

# Past Present Future / Graffiti a street art festival

## 6. 6. – 26. 6. 2014 Trafo galerie

The phenomenon of graffiti came to the Czech Republic 25 years ago after the fall of the Berlin wall, accompanying our freedom. In honour of this anniversary, the festival **Past Present Future** will present graffiti legends that began practicing the art of graffiti before 1989, and are still active today. We will present these artists through exhibits, murals around the city, and the premiere of the documentary, *Style Wars 2*. The accompanying programme will offer the opportunity to participate in graffiti workshops, the *Fashion Fever* clothing bazaar, and an alternative tour of Prague accompanied by a street art artist.

T-Kid (USA), Mick La Rock (NL), RosyOne (CH), Jake (NL), Political sprayers (DE), ZebOne (CZ) and more

Curator: Sany

### 6. 6. 2014, Vernissage of exhibition Past Present Future, T-Kid (\*1961, New York City)

Trafo Galerie, Kurta Konráda 1, Praha 9

**19:30 - 20:30** The festival will kick off with a lecture on the origins of graffiti in New York and its transformations through the past 40 years. The lecture will be led by legendary graffiti writer T-Kid.

**21:00 - 04:00** A presentation of the one-of-a-kind exhibit, *Past Present Future*, mapping the creations of T-Kid from the 1970s until today. Visitors will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of the golden era of New York graffiti. The vernissage of the exhibit will also include an autograph session by T-Kid in the gallery. The Stage at the Trafo gallery will offer a classic selection of Hip Hop conducted by DJs Rime and Robot.

**20:30 - 04:00** During the evening we will present the exhibit *Shadows of Black in the Třafačka walkway* with art by Prague graffitist ZebOne. Each canvas will represent a specific letter that was selected at random. The art will emphasise simplicity, straight lines, and the perpendicular.

**21:00 - 04:00** The main stage in the performance hall will feature a performance by DJ Conrad Kaden and Sneaker from the Uncanny Valley (DE) label. Later, DJ Layup and R. Kosmos from the Endless Illusion label as well. An Electro/House/Disco.

**22:30 - 23:45** Graffiti Sketch Battle for valuable prizes.

Visitors can enjoy pleasant seating, a bar, and a refreshment stand.

**Admission: 30 CZK (1 EUR).**

## **7. 6. 2014 Painting of murals at Trafačka and in Husická 55 street, guided tour of the exhibition Past Present Future and graffiti workshop**

Trafo Galerie, Kurta Konráda 1, Praha 9 a Husická 55, Praha 3

**12:00 - 20:00 Creation of New York City mural at Trafačka (T-Kid, Mickey, Jake, Yudo, Phoe, Ding).**

Visitors can enjoy pleasant seating and music.

**12:00 – 20:00 Creation of a mural at Husická Street 55 by graffiti writer RosyOne.**

**15:00 – 17:30 A graffiti workshop at Trafačka with graffiti writer from Mick La Rock.**

Anyone can join in on the workshop, but reservations are necessary (gp.docu@gmail.com); participation is limited. The workshop is free.

**17:30 -18:30 A guided tour of the exhibition *Past Present Future* with T-Kid.**

## **8. 6. 2014 Painting of mural at Radlická - kulturní sportovna.**

Za Ženskými domovy 125/5, Praha 5

**12:00 - 20:00 Mick La Rock and Jake** will create a new face of Radlická - kulturní sportovna. Just a year ago, this culture centre was full of drug addicts and trash, but today is a venue offering a myriad of uses of this former railway warehouse. In addition to the new mural, Radlická – kulturní sportovna will also host a large clothing bazaar. **DJ Rime** will provide the music throughout the day. The Radlická mural will most likely be completed some time on Tuesday, 10/6.

**12:00 - 20:00 Completion of the mural on Hustická Street 55, by RosyOne.**

**12:00 - 20:00 Completion of the mural on the main wall at Trafačka.**

**13:00 - 15:30 Graffiti and a street art tour.** Discover Prague graffiti, street art, and the most remarkable alternative venues. Meet at Palackého Náměstí at 1:00 p.m. Look for a tour guide with a black umbrella with the title "Prague Alternative Tour." **The tour is free.**

## **13. 6. 2014 Vernissage of exhibition Die Mauer, A discussion with political sprayers from Germany, Premiere of the documentary *Style Wars 2***

Gallery Puppenklinik, Trafačka, Kurta Konráda 1, Praha 9

**14:00 - 15:30 Workshop for kids with German street artist Alletshy.** Together with the children, she will create street art stencils that she will then spray onto the Trafačka garden wall. **A presentation of the *Die Mauer* exhibit at the Puppenklinik gallery.**

**17:00 - 04:00 A presentation of the *Die Mauer* exhibit at the Puppenklinik gallery.** The exhibit contains 16 photographs of the Berlin wall with political graffiti that was created in West Berlin prior to 1989.

**18:30 - 19:15 A debate with Petr Hájek** about the sale of street art on the art market.

**19:15 - 19:30 A performance titled "Real-Time-Interaction."** Graffiti artists will teach graffiti to non-graffiti artists from Neuss over Skype.

**19:30 - 20:30 A discussion with political sprayers from Germany** that actively decorated the western side of the Berlin wall in the 1980s.

**21:00 - 22:10 Premiere of the documentary *Style Wars 2*,** a follow-up to the cult graffiti documentary *Style Wars*, filmed by Henry Chalfant 30 years ago in New York. Following the premiere, a debate with the authors Amos and Veli.

Djs: **Dj Nox, Ich Bin a R. Kosmos.**

### **Selected artists**

#### **T-Kid**

Very few artists can narrate the same life story as T-Kid. The Nasty Terrible T-Kid is one of the first graffiti writers in the world, and has been inspiring graffitists for over three decades. He grew up in the New York Bronx, the birthplace of graffiti, which was overrun by gangs in the 1970s and 80s. In 1974, he began to sign the name King 13, and his alter ego could be seen everywhere. However, this attracted the attention of the local gang, The Bronx Enchanters, and he was faced with a choice: either become a member of the gang, or become the recipient of regular beatings. The answer was clear. Later, he added subway cars to his graffiti media, and his style and number of works earned him the title of the king of graffiti. T-Kid's operations in the underground finally ended in a shootout that left him gravely wounded. During his

subsequent long stay in the hospital, not one single gang member came to see how he was doing, and so King 13 made a resolute decision: he would leave the gang for good and dedicate himself to graffiti. And so this was the origin of the final version of his name, forever etched into the history of graffiti: T-Kid.

[www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T\\_Kid](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T_Kid)

## **Mick La Rock**

She's the longest-lasting graffiti writer in Europe. She began spraying in the mid-1980s, when the phenomenon of graffiti was brought from the U.S. to Western Europe via England and Holland. In addition to graffiti, Mickey is involved in design, working with youth, and tattoo.

[www.micklarock.com](http://www.micklarock.com)

## **Political sprayers from Germany**

A group of 5 Germans from East Germany, who, during the former regime wrote anti-regime messages and participated in countless commissioned artistic performances. In the mid-1980s, they were able to escape to West Berlin. Their most successful event, titled *Zara*—a protest at eye level—took place in 1986. Wearing plaster masks, they painted a 6 km white line over the Berlin wall. All five were arrested for this stunt, and imprisoned for several months. The group wanted to draw attention to the fact that the western side of the Berlin wall was becoming more of an exhibition gallery for pop-art artists, and the colourful pictures, together with the tourists, had begun to erase the tragic significance of the wall that had for decades been dividing families and the nation into two states.

[www.spiegel.de/einestages/aktion-weisser-strich-an-der-berliner-mauer-a-947266.html](http://www.spiegel.de/einestages/aktion-weisser-strich-an-der-berliner-mauer-a-947266.html)