



DAVID ČERNÝ

Born in 1967 in Prague, Czech Republic

Born in Prague in 1967 to a family of artists, Černý studied at the Academy of Applied Arts in Prague between 1988 and 1996. In 1990, he received the Special Prize in the Biennale of Kortrijk, Belgium. One year later, he began his residential scholarship in Boswil after receiving a grant from the Swiss Government. In 1994, he moved to New York as an artist in residence at the PS1 gallery. Two years later, he completed the Whitney Independent Study Program. In 1996, he won another grant, this time from the Pollack-Krasner Foundation in the United States, and in 2000, he received the Czech Jindřich Chaloupecký Award for being the country's most promising visual artist under the age of 35. In 2001, he founded Meetfactory, a non-profit international center for contemporary art. Most recently, in 2017, he started Black n' Arch, an architectural studio known for its innovative approaches to architecture and design. Besides his artwork, David Černý is also active in the fields of theatre and cinema, music, design, and architecture. He is a passionate diver, driver and, since passing his ATPL exam in 2014, also a pilot not only of planes but also helicopters and gliders. He lives in Prague and is a proud father of his daughter, Elektra.

Studies and residencies:

1995-96	Whitney Museum Independent Study Program, New York, USA
1994-95	P.S.I. artists residence, New York, USA
1991	Sculptor's residency grant Swiss government in Boswil, Switzerland
1988-94	Academy of Applied Arts, Prof. Kurt Gebauer, Prague

Grants and awards:

2000	Chalupecký Prize, National prize for young artist, Czech Republic
1996	Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant, USA
1990	Special Prize in the Biennale of Kortrijk, Belgium

Permanent installations:

since 2025	<i>The Thinker</i> , Cumbayá, Ecuador
since 2024	<i>Vera</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2024	<i>Houpe</i> , Pardubice, Czech Republic
since 2024	<i>Butterfly Effect</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2024	<i>Dog in Dog in Dog</i> , Veselí na Moravě, Czech Republic
since 2022	<i>Visací zámek Monument</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2021	<i>Eraserhead</i> , Los Angeles, USA
since 2020	<i>Beetle</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
	<i>Secretary</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
	<i>Vlasov 2WW memorial</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
	<i>Lettergirl</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2018	<i>Horsepowers</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2017	<i>Thief</i> , Museum of art Olomouc, Czech Republic
since 2016	<i>Head</i> , central hall of ship Harmony Of the Sea, Royal Caribbean
	<i>Trifoot</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2015	<i>Thinker</i> , Sankt Moritz/ Zuoz, Switzerland
since 2014	<i>K.</i> , Prague, Czech Republic
since 2011	<i>Crychloids</i> , Miura design hotel, Čeladná, Czech Republic
since 2010	<i>Golem</i> , Poznan, Poland
since 2008	<i>Embryo</i> , Theatre Na zábradlí, Prague
since 2006	<i>Metalmorphosis</i> fountain, Charlotte, USA,
since 2005	<i>Bus stop-stil-life</i> , Liberec, Czech Republic
since 2004	<i>Three babies</i> , Middelkerke, Belgium
since 2004	<i>Streams</i> , Hergetova Cihelna, Prague, Czech Republic
since 2003	<i>Brownnosers</i> , Futura Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
since 2001	<i>A Hundred Grams of Tank</i> , Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic
since 2001	<i>Babies</i> , TV tower, Prague, Czech Republic
since 2000	<i>Czech native screen</i> , Autostadt Wolfsburg, Germany
since 1999	<i>Saint Wenceslav</i> , Lucerna Passage, Prague, Czech Republic
since 1994	<i>Pink Tank</i> , Military Technical Museum, Lesany, Czech Republic

since 1990 *Quo Vadis*, German embassy Prague, Czech Republic
2004 Winner of *WW II memorial* for Prague, not realised because of the author's political statement

Architecture:

2024 *Lihovar*, living complex, Prague, Czech Republic
Awarded:
Building of the year 2025

2022 *Fragment*, living complex, Prague, Czech Republic
Awarded:
International Property Awards 2024: Best European Residential Complex.
Best of Realty 2025: First Prize in the categories Large-Scale Residential Development and Environmental Project of the Year.
CEEQA 2024: Residential Building of the Year.
CIJ Awards 2024: Best Residential Development a Best Architectural Development.

2018 *Cyberdog*, robotic winery, Prague, Czech Republic
2020 *Top Tower*, highest building in CR, accomplishing 2027.

Solo exhibitons and instalations:

2024-2025 *Rebellion*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, USA
2023 *Rebellion*, CECUT Tijuana, Mexico
2022 *Hohmann*, Village Court Gallery, Palm Dessert, USA
2021 *Sculpture Park*, Bechyne Castle, Czech Republic
2020 *Last Works*, Dvořák Sec Contemporary, Prague, Czech Republic
2020 solo show Hohman contemporary, Palm spring, USA
Last works, DSC, Prague, Czech Republic
2019 *Babies*, Palm Springs, USA
2019 *Quo vadis*, Berlin, Germany
2016 *Legs*, Rio de janeiro, Olympic house, Czech republic
Black Hole, DSC gallery Prague, Czech Republic
2014 DSC gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
2013 *Mucsarnok*, Budapest, Hungary
DSC gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
Kuchling Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Fuck You Mr President, Vltava river, Prague, Czech Republic
2012 *London Booster*, London Olympic Games, GB
2010 Mona Lisa Gallery, Olomouc, Czech Republic
Gallery Arsenal, Poznan, Poland
2009 DSC gallery Prague, Czech Republic
CO2 gallery, Roma, Italy
Entropa, European Commity, Brussels, Belgium
2007 *Man Hanging Out*, Chicago, USA

- 2002 *Cirkus Cerny*, MAMA gallery, Netherlands Architecture Institute, TENT, Politiegalerie, various outdoor installations and performances, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Political Pop, chromosome Berlin, Germany
 Galerie v Kapli, Bruntal, Czech Republic
- 2000 *NYU*, Prague, Czech Republic
- 1999 Czech Embassy, London, GB
- 1993 *Artificial*, Spalova Gallery, Prague
- 1992 *Fertility*, Rubin Club, Center of Performing Arts, with Marketa Bankova, Prague, Czech Republic
- 1991 *Draft*, Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art, Medzilaborce, Slovakia
Smallness, State Gallery, Znojmo, Czech Republic
- 1990 *Exhibition for The Meanest Instincts*, Club Delta, with Tomas Pospiszyl, Prague, Czech Republic

Group exhibitions (selected):

- 2022 *Czech Season*, Dresden kunstahalle. Germany
Art in Oisterwiek, The Netherlands
- 2018 *Sculpture by the Sea*, Sydney, Australia
Quan Jun biennale, China
- 2016 *NordArt*, Regensburg, Germany
Observations: A Digital Life, New York, USA
- 2015 *Open Air*, Orebro, Sweden
- 2014 *Sculpture by the Sea*, Sydney, Australia
Signal Festival, Prague, Czech Republic
Light Festival, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2013 *Twente Biennale*, Hengelo, The Netherlands
Art Masters, San Moritz, Switzerland
- 2012 *Biele Noci*, Kosice, Slovakia
- 2011 *Twente Biennale*, Hengelo, The Netherlands
Inspiracje, Szczecin, Poland
ArtBoom, Krakow, Poland
Cenzurovano, Zlin, Czech Republic
Mapy, GMB, Bratislava, Slovakia
Groteska, NOD, Prague, Czech Republic
MojA, Praha, Czech Republic
Nord Art, Rensbourg, Germany
- 2010 *Twente Biennale*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
AntiBeeld, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Homo Erotica, National Museum Warsaw, Poland
Colours, Dresden Motorhalle, Germany
Art Price, DOX Prague, Czech Republic
Dekadence Now, Umprum, Prague, Czech Republic
Danubiana, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2009 *Chalupecky Prize*, Seoul, Korea
Monument, GHMP, Prague, Czech Republic

Po Sametu, U zlateho Prstenu , Prague, Czech Republic
Center for Contemporary Art - Plovdiv, Bulgaria
 Pecsgallery, Hungary
 Irokez Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
Katowice Biennial, Poland
 2008 *Interferencia*, Barcelona, Madrid
 2006 *Project 2006 Beaufort*, Oostende, Belgium
Shadows of Humor, Wroclaw BWA Gallery, Poland
Waste of Humor, Cieszyn, Poland
 2005 *Prague Biennale*, Prague, Czech Republic
Pink, Tokyo National University of Art, Tokyo, Japan
Living Together, Odapark Venray, The Netherlands
Happy Materials, NTM, Prague, Czech Republic
Beautyfreeshop” , Prague, Czech Republic
 2003 *SURVEY '03*“, Futura Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
Aus Liebe, Galerie der Stadt Remscheid, Remscheid, Germany
 2002 *Politikum*, Prague Castle, Czech Republic
Between Dresden and Prague, Italian Embassy, Prague, Czech Republic
 2001 *to flow to, chromosome*, Berlin, Germany
A Sense of Wellbeing, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic
 2000 *Czech History*, SKODA Pavillion, Autostadt Volkswagen, Wolfsburg, Germany
Maso / Meet, Chalupeckého Prize, National Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
Bohemian Birds, Kunsthalle Dresden, Germany
The End of the World, National Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
 1999-2000 *After the Wall. Art and Culture in post-Communist Europe*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
 Ludwig Museum Budapest – Museum of Contemporary Art, Hungary;
Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin, Germany
 1999 *99 CZ*, Prague, Czech Republic
 1998 *Atelier of all Sculpturing*, Prague, Czech Republic
Nad Možnosti, City Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
 1997 Jiri Svestka Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
 SCCA Kyjev, Ukraine
 Joslyn Memorial Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska, USA
 Art in public space, Veletržni Palac, Prague, Czech Republic
 Czech Cultural Center, Berlin, Germany
 1996 Whitney Museum Independent Study Program, New York, USA
 Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, USA
 Technische Sammlung Dresden, Dresden, Germany
Object: Video, Landesgalerie Linz, Austria
Beyond Belief, Allen Memorial Arts Museum, Oberlin, USA
 Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, USA
 1995 *Orbis Fictus*, New Media in Contemporary Arts, National Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
Artcircolo 95, Castle Melnik by Prague, Czech Republic

- 1994 *P.S.1 94-95 Studio artists*, The clocktower, New York, USA
Beyond Belief, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Chicago, USA
600 SIAF, Seoul International Art Festival, Seoul, Korea
The 22nd Sao Paulo International Biennial, Sao Paulo, Brasil
Impermanent Places, Seven Installations from Prague, Czech Republic
The World Financial Center, New York, USA
You Must Remember This, Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York, USA
Young Artist from Prague, Duesseldorf - Kunstmuseum, Germany
- 1993 *Europe without Walls*, City Galleries, Manchester, Great Britain
- 1992 *Edge 92*, Madrid - London, International Biennial of Visual and Performance Art, Spain
- 1991 *Light Festival of Avant-garde Art*, under the former Stalin monument, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 1990 *Sargfabrik*, International Exhibition of Young Artists, Vienna, Austria
Czech Alternative, Galerie ULUV, Prague, Czech Republic
Old Town Yards, open-air exhibition of Contemporary Art, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 1989 *Smile, Joke and Grim*, Palace of Culture, State Gallery, Prague, Czechoslovakia
November 89, Manes, State Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
The Neostunners, Underground exhibition of Art group, Prague, Czechoslovakia

Performances and Group Actions:

- 2002 *Policeman for Rent*, Prague, Czech Republic
- 1991 *The Pink Tank*, Prague - painting The Soviet War Memorial pink, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 1989 Unreleased Secret Action, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 1988 *The Pose*, Museum of Modern Art, Paris, France
- 1987 *Bridge*, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 1986 *Sounds*, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia

TV and Movies:

- 1987 *Vychovatel ke strachu*, dir P. Marek - animation
- 1997 *Buttoners (Knoflíkáři)*, dir. Petr Zelenka - actor and stage designer
- 1998 *Prague stories*, dir A.Benki - actor and stage designer
- 1998 *Touch of picture*, FAMU, architect
- 2002 [Vetřelci v Coloradu](#) (TV film)
[Rok ďábla](#)
- 2002-04 ARTOZA, Czech TV , monthly magazine about contemporary art, screenplay and theme
- 2004 *Zkamenělý dítě*, Music video LUCIE band, director
[Nadměrné maličkosti](#)
[Muž, kterého chtějí](#) (S01E06)
- 2011 [Cena Jindřicha Chalupeckého](#) (TV film)

2012	Karel Váš, documentary, narrator <u>Dokument pro lidi</u> <u>Rok bez Magora</u>
2013	<u>Hledá se prezident</u> <u>Vrahem z povolání - Utrpení soudce Karla Vaše</u> <u>Český žurnál</u> (seriál) <u>Spříznění přímou volbou</u> (S01E04)
2014	<u>Kancelář Blaník</u> <u>První máma (1)</u> (S02E10)
2015	<u>Fotograf</u> <u>Nejpodivuhodnější kina světa</u> (seriál) <u>Lucerna, Praha</u> (E01)
2016	David Koller, documentary, director
2018	<u>Rolling Stones - Hearts for Prague</u> (TV film)
2019	<u>Cena za štěstí</u>
2020	<u>Umění disentu</u> - a.z.
2022	<u>BANGER.</u>

Theatre - Stage Design:

1987-90	Stage design for Theatre Rubin, Prague, Czech Republic
1999	Director David Czesaný, Drama Studio Ústí n. Labem, Czech Republic
2001	George Tabori - Vídenský řízek, director Jirí Pokorný, Theatre On the Balustrade
2014	Vaclav Havel, Theatre Na Zabradi, Prague, Czech Republic

Collections:

SKODA Pavillion, Autostadt Volkswagen, Wolfsburg, Germany
Museum of Modern Art, San Diego, USA
Museu de l'Art Prohibit, Barcelona, Spain
German Embassy, Prague, Czech Republic
Gallery of Modern Art, Olomouc, Czech Republic
Museum Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin, Germany
Military Museum, Lesany, Czech Republic
Private collections in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, USA, Greece