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**AVANT-GARDE SPECTRUM. 50 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY OF THE CULTURE AND ART.
CENTRE IN WROCLAW 1973-2023**

In 2023, 50 years have passed since the creation of the photography gallery in Domek Romanański in Wrocław. At that time, there were 4 galleries implementing various exhibition programs: Wrocławska Galeria Fotografii (1973-1978), Foto-Medium-Art (1978-1996), Lower Silesian Center of Photography (1996-2016) and FOTO-GEN Gallery (2017-2023).

The Lower Silesian District of the Association of Polish Art Photographers (ZPAF) and the FOTO-GEN Gallery are organizing an exhibition recalling the most important exhibitions and photographic activities exhibited in this place distinguished for the history of photography. The most clear was the trend of elementary photography promoted by Jerzy Olek at the Foto-Medium-Art Gallery.

ZPAF is the largest Polish organization of artists treating photography as a means of creative expression. It has existed since 1947 and continues the traditions of the Polish Photo Club, which had among its ranks the most outstanding artists of interwar Poland. After World War II, they were the ones in the lead with Jan Bułhak, they became the founders of ZPAF. The most outstanding Polish photographic artists were active in the union, including: Benedykt Jerzy Dorys, Tadeusz Wański, Jan Sunderland, Edward Hartwig, Zofia Rydet, Zbigniew Dłubak, Wiesław Prażuch, Zbigniew Łagocki.

The exhibition will present the most important trends created since 1973 in the headquarters of today's Foto-Gen Gallery, combined with the achievements of members of the Lower Silesian District of ZPAF. The exhibition will also include archival materials from the gallery and works borrowed from private collections.

Exhibition participants:

Patrycja Basińska, Marek Bułaj, Andrzej Dudek-Dürer, Alek Figura, Grzegorz Gajos, Ewa Gnus, Barbara Górniak, Zenon Harasym, Roman Hławacz, Daria Iłow, Piotr Komorowski, Grzegorz Kosmala, Krzysztof Kowalski, Stanisław Kulawiak, Lila Len, Adam Lesisz, Marek Likszet, Michał Pietrzak, Przemek Piwowar, Magda Podsiadły, Wacław Ropiecki, Andrzej Rutyna, Andrzej Ślusarczyk, Marcin Wiktorski, Waldemar Zieliński.

Curator: Alek Figura

Curatorial and substantive cooperation: Paweł Bąkowski, Michał Pietrzak, Andrzej Rutyna, Andrzej Saj, Adam Sobota

Organizers:
FOTO-GEN Gallery of Culture
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Association of Polish Art Photographers
Lower Silesian Division

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