They All Met in Karlsbad: New London Exhibition Features Unusual Collaborations across Disciplines

Press release

***They All Met in Karlsbad* is a group exhibition presenting work by eight Czech artists created during their recent residencies in the town of Karlsbad. Contrasting artists worked side by side using different materials and techniques, resulting in unique collaborations across disciplines such as glassmaking, textile work, painting and sculpture, linked through the theme of water and its transformative power as a shared source of inspiration.**
Opens at Notting Hill's Window Gallery on 11 July.



RESIDENCY AS AN ARTISTIC DIALOGUE

The exhibition is the outcome of the featured artists' 2024 residency in the Czech town of Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad), organised by Prague's Magnus Art Gallery. Aspiring to create space for new artistic dialogues, residencies were offered to two artists at the time, with artists deliberately paired across disciplines. This meant that for one month, a sculptor had a chance to work alongside a painter, a glassmaker created in parallel with a textile artist, and so on. As a result, brand new challenges were embraced, giving way to original artworks combining the artists' respective materials and techniques.

ART-MAKING THERMAL SPRINGS

Other than the artists drawing from each other, the historic town of Karlovy Vary, centred round its healing thermal springs, provided additional inspiration, with the water element becoming the exhibition's connecting theme. A good example showcasing the use of water and its power are textile objects by artist Lucie Rosická, who immersed her pieces in Karlsbad's mineral water,

creating a crystalline layer with a mesmerising deep-water-like look.

'The variety of works featured in the exhibition illustrates the wonderful diversity of the contemporary Czech art scene. What we found most exciting about the project, however, was the artists' immediate readiness to engage in creative dialogues' says curator Valérie Horváth.

Previously shown in Karlovy Vary and Prague, a curated selection of the *They All Met in Karlsbad* project is now coming to London, inviting visitors to be inspired by the unique artistic methods and collaborations that come to life when young artists are given the space to truly flourish.

'Karlovy Vary, Johann W. Goethe's cherished retreat, a renowned spa town, home to one of the world's oldest film festivals, and currently also a vibrating creative space for international artists' residencies. Explore this unique visual art exhibition featuring works from multiple Magnus Art residencies, now on display in an exclusive international premiere at Notting Hill's Window Gallery' adds Přemysl Pela, Director of Czech Centre London

They All Met in Karlsbad is on show from 11 July until 31 August 2025**.**
Private View on Friday 11 July will be attended by artists Karíma Al-Mukhtarová and TEA.



From left to right: Anna Jožová a Lucie Rosická; Karíma Al-Mukhtarová a TEA; Anežka Hošková

FEATURED ARTISTS
Anežka Hošková and Jakub Hošek / Anna Jožová and Lucie Rosická / Karíma Al-Mukhtarová and TEA / Néphéli Barbas and Jakub Tytykalo

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