



**KIBELA**



## Marko Jakše: Close ... Closer ... Even Closer 7 February–15 March 2025 MMC KIBLA/KiBela

You are cordially invited to the opening of the solo exhibition *Close ... Closer ... Even Closer* by **Marko Jakše**, which will take place on **Friday, 7 February 2025, at 7 p.m. at the KiBela, space for art.**

*A few words to the so-and-sos who believe  
that "I paint dreams".*

*I do not paint dreams.*

*I would not even dare to try  
because I know I would fail ...*

*It seems perfectly clear to me  
that there is nothing crazier  
than dreams and our reality.*

*Art lies somewhere in between.*

*An in-between between two spheres of "craziness".*

*No work of art –*

*no matter how "wacky", "crazy",  
"outlandish", "offbeat" or "fictional" it may be –  
can compete with the "madness of dreams and life".*

*But I enjoy bringing images/figures/characters together, combining them ... probably following a similar key as subconsciousness does with all our thoughts, concepts, ideas, fears, desires, impressions of past events and so on in our dreams. Time and time again I cannot wait for the painting to surprise me – when a figure appears on the canvas in front of me or something I was not expecting, something I was not thinking about, appears "out of nowhere" (well, definitely not from my conscious mind!) ... as if the conscious part of me, my ego, has nothing to do with it and is only acting as an observer here – just to marvel and wonder ... As long as it wonders and occasionally blurts out: "If we are alive, hooray!", I know that I am still alive.*

*"Tweet, tweet!"*

*Yours sincerely, Maruha*

< Marko Jakše: "WELCOME TO THE OCEAN ... IT'S DEEP ENOUGH TO SINK YOUR DREAMS" Repetitor, Oil on canvas, 2023, 200 x 213 cm; photo: DK

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.