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## Lucia Tallová Brings Forgotten Objects Back to Life at Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc

**The new exhibition by one of the leading figures of the contemporary Slovak art scene, Lucia Tallová, has opened at Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc. Titled *I Wish That I Was Made of Stone*, the show invites visitors into a world of mental archaeology, delicate reinterpretations of found objects, and layers of memory. The exhibition offers a profound yet accessible insight into a space where past and present intertwine, and where objects gain new meaning without losing their historical trace. Curated by Jan Kudrna, the exhibition will be on view until 23 October 2025.**

Slovak artist Lucia Tallová is one of the most significant figures of the contemporary Central European art scene. Her work shifts between object, collage, installation, and painting, with each medium used to express the internal energy and memory of things with precision. The relationship to material, its history and hidden force, is the central motif of *I Wish That I Was Made of Stone* exhibition.

Curator Jan Kudrna describes the artist's approach as an emotional-scientific analysis – Tallová does not merely “find” or “retell” an object but subjects it to a process of internal justification. The object – whether an old photograph, window frame, or a piece of glass from the early 20th century – must “prove itself”, that is, demonstrate its inherent value and visual strength to be incorporated into a new artwork. “*I Wish That I Was Made of Stone* is not merely an exhibition – it is a spatial experience. Its individual parts exist on the boundary between found and created, between the concrete and the abstract. The viewer is gently drawn into a play of meanings, into a state of uncertainty about where the material world ends and the artistic transformation begins,” Kudrna explains.

Alongside objects and installations, Lucia Tallová also presents large-scale paintings that serve as a counterpoint to her work with objects. Abstract, yet visually grounded, these paintings offer a quiet philosophical reflection of the material world. “You find yourself in an in-between space and sense that something extraordinary is taking place – you're in a bubble you don't want to leave, because you know that here and now, you are truly communicating with art,” adds Jan Kudrna.

*I Wish That I Was Made of Stone* is a unique opportunity to enter the world of Lucia Tallová – a world where the past, memory, matter, and poetry speak together in a quiet yet powerful language. Her work will remain on display at Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc until 23 October, with a programme of accompanying events throughout the duration of the exhibition.

Lucia Tallová (\*1985) studied at the Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava, Department of Painting, in the studio of Ivan Csudai. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the NOVUM Foundation Award, the Tatra Bank Foundation Award, the VÚB Foundation Award, and the international Strabag Kunstforum Art Award. She has taken part in international residency programmes in France, Austria, Brazil, and California. In 2022, she participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Lyon Biennale. She regularly exhibits both in Slovakia and abroad. Her solo exhibitions have taken place in the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Turkey, France, Brazil, and Japan.

### Useful information

The Telegraph Gallery is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am to 7 pm, Friday from 9 am to 9 pm, and Saturday to Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. Entrance to the exhibition is 50 CZK. Members of the TLG CLUB loyalty programme can visit the exhibition for free and enjoy other benefits.

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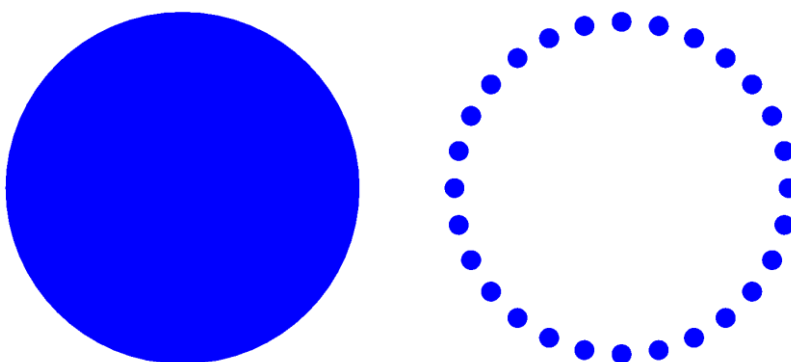
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### LUCIA TALLOVÁ: I WISH THAT I WAS MADE OF STONE

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Telegraph Gallery regularly presents exhibitions of contemporary art from the Czech Republic and abroad. On 350 m<sup>2</sup> displays the work of well-known and also overlooked artists of all ages. It also hosts workshops; art courses and offers residencies to Czech and international artists. For more information, visit <https://telegraph.cz/en/gallery>.

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