

Palo Čejka — Beautiful Things

Curator Omar Mirza

Opening 27 February 2020, 6pm

Duration 28 February – 26 April 2020

Venue Salon

“(I think) the depicted image is not separated enough from the object and its story. It is simply not abstract enough...”

What do you find beautiful? Is beauty subjective or objective? Can it be abstract? Or can it only describe concrete things which are considered beautiful? Is something beautiful when we want to own it? And when we cannot, does it lose its attraction? Is it no longer good enough for us to even consider it?

Palo Čejka carved many things into linoleum – simply because he considers them beautiful. Even if he/we cannot see/recognise them. His first solo exhibition at the Nitra Gallery will present three series of his prints: in colour, shades of grey and black and white. And many other things, objects, items. All of them beautiful.

Come and take a look at the reverse side of beauty and realise it is even more beautiful!

Mgr. art. Pavol Čejka (* 1973, Bratislava) is a printmaker, illustrator, graphic designer, punk, occasional slam-poet, singer and lyricist of the Kamoško & Kokosko band, DJ Reverend, garden enthusiast, teacher, father. Between 1992 – 1998 he studied at the Academy of Fine Arts and Design. At first, he studied photography at Milota Havránková's studio and then graphic design at Ľubomír Longauer's studio. He lives and carves in Bratislava.

Omar Mirza

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary

beauty noun /'bju:ti/

1. [uncountable] the quality of giving pleasure to the senses or to the mind, e.g. **beauty of something** *the beauty of the sunset/of poetry/of his singing / The woods were designated an area of outstanding natural beauty. / beauty products/treatments (= intended to make a person more beautiful)*
2. [countable] a person or thing that is beautiful, e.g. She had been a beauty in her day. / Isn't she a little beauty?

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beautiful adjective /'bju:tɪfl/

1. having beauty; giving pleasure to the senses or to the mind, e.g. a beautiful woman/girl / What a beautiful day! / a beautiful face/baby/voice/garden/beach / beautiful countryside/weather/music / She looked stunningly beautiful that night. / The scenery here is so beautiful. / What a beautiful thing to say!
2. very good; very kind or showing great skill, e.g. Thank you—you have done a beautiful thing. / What beautiful timing!

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thing noun /θɪŋ/

1. [countable] an object whose name you do not use because you do not need to or want to, or because you do not know it
2. [countable] an object that is not alive in the way that people and plants are
3. things [plural] (rather informal) objects, clothing or tools that belong to somebody or are used for a particular purpose
4. [countable] a fact, an event, a situation or an action; what somebody says or thinks
5. things [plural] (rather informal) the general situation, as it affects somebody