

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EXHIBITION OF JEWELLERY BY VERA NOVAKOVA AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY LINA NEMETH IN GALLERY KUSKOVU, PRAGUE**

„TEST CONNECTION“

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**Introduction by Petra Matejovicova (UPM, curator of the precious metals collection)**

**Exhibition 4. 5. – 29. 6. 2011, Tuesday – Friday 1 – 6 pm**

Gallery KusKovu cordially invites you to an exhibition of jewellery by Vera Novakova and photographs by Lina Nemeth entitled “Test connection”.

Jewellery designer Vera Novakova will present highlights of her past work along with her latest collection „Marbles“ and, for the first time in public introducing „Circles on the water“.

Vera Novakova graduated from VSUP in Prague as a jewellery designer 10 years ago. Her spring exhibition in Gallery KusKovu will display the best of her studio output during these years and will show again pieces from collections “Sepiaseries”, “Fourleafs” and “Luna”. These varied collections bear the distinctive signature of the artist – the structure of each jewel highlighting the use of natural contour lines.

Ivana Spicakova, of Gallery KusKovu, promises that the exhibition will offer visitors something new from Vera Novakova’s work: “Vera has recently become interested in the connection between metal and the precious stones. The exhibition will present this connection in an exclusive edition of Vera’s traditional shapes enriched by precious stones – for example a ring from the Sepiaseries combined with opal, coral or real pearls.”

The second part of the installation shows photographs by Lina Nemeth. Lina’s photos take us to places out of the main stream, out of the busy city, but not out of the reach of human beings. Her observation and interaction in the landscape shows a clear, sometimes even bizarre track in her images.

PhDr. Dagmar Caplyginova has said about the exhibited collection of photographs: „The author clearly shows her relaxed delight in wandering around her subject matter – in both her internal or external landscapes. She presses the release button only when she feels somehow very deeply associated with what is around her, when her feeling is close to “open-eye dreaming”.

The combined exhibition of jewellery by Vera Novakova and photographs by Lina Nemeth is entitled “Test Connection”. And there is more than one connection. Vera connects the classical technology with unusual processes, while Lina brings together the poetry of nature and the absurdity of the human interference. Both women are connected by friendship and a common philosophy of life. And both have joined forces effectively in this exhibition.

#### **About the artists:**

**Vera Novakova** (1973) studied metal and precious stones techniques at SUPS in Turnov. In 2001 she graduated at VSUP in Prague as jewellery designer. From 2001 she created her original and limited-series jewellery. Her work was chosen for the international show of contemporary jewellery design Schmuck 99 in Munich and was awarded first prize in the Silver jewel competition in 2003 and 2004. In 2008 Vera’s work gained the award Jewellery of the Year in the art category. In 2009 Vera Novakova was listed in the prestige publication Compendium ranking her among the thousand most important jewellery designers in the world. In her work she uses traditional technology and materials but unusual processes and techniques. At the beginning of her work she experiments, searching for form and shape. It is then transformed into more or less traditional jewellery with the stress on comfort for the wearer. Bringing something new to a small space is her greatest. And most enjoyable challenge.

**Solo exhibitions:**

2008 Designblok 08, Prague  
2007 Designblok 07, Prague  
2006 Designblok 06, Prague  
2005 Designblok 05, Prague  
2001 Galerie Kout, Prague

**Collective exhibitions:**

2010 Designmarket , Prague  
2010 Designroom, Karlovy Vary  
2009 Designmarket, Prague  
2008 Sperk roku, Veletrh Hodiny klenoty Incheba Prague  
2008 Identifikace, Muzeum skla a sperku. Jablonec nad Nisou  
2008 Identifikace, Galeria Sztuki, Legnica, Poland  
2007 Sperk , MHF Smetanova Litomysl  
2007 Ceska republika – krizovatka Evropy, Aktualni design - sperk, Imperial Art Gallery, Peking, China  
2006 Soucasny autorsky sperk, Galerie U prstenu, Prague  
2003 Sperk , MHF Smetanova Litomysl  
2002 Sofa, Praha  
2002 Nase kvetiny, Prague  
1999 Schmuck, International Jewellery Art Exhibition, Munich, Germany  
1999 Sme, Bratislava, Slovakia  
1997 Millenium, International Jewellery Art Exhibition, Tallin, Estonia  
1997 Baroque, Miami University, Ohio, USA  
1996 Saxa Loquntur, Prague  
1995 Galerie Sypka, Brno

**Lina Nemeth** (1980) studied at People's Conservatoire, Department of Art Photography in Ostrava and in 2005 graduated at T. Bata University, Faculty of Multimedia Communications, Department of Photography in Zlin. In 2002 Lina interned at University of Lapland, Faculty of Art and Design, Rovaniemi, Finland, in 2005 at VSUP in Prague and in 2006 at the Centre Méditerranéen de la Photographie, Bastia, France.

**Solo exhibitions:**

2010 Galerie Pod Svicnem, Frydek-Mistek  
2010 Galerie FotoGrafic, Prague  
2007 Vystavni sin designu FUUD, UJEP, Dubi  
2007 Galeria X, Bratislava, Slovakia  
2006 Theatre Chasse, Breda, Holand  
2006 Hogo Fogo Kino Cafe Bar, Lysa nad Labem  
2006 Palac Akropolis, Prague  
2006 Galerie Pod Svicnem, Frydek-Mistek  
2003 Galerie Pod Svicnem, Frydek-Mistek

**Collective exhibitions:**

2009 Aktualizacja, nowa czeska fotografia, Photomonth, Krakow, Poland  
2007 Abbaye de Neumunster, Luxembourg, Luxemburg  
2007 Prazsky dum fotografie, Prague  
2006 Vystavni sin Alternativa, Zlin  
2006 Fotofestival DIAPORAMA, Nantes, France  
2006 Fotofestival, Lodz, Poland  
2006 Centre culturel UNA VOLTA, Bastia, France  
2005 Foyer Mestske divadlo, Zlin  
2004 Parlament Ceske republiky, Prague  
2004 Photo-Kino, Cologne, Germany

**About Gallery KusKovu:**

**Gallery KusKovu** (Piece of Metal) presents objets d'art, sculpture and jewellery made from metal or metal combined with other materials in its permanent collection. Gallery KusKovu introduces art pieces by Czech artists, artist blacksmiths and jewellery designers, both established craftsmen and recent graduates. Its priority is conceptual originality and professional fabrication. Gallery KusKovu regularly presents exhibitions of artists working with metal and other materials or media.

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