

Martin Janecký

(b. 1980; Czechia)
Lives and works in Prague, Czechia

Martin Janecký has established himself as an exceptional glass sculptor in both the Czech and international contexts. He is renowned particularly for the technique of inside sculpting (the technique of shaping a hot glass bubble from within), which he mastered through studying with leading glass artists around the world. Thanks to his technical precision, he is able to achieve unusual expressiveness and anatomical accuracy, including all the individual traces that make each face unique.

In his work, technical virtuosity meets a deep engagement with the figurative tradition. The central motif of his practice is the human head and bust, in which one can recognize references to ancient cultures, Baroque and Classicist portraiture, as well as early modern sculpture. Janecký works with historical visual archetypes, transforming them into contemporary iconic figures – Starmen, Thinkers, Dreamers – through which he examines introspection, existential tension, and universal questions of human existence.

Janecký was born in the Czech Republic, studied at the Pilchuck Glass School in the United States, and after his studies taught at art and craft schools in the USA, Mexico, South Africa, and Australia. In 2020, he founded his own glass studio in Prague's Malá Strana district.

EDUCATION:

2006 - 2007
Pilchuck Glass School, USA / William Morris

2006
Pilchuck Glass School, USA / Richard Royal

1994-1998
Secondary Technical School of Glass, Nový Bor, Czechia

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

2026
Dreamers, Palazzo Franchetti, Venice, Italy

2025
Dreamers, KodlContemporary, Prague, Czechia

2024
Leftovers, Mausoleum of David Černý, Prague, Czechia
Martin Janecký & Rony Plesl: To Be or Not to Be / That is the question, Clam-Gallas Palace, Prague, Czechia
Prague Art Week, Savarin Palace, Prague, Czechia
Summer art salons, KODL Gallery, Prague, Czechia
AgamFahy & Janecký Glass Dreamlike, Kuzebauch Gallery, Prague, Czechia

2022
Starmen and Other Studio Work in Glass, Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague, Czechia
František Skála and Martin Janecký, *Glass Kaleidoscope*, Kuzebauch Gallery, Prague Czechia

2020
Art in Oisterwijk, Etienne Gallery, Oisterwijk, Netherlands

2019
Pleiad of Glass 1946-2019, Museum of Decorative Arts , Prague, Czechia

2018
Heller Gallery, New York, United States
Schantz Galleries, Stockbridge, United States
Kuzebauch Gallery, Prague, Czechia
Museum Kampa/Portheimka Permanent Exhibition of Contemporary Glass Art, Prague, Czechia
ArtPrague, Kuzebauch Gallery, Prague, Czechia
SOFA Chicago, Heller Gallery, Chicago, United States

2017
TREASURER Basel, Kuzebauch Gallery, Basel, Switzerland

2016
23ème Festival international des Arts du Verre, Palau del Vidre, France
Prague NOW!, Prague, Czechia
Vessel Gallery, London, United Kingdom
DSC Gallery, Prague, Czechia

2015
SOFA Chicago, United States
Slow! Glass!, Kuzebauch Gallery, Ambiente, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Glass Museum Nový Bor, Nový Bor, Czechia

2014
Taos Institute for Glass Arts, Taos, United States
Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, United States
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, United States

2013
Habatat Galleries, Chicago, United States
SOFA Chicago, w. Habatat Galleries, Chicago, United States

2012
SOFA Chicago, Habatat Galleries, Chicago, United States

2011
Habatat Gallery, Royal Oak, United States
Rising Star Presenter, Wheaton Village Museum of American Glass, Millville, United States
SOFA Santa Fe, Santa Fe, United States
Portmoneum - Josef Váchal Museum, Litomyšl, Czechia

2010
New Glass and Photography, Berlin, Germany
38th International Glass Invitational, Habatat Gallery, Royal Oak, United States
The International Exhibition of Glass Kanazawa 2010, Kanazawa, Japan
SOFA Chicago, w. Habatat Galleries, Chicago, United States
Nový Bor Glass Museum, Nový Bor, Czechia

2009
Habatat Gallery, Royal Oak, United States
Traver Gallery, Tacoma, United States
Marta Hewett Gallery, Cincinnati, United States
International Glass Symposium Exhibition 2009, Ajeto Museum Bor, Czechia
Jean-Claude Chapelotte Gallery, Luxembourg
K! Gallery Maastricht, Netherlands

2008
Habatat Gallery, Chicago, United States
36th International Glass Invitational, Habatat Gallery, Royal Oak, United States
Habatat Gallery, Chicago, United States

2007
35th International Glass Invitational, Habatat Gallery, Royal Oak, United States
Marta Hewett Gallery, Cincinnati, United States
Pilchuck Auction, Seattle, United States
SOFA, Chicago, United States

2006
Craft and Art in Glass 2006, Glass Museum Nový Bor, Czechia
Marta Hewett Gallery, Cincinnati, United States

Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, United States
Pilchuck Auction, Seattle, United States

AWARDS

2010
Collectors Award Dennis and Barbara Dubois, 38th International Glass Invitational Awards Exhibition, Habatat Gallery, Chicago, United States

2008
Artist of the Month, Art Alliance for Contemporary Art, United States

2006
Kaiser Foundation Award, Pilchuck Glass School, United States

2005
Nominated for the SAXE award for the best TA, Pilchuck Glass School, United States

2001
Crafts and art in glass, Glass Museum Nový Bor, Czechia