

# MOCAK - grand opening



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**Museum of Contemporary Art in Krakow opens today (19 May, Thursday) its doors. The inauguration MOCAK-u (Museum of Contemporary Art in Krakow, Poland) will be attended by the President of the Republic of Polish Bronislaw Komorowski and the Mayor of Krakow, Jacek Majchrowski.**

"This is the first in Poland, the Museum of Contemporary Art built from the ground up" - said today (May 19) press conference, Mayor Jacek Majchrowski. The President also recalled that the creation of this institution was a part led by the city redevelopment Zablocie - post-industrial district of Krakow - now one of the most popular places in our city.

"It seemed that the neighborhood MOCAK's and the historical museum in Schindler's factory is not the happiest. However, I am very happy with the neighborhood. It puts before us the need for dialogue" - Anna Maria insisted Potocka MOCAK director.

At the opening of the museum will be presented with six exposures. The first is "History in Art" - international exhibition of 44 artists showing an alternative and critical picture of history. One of the main objectives of the presentation of more than 120 works is to analyze the relationship between history and art and to look at the history of obiegowemu image. The exhibition will run until 25 September 2011

The second exhibition is "Collection MOCAK-u". The main tasks of the new museum should be collecting and presenting the art of the last two decades in the context of the postwar avant-garde and conceptual art. The current museum collection includes several dozen works by Polish and foreign artists. The exhibition will be a demonstration of the diversity of attitudes, the media, and interpretation of current in contemporary art.

"Foundation Award Vordemberge-Gildewart" - this, in turn, exhibition of young Polish artists. Vordemberge-Gildewart Foundation was established in 1981 at the initiative of Ilse Vordemberge-Leda, promotes young artists, who have not attained the thirty-fifth year of life. For this purpose, since 1983 every year in the chosen country of Europe is organizing a scholarship contest. This year we had the first Polish edition of the competition. Exhibition of works by all participants will be on display until 26 June 2011

The fourth exhibition "surprise is no surprise. Bibliophilia" - includes fourteen photographs from the series *Bibliophilia*, showing the library as a space where they meet the intellect and senses. The heroines photos are included compared to books, roznegliżowane friend of the artist and model. The exhibition is an attempt to show the library as a space in which to meet the intellect and the senses, it will be open until 8 September 2011

"Library Mieczyslaw Porębski" is Another exhibition on show in MOCAK-u. In the side building of the museum houses the library. In one of its halls is exhibited Porębski Mieczyslaw Library. This eminent Polish art historian many years ago expressed his desire to transfer his collection Museum of Contemporary Art in Cracow. When the museum was established, he returned to this idea, providing the institution part of the library in Krakow. The books were gathered in a room, which refers to the arrangement of the interior cabinet Professor in the Cracow apartment. Despite the character's exposition Mieczyslaw Porębski will be available to students and academics.

This last exhibition "ALIAS: Madeleine Sante. MOCAK score one of the main program project Month of Photography in Krakow. The exhibition presents six alternative title biographies of fictional heroines - Madeleine Sante. The exhibition will be open to 12 June 2011

**Its doors to all visitors MOCAK opens on Friday (20 May) during the special event which will be the eighth edition of the Krakow's Night of Museums.** In addition to its exhibitions, attendees will show 25 short films selected from the archival recordings of Polish Newsreel. These are the parts of the documentation of artistic events in Polish institutions of art in the years 1950-1988 (including Tadeusz Kantor's happenings, exhibitions Magdalena Abakanowicz and Alina Szapocznikow). PKF show will be held in the auditorium of the audiovisual MOCAK-u (main building) at. 19.00 and will be repeated at 20.30, 22.00 and 23.30.

Recall that the Contemporary Art Museum in Krakow is Poland's first institution of this kind, which was created from scratch. The building was in Schindler's former factory in the post-industrial district Zabłocie, which in recent years, undergoing rapid revitalization. It is designed by Claudio Nardi, an Italian architect and designer of interiors, which refers to the trend neomodernistycznego.

MOCAK will gather an international collection of art, showing works of the last twenty years and the latest artistic trends with reference to the tradition of conceptual art. The program also includes the institutions of education, research projects and publications. Within the museum there are also: library, bookstore MOCAK bookstore, audiovisual room, a café and a unique Cafe MOCAK Polish contemporary art conservation lab. Additional information about MOCAK-in is available at [www.mocak.pl](http://www.mocak.pl) (KF)