

# „Nature by POLKI“

exhibition proposal

by

The Spirit of Poland Foundation

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„*Nature by POLKI*” is a new edition of The Spirit of Poland Foundation's exhibition dedicated to Polish women.

The concept, created by Monika Brauntsch and Ewelina Skowrońska, is a continuation of the foundation's projects surrounding female strength. In recent years they've presented "POLKI Hidden Power" and "Inner Strength. The Women of Poland and Japan", which explored themes connected with the position of women in Polish and applied arts, and in society. They focused on the voices of women. Such voices that, until recently, have gone unheard.

As part of the “*Nature by POLKI*” exhibition, we turn to nature as seen through the eyes of women. Recently, it has gained a special meaning for us. In a world where of all sudden our entertainment and leisure activities have been "turned off", nature has become an important alternative for many.

Pulled out of the rat race, motionless, often trapped at home, glued to the screens of phones and tablets, with very limited contact with other people, and cut off from the usual indulgences like cinema, restaurants or the gym - city dwellers were hit hardest by the pandemic.

Among all the restrictions, it was parks, forests and beaches that were brought more clearly into focus, making us realize how important nature is not only for our existence, but also for our well-being and mental health.

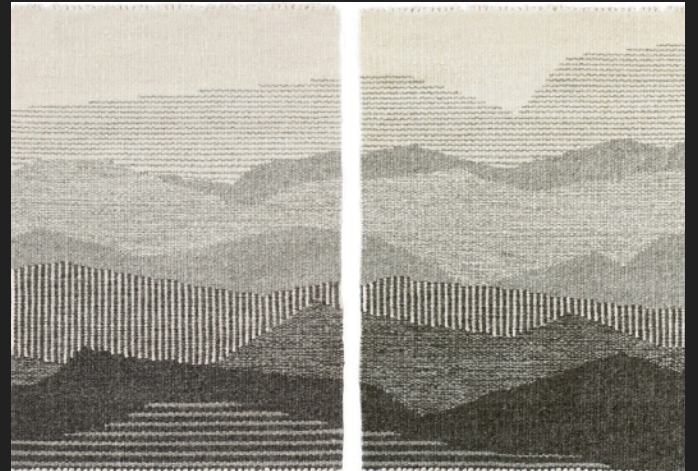
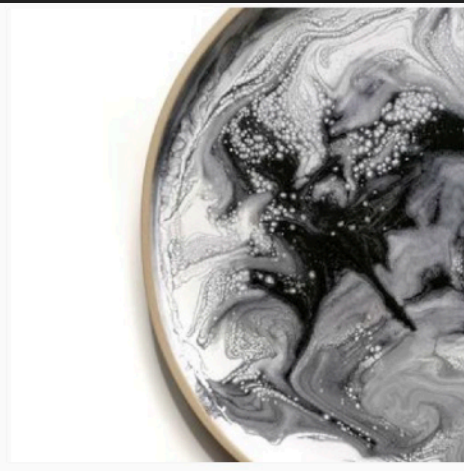
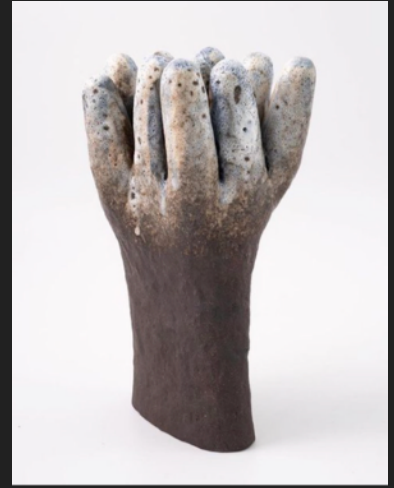
Both the pandemic and climate change remind us that we are part of nature and without respecting it we will not survive. Post-industrial society is still reeling from the rapid changes we've undergone. Attention to climate change, the quality of products that we use on a daily basis and the disappearance of traditional professions and trades is confirmation of it all around us.

In the exhibition we present the works of Polish female artists who elucidate their own approach to the subject of nature. Their work and methods are characterized by a sensitivity to their surroundings and imperfections in their craft, and a thorough approach to the issue of nature, space, and the role of man in reality. Each of them has mastered a fascinating, unique language of expression. Their way of working disregards market rules, taking pleasure in handicraft and experimentation. They render the virtue of nature's imperfections into their own creative process.

Through "Nature by POLKI", we want to bring you closer to the pleasure of communing with objects that are not only made from natural raw materials and human hands, but bridge the divide between people and nature.

# Artist

- Anna Bera
- Beza Projekt
- Ewelina Skowrońska
- Marta Niedbał
- Marta Koguc
- Muka Ceramics
- Olga Milczyńska
- Tartuga





# About The Spirit of Poland

The Spirit of Poland is an initiative which aims to promote Polish culture, design and entrepreneurship internationally. The project presents Polish brands through industry events, exhibitions at museums and cultural centres, as well as through collaboration with universities.

As Spirit of Poland we have broad experience in curating and organising different art and design exhibitions all over the world e.g. Brazil, Island, US, UK, Japan and many more.

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