

## **MARINA MAMYAN**

### **AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Niederösterreich February 2023**

#### **REPORT**

I has been invited by Galerie Stadtpark Krems to be a guest at AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Lower Austria in February 2023.

Thanks to dynamic and well-organized work of the AIR - ARTIST IN RESIDENCE program, the conditions of stay were very favorable. These are equipped studios with both living space and the workspace; decent scholarship; friendly and calm atmosphere; free disposal of time. All this was even more inspiring and even more motivated to work with great responsibility. Of course, one month of residency is a short period for a fine artist, but at the same time it all depends on your attitude to this time; how correctly you distribute your day in terms of work, visiting exhibitions, walks and rest.

Adaptation in the new environment, to new circumstances occurred very quickly. And from the first week of my arrival in the art residence, I worked on my specific project CYCLES II 18x (21x 21) cm in monotype.

At Get Together I presented my new series of mixed media "Between the Lines" in the AIR Office mini-gallery. Get Together takes place at the beginning of each month. This is a discussion, an exchange of opinions, which allows you to present both your art and get acquainted with the work of colleagues.

I liked to walk in Stein through deserted quiet narrow streets, back streets, hidden places. These walks have always been combined with the search for photo material for my long-term project, which I have been doing for several years during my visits to medieval European towns. I am grateful to Lisa for telling me about Mautern an der Donau and explaining how to get there by walking.

During my stay in residency, I visited various offers and exhibitions of various cultural institutions in Krems and St. Polten (list below).

Many thanks to Claus Crobat and Lisa Saahs for the warm welcome and willingness to always be useful in any situation. Special thanks to David Komari for the invitation to Air Niederösterreich.

I would also like to mention my colleagues in AIR-ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE, whom I became friends with during my stay in Krems: Casey Moir, Katja Windau, Andras Petoch, Gita Ait Bensalah.

I am leaving the AIR – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE Niederösterreich, leaving a piece of my soul in Krems an der Donau.

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### ***Museums and Cultural Events that I attended during the Residency***

Guided tour for the AIR artists at the Susanne Wenger Foundation

Landesgalerie Niederösterreich – “Across the River” by Chiharu Shiota,

Exhibition of Thomas Reinhold, “Rendezvous with the collection”, art from 1960 to today

Kunsthalle Krems – The New African Portraiture. Shariat Collections.

Stadtpark Galerie – “Out of Sight” by Natalka Diachenko

Karikaturmuseum Krems - New exposition

Forum Frohner – Visit exhibition “The Drawing Made in the Head”.

ORTE Architekturnetzwerk Niederösterreich – Wunderschrift by Maria Lamott

Gallery Maringer, St. Pölten – exhibition of the Markus Prachensky & Hans Staudacher

Visiting and watching several good films in Kesselhaus.