec, Cz
National Theatre Critics' Award in the category of Scenography of the Year 2020
Materinka festival, award for Scenography
2019 Fuj je to!, Theatre of the Puppets Ostrava, Cz
2019 Mirroring, Prague Quadriennale, Cz
2019 Velvet Arcade, National theatre, Prague, Cz
2018 Major Ape, Luo dong Fringe Festival, LuoDong, TW
2017 Monsters from the deep, with Nori Sawa, Provoz Hlubina, Ostrava, Cz
2014 Man Machine, NoD, Prague, Cz
2012 Perak, Vosto5, Archa Theatre, Prague
2011 Tower, street production Echt Street Puppets, Prague, Berlin,
2012 Mafia Opera, Palác Akropolis, Prague
2011 Perak - the name doesn't matter, Vosto5 Theatre, Meet Factory, Prague
2011 Skeleton, Puppet installation, Manchester, UK
2011 Pirat07&QueenOfLove, directed by Petr Vodička, Czech-Portuguese project of Plzen theatre Alfa a Teatro Obando
2011 Duel, Production by Echt Street Puppets, Prague, Berlin, Kalisz, Pilzner
2010 La Petit Mord, Kaoshiung, Taiwan
2010 Echt Street Puppets, Prague, Berlin, Havírov, Ostrava, Tábor,
2009 Echt Street Puppets, Karneval der kulturen, Berlin
2009 LuoDong Parade, Yilan, TW
2009 Ba-Ya-Ya, Giant Puppet Staging, TW
2008 Echt Street Puppets, Carnival der kulturen, Berlin
2008 Nei Hu Parade, Giant Puppet Parade, Taipei, TW
2008 Dream Parade, Giant Puppet Parade, Taipei, TW
2008 The Time Master - Tyranny of the Moment, directed by Jiri Havelka, Forman Brothers Theatre Boat