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Gala Čaki: The Landscape of the Inner Self
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You are cordially invited to the opening of the solo exhibition *The Landscape of the Inner Self* by the painter **Gala Čaki**, which will take place on **Friday, 21 March 2025, at 7 p.m. in the KiBela, space for art.**

Gala Čaki's works are bursting with energy, as if the artist is pouring her inner self onto the canvases that radiate the artist's creative expression. She channels intense personal emotions into painting with decisive yet refined and gentle brushstrokes, which she executes so vehemently that her approach could also be described as ambient performance or action painting.

She comes from Novi Sad in Vojvodina, which with its multiethnicity is the most multicultural city in Serbia. Her paintings draw on the tradition of the urban environment and reflect it on the global level of the intimate feelings of an individual in a metropolis. Figures with hinted features, veiled and unrecognizable, appear in an abstract environment as images of what we have experienced in our time. Although they may be familiar, they convey a strong sense of the unknown and it is uncertain whether we have ever actually encountered them. But they must have appeared in some form, perhaps as mere apparitions, somewhere between the unconscious and the conscious, the actual, the realized, between personal feelings and experiences that belong only to us and remain unknown to others. But in Gala Čaki's artworks, they are visually transformed into the universal.

The subtlety, fragility and introversion of Gala Čaki is simply transformed in her paintings into figurative abstractions that create images of people we have met, even if we have never met them, but they are present in us and we can still stumble upon them or they remain in that "in-between space" which creates the awareness of the individual and collective unconscious through art.

< Gala Čaki: The Blue Man, oil on linen canvas, 2023 (detail); photo: Aleksandar Ramadanović

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