

Eva Špačková – Marie Šťastná – Jakub Ivánek: *Univerzita a umění. Umělecká díla ve veřejném prostoru VŠB-TUO / Art on Campus. The Public Art Collection at VŠB-TUO*. Ostrava: VŠB-TUO, 2017.

The subject of the book is a collection of works of art at the VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava. The collection was either, historically speaking, created directly for the sake of the architecture of the campus or it was integrated into it subsequently so it is now perceived as part of it. That is why the book starts with a chapter about the architectonic development of the campus. It is followed by a chapter discussing the functions and trends of the artwork in the public space. Specific attention is also paid to design objects of which the artistic potential is combined with practical use. The main part of the book consists of chapters concerning particular artworks chosen within the present day campus – their appearance, their history, their connection to architecture and their function within the campus and the university environment as a whole. The book is well accompanied by both contemporary and historic photographs, maps of the campus and short biographies of the authors of the artworks, and the campus architecture as well. The book was published in a bilingual edition – all the texts are available in both Czech and English.

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