

Pavel Opočenský

STATEMENT:

Elegance can also be called beauty and harmony. In any case, this is not only the challenge, but also the lifelong goal of all the jewelry I have created in the past decades. The beauty of materials in harmony with shapes, translucencies, and transparencies. This time I was inspired by a chair I broke in a jazz club. That chair was begging to be made into jewelry, so I had the perfect material for geometrical elegance.

CV:

1954 Born in Karlovy Vary, CZ
Lives and works in Prague, CZ

EDUCATION:

- 1972 Secondary School of Applied Arts (costume jewelry design),
Jablonec nad Nisou, CZ
- 1974 Secondary School of Applied Arts (design and processing of metals
and precious stones), Turnov, CZ

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2022 Close Encounters, Program Health Plus Clinic, Prague, CZ
- 2021 Epidemic, DOX, Prague, CZ
- 2020 Epidemic, DOX, Prague, CZ
- 2020 Epidemic, POUZAR&OVÁ Gallery, Jablonec nad Nisou, CZ
- 2019 Nucleus (drawings), Gallery Klatovy / Klenová, CZ
- 2019 ¾ of My Life, Goldschmiedehaus, Hanau, DE
- 2018 Nucleus (drawings), Sokolská 26 Gallery, Ostrava, CZ
- 2017 Nucleus (drawings), Villa Pellé, Prague, CZ
- 2016 Nucleus (jewelry and drawings), Galerie Biró, Munich, DE
- 2014 Eroempathy, Galerie Září, Prague, CZ
- 2011 Ursakral, Gallery Klatovy / Klenová; Yard Resort, Předboj, CZ
- 2010 Colocircols, Galerie Biró, Munich, DE
- 2010 Colocircols, Galerie Reverso, Lisbon, PT
- 2010 Mobiloids, Visio Art Gallery, Plzeň, CZ
- 2009 Colocircols, Galerie RA, Amsterdam, NL
- 2009 Mobiloids, Municipal Library, Most, CZ
- 2007 Neue Arbeiten, Galerie Biró, Munich, DE
- 2006 Brooches Behind Bars, Mobiloids, Mobilizatoids, Galerie Rozehnal,
Prague, CZ
- 2002 Fragilitas Gradatim, Galerie Pernath, Prague, CZ
- 2001 Fragilitas Tenax, Galerie U Prstenu, Prague, CZ

2000 Fragilitas Tenax, Design Salon, Prague, CZ

2000 Alu-bond 001–050, Galerie Biró, Munich, DE;
Galerie IBO, Klagenfurt, AT;
Galerie U Prstenu, Prague, CZ

1999 The Arched Stone, Galerie Gambit, Prague, CZ; Town Hall, České Budějovice, CZ

1999 The Center of the Block, Film Festival, Uherské Hradiště, CZ

1999 A Hole in the Hole, Old Town Hall, Prague, CZ;
OK Harris – Works of Art, New York, US

1999 Ski Brooches, Gallery Jewelers' Work, Washington D.C., US;
Galerie Sofia Lachaert, Antwerp, BE;
Galerie Marzee, Nijmegen, NL;
Galerie V+V, Vienna, AT;
Galerie Biró, Munich, DE;
Museum of Glass and Jewelry, Jablonec nad Nisou, CZ

1998 Ski Brooches, Galerie U Prstenu, Prague, CZ

1998 A Hole in the Hole, District Museum and Gallery, Jičín, CZ;
Galerie U Kamene, Cheb, CZ;
Town Hall, České Budějovice, CZ

1998 Bakelitomania, Galerie RA, Amsterdam, NL

1997 Stone Jewelry, Galerija Vartai, Vilnius, LT

1997 Bakelitomania, Galerie Biró, Munich, DE

1997 Idols, X-Centrum, Plzeň, CZ

1997 Gallery Jewelers' Work, Washington D.C., US

1997 Initiation into the Matter, Nová síň, Prague, CZ

1996 Idols, Galerie U Prstenu, Prague, CZ

1996 Initiation into the Matter, House of Arts, Brno, CZ

1996 The Matter of a Hole, Sokolská Gallery, Ostrava, CZ

1996 Homage to Zdeněk Pešánek, Felix Jenewein Gallery, Kutná Hora, CZ;
Galerie Marzee, Nijmegen, NL

1995 Interaction with Matter, Mánes, Prague, CZ

1995 Idols, Milevsko Museum, Milevsko, CZ

1995 Materie des Loches, Galerie Biró, Munich, DE

1994 Idols, Galerie Pecka, Prague, CZ

1994 No Title, Rudolfinum (Prague Castle Foundry Courtyard), Prague, CZ;
State Gallery of Fine Arts, Most, CZ;
Sculpture Gallery, Hořice, CZ;
Gallery of Art, Karlovy Vary, CZ

1993 Materie des Loches, Galerie V+V, Vienna, AT

1993 The Matter of a Hole, Galerie pod Vyšehradem, Prague, CZ

1989 OK Harris – Works of Art, New York, US

1988 Idols, Art Wear Gallery, New York, US

1988 Susan Cummins Gallery, San Francisco, US

1988 OK Harris – Works of Art, New York, US

1986 Helen Drutt Gallery, Philadelphia, US

1985 The Elements Gallery, Greenwich, US
1977 Rubín Theater, Prague, CZ

AWARDS:

2004 *Kašna Award*, Kuřim u Brna, CZ
2003 *34th German Award for Jewellery and Precious Stones*, Idar-Oberstein
1993 *The Čapek Brothers Foundation*, Prague, CZ
1990 *Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant*, New York, USA
1990 *Empire State Craft Alliance*, New York, USA
1986 *New York Foundation for the Arts*, New York, USA
1985 *Art Quest 85*, University Art Museum, California, USA

WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

National Gallery Prague, Prague, CZ
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
Smithsonian American Art Museum – Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C., USA
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
Die Neue Sammlung – The Design Museum, Munich, DE
Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA
The Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
Kunstindustrimuseet, Oslo, NO
Museum für angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt am Main, DE
Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague, Prague, CZ
Slovak National Gallery, Bratislava, SK
Moravian Gallery, Brno, CZ
Regional Museum in Turnov, Turnov, CZ
Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, New York, USA
International Sculpture Center, Washington, D.C., USA
North Bohemian Museum, Liberec, CZ
Museum of Glass and Jewelry, Jablonec nad Nisou, CZ