Jan Kaláb

Jan Kaláb is a Czech artist who began his career in graffiti in the early 1990s, after the fall of the Soviet Union. Born in 1978, his adolescence was marked by this historical turning point and he was seized by the development of an urban art reclaiming public space. His style quickly stood out, and he managed to make a name for himself in Europe under the pseudonyms of Cake and Point. He is also the founder of the legendary DSK CREW.

Never short of ideas and constantly seeking to push the limits of his art, Jan bypasses the classic codes of urban art and aerosol painting to introduce sculpture into his works and create three-dimensional graffiti on wood or polystyrene. His art is part of the Post-Graffiti movement, a critical and political movement that finds new ways of understanding the street, public space and the artistic supports it reveals. Space becomes accessible, tools are reinvented.

After his success in the world of Street Art, Jan Kaláb obtained a master's degree from the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague in 2006. From then on, canvas replaced concrete and he developed a deep attraction for abstraction and kinetic art, combining painting and sculpture in infinite variations around the themes of time and movement. His works invite the viewers to question their own relationship to colour, depth and their perception of the world, through geometric forms inspired by neoplasticism and the De Stijl movement.

In 2010, he received the ART PRAGUE Young Award and since then Jan Kaláb's works have been presented in the largest European cities, through solo exhibitions and various groups. He's also the co-creator of a highly dynamic cultural space in Prague, called Trafacka. More than 160 exhibitions took place there from the opening in 2006 till the closure in 2015. On his own or collectively, the motto is the same: always getting higher, always inventing new forms – a tribute to the soul of graffiti.
SOLO & GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 Los Angeles Art Show
2019 Concentration, Bluerider ART gallery, Taipei, TW
2019 Shape & Tone, Castanier Gallery, Miami, USA
2018 Point of Space, Trafo gallery, Praha, CZ
2018 The Soul of Graffiti, Albin Polasek Museum, Winter Park, USA
2018 Perspective of Clouds, Mirus Gallery, San Francisco, USA
2017 ZOOOM, Magma Gallery, Bologna, IT
2016 Pluriforme, Openspace Gallery, Paris, FR
2016 Pulso Cromático, Castanier Gallery, Bogota, CO
2015 TENSION, BC Gallery, Berlin, DE
2015 ODYSSEY, Lollipop Gallery, London, UK
2015 EXTRA, Villa Pellé, Prague, CZ
2015 Getting Up, Partisan Creative Corner, Soest, DE
2014 ART IN PUBLIC, Pop up exhibition, Šmeralova 6, Praha, CZ
2014 ART IN PUBLIC, Pop up exhibition, 103 Allen Street, New York, USA
2014 AROUND THE POINT, HIC Gallery, Buenos Aires, AR
2013 SALUT, H'art Gallery, Bucharest, RO
2013 FROM POINT TO CIRCLE AND BACK, Oko Gallery, Opava, CZ
2013 POINT / ALTERNATE PLAN(E)S, the Chemistry Gallery, Prague, CZ
2012 GOOD CHOICE, Czech centre, Sofia, BG
2011 KALÁB 33 / PLANETS CROSSING , Trafa?ka, Prague, CZ
2008 POINT SHOP, Trafo Gallery, Prague, CZ

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
2017 Urban Art Bienalle, Völklinger Ironworks, Völkliner, DE
2017 PERCEPTUAL VERTIGO, Avantgarden Gallery, Milan, IT
2017 NO MORE CREW, Urban Spree, Berlin, DE
2017 ABSTRAKT FORUM, Forum Przestrzenie, Krakow, PL
2017 AVANTARTE X UNITLONDON, the Unit London Gallery, London, UK
2016 POP-UP EXHIBITION, Fabien Castanier Gallery, Miami, USA
2016 ZMRTVÝCHVSTÁNÍ, Trafo Gallery, Prague, CZ
2016 MIMESIS, MAGMA Gallery, Bologna, IT
2016 FRIENDS AND FAMILY, Fabien Castanier Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
2016 HZGSJK, Goldenhands Gallery, Hamburg, DE
2016 TRANSBORDER, Fabien Castanier Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
2015 OPEN ART – art biennale, Orebro, SE
2015 Et Cetera, MAXXI muzeum, Roma, IT
2014 TRAFACKA – CLOSE, Trafacka gallery, Prague, CZ
2014 ARTMOSSPHERE – 1st streetart biennale, Moscow, RU
2014 OUTSIDE / INSIDE, Tabla Rasa gallery, Brooklyn – New York, USA
2014 TRAFACKA / TEMPLE OF FREEDOM, Red Gallery, London, UK
2014 CHILDREN OF KUPKA, City Hall Putaux, FR
2013 ET CETERA, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Prague, CZ
2012 STUCK ON THE CITY, City Gallery Prague, Prague, CZ
2012 STREET SMART, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE
2012 THREE FROM TRAFACKA, Gallery of Modern Art, Roudnice nad Labem, CZ
2011 DE DENTRO E DE FORA, MASP museum, São Paulo, BR
2011 BOUTIQUE, The Chemistry Gallery, Prague, CZ
2010 1st BIENNAL DE GRAFFITI FINE ART, MUBE museum, São Paulo, BR

2010 METROPOLIS, Pavilion of Czech Republic, EXPO 2010, Shanghai, CN
2009 STORAGE, The Chemistry Gallery, Prague, CZ
2009 60 DETAILS project, Moscow, RU
2009 WE BELIEVE IN CRISIS, Trafo gallery, Prague, CZ
2008 NAMES, Trafacka gallery, Prague, CZ
2008 CITY'S CELEBRITIES, Moravian Gallery, Brno, CZ
2008 FACES AND LACES, Moscow, RU
2007 5+kk, Trafo gallery, Prague, CZ
2007 PLANET PROZESS, Senatsreservenspeicher, Berlin, DE
2007 SPACE FOR INTUITION, City Gallery Prague, Prague, CZ
2006 TRAFACKA – OPEN, Trafacka gallery, Prague, CZ
2006 ART BEAT, BG, Amsterdam, NL
2005 CITY OF NAMES, Kunsthalle Bethanien, Berlin, DE
2004 OBJECTIVITY, Cathedral Gardens, Manchester, UK
2004 EVERWANTING STREETS, Röda Sten, Göteborg, SE
2003 BACK JUMPS (the Live issue), Kunsthalle Bethanien, Berlin, DE
2003 GENESIS, Ten 15, San Francisco, USA
2003 DA PAINTAZ, NoD Gallery, Prague, CZ
2003 3rd SHOW OF YOUNG ARTISTS, Regional Gallery of Fine Arts, Zlín, CZ
2002 SUBCULTURE, NoD Gallery, Prague, CZ
2002 FRESH MEAT, City Gallery Prague, Prague, CZ
2001 FRAGMENTS 4, Mánes gallery, Prague, CZ