

JÓZEF ROBAKOWSKI/ CV

Born in 1939 in Poznan, Poland. Lives and works in Łódź, Poland.

Education

Graduated from the Department of Fine Arts of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń and the Camera Department of the Film, Television and Theatre State Academy in Łódź.

Exhibitions (selected)

- 2025 Change to come. Engagement in Polish art, SKD, Kunsthalle im Lipsiusbau, Dresden, DE
- 2024 The Right to the City: Public Space on Film, Mishkin Gallery, New York, USA
- 2023 Angular Dynamics, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
- 2021 The Artist Is Present, MOCAK Kraków, PL
Józef Robakowski - Art As Energy!, Baltic Gallery of Contemporary Art Ustka, Ustka, PL
- 2017 Nearer – Farther Luigi Pecci Centre for Contemporary Art, Prato, IT
Art Encounters 2nd edition. Life A User's Manual, Art Encounters, Timisoara, RO
- 2016 Transmissions: Art in Eastern Europe and Latin America, 1960-1980, MoMA, New York, USA
- 2015 Józef Robakowski - Szpula energetyczna | Energetic Reel , lokal_30, Warsaw, PL
The Living Gallery. Art of the 1970s in a Film by Józef Robakowski, Profile Foundation, Warsaw, PL
Józef Robakowski - Józef R.'s Little Video-Theatre, Galeria Labirynt - BWA Lublin, Lublin, PL
WRO Media Art Biennale, Wrocław, PL
- 2013 Der Linie nach, ZAK | BRANICKA, Berlin, DE
WRO Media Art Biennale: Pioneering Values, Wrocław, PL
- 2012 Jozef Robakowski. The Handshake, ZKM Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, DE
My Own Cinema, Centre for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
Apocalypse, 13 muz, Szczecin, PL
Der Linie nach, Gallery ŻAK | BRANICKA, Berlin, DE
Istota Idei, National Museum in Gdansk, PL
Front Wschodni, Atlas Sztuki, Lodz, PL
The Unseen - The Fourth Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, CH
- 2011 Concept Photography from Poland, Freies Museum Berlin, Berlin, DE
P A R T I C O L A R E. Paths of democracy, 54th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennale, Signum Foundation, Palazzo Donà, Venice, IT
Józef Robakowski, MINI/Goethe-Institut Curatorial Residencies Ludlow 38, New York, USA
3rd Athens Biennale 2011 - MONODROME, Athens, GR
- 2010 Peep Generation, Museum Sztuki, Lodz, PL
A Part of No-Part: Parallelisms Between Then and Now, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, USA
- 2009 WITKACY – ROBAKOWSKI: Confidence Men, Gallery ŻAK | BRANICKA, Berlin, DE
Wystawa Śląskiej Kolekcji Sztuki Współczesnej, Galeria Śląska BWA, Bielsko Biala, PL
- 2008 Regard-Camera, Portrait de l'artiste en spectateur, Centre d'art contemporain de la Ferme du Buisson, Marne-la-Vallee, FR
So ist es und anderes (Porządki urojone), Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, DE
The Way Things Are..., CSW (CoCA), Torun, PL
1, 2, 3... Avant-Gardes: Film/Art Between Experiment and Archive, (Analytical Strategies), Tate Modern, London, UK

- Bunkier Sztuki Collection, Galeria Starego Browaru, Poznan, PL
 VideoZone, The 4th International Video Art, Biennale in Israel, CCA, Tel Aviv, IL
 Collection of 20th and 21st Century Art, ms2 (Muzeum Sztuki), Łodz, PL
 I will, WUK / Kunsthalle, Vienna, AT
- 2007 Józef Robakowski PERSON!, Cinematheque Ontario, Toronto, CAN. Documenta 12, Film Programme, BALI Kinos, Kassel, DE
 Delusive Orders, Museum of Art, Łódź, PL
 Analogue: Pioneering Video from the UK, Canada and Poland (1968-88), MOCCA-Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, CA
 Miragges of Józef R. (Retrospective), Museum of Art, Łódź, PL
 The Second Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, Moscow, RU
 Antyphotography, 5th Photo Biennale, Arsenal Gallery, Poznan, PL
 Polish photography in the 20th Century, Palac Kultury i Nauki, Warsaw, PL
 Concrete Legacy: from le Corbusier to the Homeboys, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
 Nachbarn. Deutsche Motive in polnischer Gegenwartskunst, Kultur Forum Altona, Hamburg, DE
 Time Remembered. Mala Gallery 1977-2006, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
 Die Zweite Avantgarde das Fotoforum Kassel 1972-1982, Foundation Moritzburg (Kunstmuseum), Halle, DE
 Art till it Hurts, Galerie Magazin, Berlin, DE
- 2006 Analogue: Pioneering Artists „Video from Poland (1968-1988)”, Tate Modern, London, UK
 One-Minute Films, Tate Modern, London, UK
 The Other City, Trafo Gallery, Budapest, HU
 The Energy of Remittance, Austrian Cultural Forum, Warsaw, PL
 In Poland, That is Where?, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
 European Festival of Performance, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
 20th Century in the Polish Photography, Collection of the Museum of Art in Łódź, Nugata City Art Museum, JP
 Tranzit - Auditorium, Stage, Backstage, Eine Ausstellung in 32 Szenen, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt am Main, DE
 1, 2, 3... AVANT-GARDE, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
 Weak Foundations, Momenta Art, Brooklyn, New York, USA
 E-Flux Video Rental, Arthouse at the Jones Center-Contemporary Art for Texas, Austin, USA
 You Cannot Come Closer, Cell-Project Space, London, UK
 Fighting Poland, Christine Koenig Galerie, Vienna, AT
 En compagnie de Joseph Robakowski Les Yeux de l'Oui, Nancy, FR
 Józef Robakowski - In Person, Austrian Museum of Film, Vienna, AT
- 2005 EGOCENTRIC, IMMORAL, OUTMODED Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, PL
 WRO 05 Media Art Biennale WRO Center for Media Art, Wroclaw, PL
 e-flux VIDEO RENTAL, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, DE
 Józef Robakowski (Telekiner and Polish Found Footage), TTT Gallery, London, UK
 Józef Robakowski (Special-Energetic Pictures), 51 International Days of Short Films, Oberhausen, DE
 Art... Is Never Wrong (The Workshop of the Film Form 1970-1977), Neues Museum Weserburg, Bremen, DE
 Spaces of Intimacy (Contemporary Polish Photography and Video Art), Strasbourg 2004, Thessaloniki, Szczecin 2005
 Two Asias, Two Europes, Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, CH
 Malerei II (O.Holzappel, F.Nitsche, J.Robakowski, M.Vater), Johnen + Schoettle

Persons Projects

- Gallery, Cologne, DE
- 2004 Memoires Du Temps De L'Immaturite, Passage de Retz, Paris, FR
The Workshop Of The Film Form 1970-77, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, USA
Collected Views From East Or West, Generali Foundation, Vienna, AT
Warsaw - Moscow 1900-2000, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, PL
De Ma Fenetre Des Artistes Et Leurs Territoires, Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, FR
Video Zone 2, Center for Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv, IL
- 2003 Von Monument Zum Markt (Polish Video Art), Podewil, Berlin, DE. Comportement Energetique, Galerie Satellite, Paris, FR
Energetische Ecken - Józef Robakowski, Museum of Modern Art, Huenfeld, DE.
Organic Pictures 1958/2003 - Józef Robakowski, 86 Gallery, Łódź, PL
Found Footage in Poland, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
Turbulent Screen, Edith - Russ - Haus für Medienkunst, Oldenburg, DE
A Short History Of Polish Avant-Garde And Experimental Film, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA
Rafal Bujnowski / Jozef Robakowski, Galerie Ruediger / Schoettle, Munich, DE
- 2002 15th Stuttgart Filmwinter, Festival for Expanded Media, Stuttgart, DE
Around Decade, Museum of Art, Łódź, PL
Robakowski / Cahen, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, PL
Changing Places, Index The Swedish Contemporary Art Foundation, Stockholm, SE
From My Window - Video Show, Anthony Wilkinson Gallery, London, UK
Atelier of Mondrian I Minimal Art, Museum of Art, Łódź, PL
Video Zone, 1st Biennale of Video Art, Tel Aviv, IL
Person / Zeit / Raum – Photographie from Poland, Museum of Contemporary Art, Salzburg, AT
- 2001 18 Kasseler Dokumentarfilm und Videofest, Kassel, DE. 5th Graz Biennial On Media And Architecture, Graz, AT
Videonale, Kunstverein, Bonn, DE
Selbstbildenisse, Neues Museum Weserburg, Bremen, DE
- 2000 Negotiators of Art – Facing Reality, Centre for Contemporary Art, Bathouse, Gdansk, PL
The Workshop Of The Film Form 1970-77, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
Samizdat (Alternative Kultur in Zentral und Osteuropa: Die 60er bis 80er Jahre), Akademie der Künste, Berlin, DE
From My Window (solo show), Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt am Main, DE
Pologne 1970-1990 (film-video), Cinédoc, Paris, FR
Construction in Process (VII edition), District Museum, Bydgoszcz, PL
2000 + Arteast Collection, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, SL
- 1999 Global Conceptualism: Points of Origin 1950s-1980s, Queens Museum of Art, New York, US.
Translocation (new)media art, Generali Foundation, Vienna, AT
8th Biennial of Moving Images, Centre for Contemporary Images, Saint-Gervais, Génève, CH
- 1998 The Łódź Film School Of Poland: 50 Years, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
Avantgarde films and videos from Central Europe, The LUX Centre, London, UK
Body And The East, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, SL
- 1997 Polish Art 1945-1996, Mucsarnok Gallery, Budapest, HU
Energetic Picture, Arsenal Gallery, Poznan; Bunkier Sztuki Gallery, Krakow, PL
Contemporary Polish Photography, Ernst Museum, Budapest, HU
- 1996 The Butterfly Effect, Mucsarnok Gallery, Budapest, HU
Projections, Les Transports De L'Image, Studio le Fresnoy, Tourcoing, FR
- 1995 LAB 5 International Film, Video and Computer Art Exhibition, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
Art of the Energy Mediation, BWA Gallery, Katowice, PL

Persons Projects

- 1994 Der Riss Im Raum, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, D; Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, PL
VIP - Video Art in Poland, Museum of Art, Łódź, National Museum, Poznan, PL
Minima Media (Medienbiennale), Fabrikhallen, Leipzig, DE
Europa, Europa, Kunst und Ausstellungshalle, Bonn, DE
- 1993 Polnische Avantgarde 1930-1990, Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin, DE
- 1992 Lyon / Łódź - La collection du Musée de Łódź, Musée d'Art Contemporain
Lyon, FR
Deutscher Videokunst Preis 1992, ZKM, Karlsruhe, DE
36 London Film Festival, National Film Theatre, London, UK
- 1991 New Spaces Of Photography, Museum of Architecture, Wrocław, PL
5 Manifestation de Video, Centre Video, Montbeliard, FR
Videonale 4, Kunstverein, Bonn, DE
- 1989 What Is Photography (150 Years of Photography), Mánes, Prague, CZ
- 1988 International Festival of Video and Electronic Art, Locarno, CZ
- 1987 Private Photography (Out of Eastern Europe), Massachussets, USA
- 1985 Polish Avant-Garde, Culturel Centre, Brechen/Antwerp, BE
- 1983 Kunst Mit Photographie, Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Kunstverein Cologne,
Stadtmuseum Munich, Kunsthalle, Kiel, DE
Presence Polonaises, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR
- 1982 Biennale Of Sydney, New South Wales Institute of Technology, Sydney, AU
- 1981 De Pologne: 9 artists d'avant-garde (film, video, photo, musique, texte),
Raffinerie du Plan K, Bruxelles, BE
Construction in Process, BUDREM Hall, Łódź, PL
- 1980 Foto Medium Art, Aai Gallery, Tokio, JP
- 1979 3. International Avant-Garde Film Festival, National Theatre, London, UK
Works And Words, De Appel, Amsterdam, NL
Experiment'79, Netherlands Filmmuseum and Stedelk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
Film As Film (Formal Experiment in Film 1910-1975), Hayward Gallery,
London, UK
- 1978 5-th Triennale of Drawing, Museum of Architecture, Wrocław, PL
- 1977 Documenta 6 (Experimental Film Section), Museum Fridericianum, Kassel, DE
Oosteuropese Conceptuele Fotografie, Technische Hogeschool, Eindhoven, NL
Video - Film - Photo - Text show, De Appel, Amsterdam, NL
Video Art, Labirynt Gallery, Lublin, PL
Workshop Film Form (film - video exhibition), ICC, Antwerp, BE
- 1975 Aspects of Polish Contemporary Art, Wspolczesna Gallery, Warsaw, PL
- 1975 Photography As Art - Art As Photography, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Chalonsur, FR
- 1975 Saône, F; Fotoforum, Kassel, DE
- 1974 Actual Art In Eastern Europe, ICC, Antwerp, BE
- 1973 Remittance from Łódź, Sao Paulo Biennale, BR
- 1973 Polska'73, Exhibition of Polish Contemporary Art, CAYC, Buenos Aires, AR
- 1972 ATELIER-72, Polish Contemporary Art Exhibition, Demarco Gallery,
Edinburgh, UK
Combattimento Per Un'Immagine (fotografi e pittori), Il Museo Civico di
Torino, IT
Searching Photographers, Fotokina, Cologne, DE
- 1971 Searching Photographers, Wspolczesna Gallery, Warsaw, PL
- 1970 Photographic Forms, LTF Gallery, Łódź, PL
- 1969 Ferrier, exhibition of the Grupy ZERO-61, Torun, P
- 1968 Polish Subiective Photography, BWA Pavilion, Krakow, PL
- 1961-69 participation in many exhibitions of Torun art formations (ZERO-61,
Stowarzyszenie KRAG, Tworczy Klub Filmowy PETLA)
- 1961 Photo Exhibition of the OKO Group, KMPiK, Torun, PL
- 1959 Overall Polish Exhibition of Art Photography, GTF, Gliwice, PL