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CELEBRATING PRINT 2014

December 8, 2014 – January 15, 2015

Exhibition opening reception: Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Exhibition guided tour: Monday, January 12, 2015, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Venue: BBLA Gallery, 321 East 73rd Street, 3rd Floor, New York NY 10021

Exhibition website www.kadsny.com

New York City - November 4, 2014 | KADS New York presents the second annual *Celebrating Print 2014* - an international exhibition of contemporary fine art prints and paper objects. The exhibition will be on view at the BBLA Gallery in New York City from December 8, 2014 – January 15, 2015.

"Celebrating Print 2014" includes a juried exhibition, CPC 2014 Challenge and a selection of 20th Century Czech prints.

Selected by New York-based artist and printmaker Eva Nikolova, *Celebrating Print 2014* introduces thirty-three projects by twenty-four artists from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany and the USA. The selection represents a variety of printmaking techniques, including traditional intaglio, relief, stone lithography, silkscreen, monotype and collage.

The *Celebrating Print 2014* artists are: Anneli Arms, Roman Balaz, Lukas Freytag, Ladislav Hanka, Radoslava Hrabovska, Jana Hubatkova, Kama Jackowska, Bara Jichova, Magda Korsinsky, Michael Kukla, Robert Kuzidlo, Lucie Lucanska, Dita Maleckova, Livia Mezovska, Milos Michalek, Martin Mulac, Dusan Pacuch, Sylva Pauli, Lenka Rochovanska, Andrea Safarikova, Kamila Stanclova, Helena Stouracova, Darina Vybohova, and Tomas Zemla.

Highlights of the exhibition include Kamila Stanclova's mysterious etchings "*Compliment is Something like a Kiss Through the Veil (V.Hugo)*" and "*Dance with Wolves*", Jana Hubatkova's multicolor gestural lithographs "*Toward the Stone*" and "*Water into Water*", Magda Korsinsky's silkscreen "*Bond*" and Milos Michalek's layered wood print "*One*", among others.

Juror Eva Nikolova: "*It is precisely the plurality of distinctive voices that stands as testament to the vitality of Czech and Slovak printmaking - its strong tradition and continued relevance amongst its generations of artists. Of course common themes and approaches do emerge, including: a focus on narrative (invented or re - interpreted), the contemplation of nature and landscape, compositions based on private moments and musings, various modes of abstraction and the layering of elements from disparate pictorial systems. While some prints incorporate photographic and/ or found images, works based in drawing dominate the show.*"

The *Celebrating Print 2014 Challenge: Homage to Jiri Kolar* features paper objects by seven New York-based printmakers, print instructors and Master Printers: Arnold Brooks, Pepe Coronado, Vijay Kumar, Katerina Kyselica, Paula Praeger, Moses Ros-Suarez and Larry Schulte.

Five sought-after intaglio prints by renowned Czech artist Jiri Anderle, including “Girl with a Pearl Necklace, After Vermeer” (1981) and “Monsieur Riviere Entre Nous” (1975), will be on view in an adjacent exhibition space, accompanied by etchings by Jindrich Pilecek and a surrealist lithograph by Josef Liesler.

A full-color catalog will accompany the exhibition and will be available to purchase at KADS NY. A Quantarex Cash Award in the amount of \$250 and BBLA Cash Award in the amount of \$200 will be awarded to two artists for outstanding fine art print selected by Eva Nikolova. The Awards will be announced at the opening reception.

Eva Nikolova, CPC 2014 Juror, is a Bulgarian-born, New York city-based visual artist, printmaker and curator. She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Printmaking from Indiana University, Bloomington. Her work has been exhibited nationally as well as in England, Canada, Scotland, and India. It has received numerous awards and is in the permanent collections of the New Orleans Museum of Art, Temple University, The Amity Art Foundation, Manhattan Graphics Center, Arkansas State University, and others.

The ***Celebrating Print 2014*** competition is organized under the auspices of the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in New York and the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York, with the media support of the Czech Center New York.

KADS New York’s exhibitions are available for tour. For additional information, please contact Katerina Kyselica at: katerina@kadsny.com, or call 540-538-2931.

Celebrating Print is an annual survey of contemporary fine art prints, focusing on recent works by artists of Czech and Slovak backgrounds. Celebrating Print is organized by KADS New York with the mission to raise awareness of the tradition of Central European printmaking, encourage explorations in contemporary original prints as well as promote Czech and Slovak printmaking. The first Celebrating Print Exhibition entitled “Masters of Czech and Slovak Printmaking” took place in December 2013, presenting over sixty fine art prints - etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and mixed media prints from twenty-seven renowned Czech and Slovak artists.

KADS New York is a New York based print dealer and art and design consulting studio presenting fine art prints from Central and Eastern Europe. Established in 2010, KADS NY has been regularly showing Central European prints at various venues in New York and other states as well as organizing educational events in partnership with other cultural institutions.

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BBLA (Bohemian Benevolent & Literary Association) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1891 in New York City with an office and exhibition space at the historic Bohemian National Hall. The mission of BBLA is to preserve and support Czech and Slovak culture in New York City.

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