

IZA TARASEWICZ

b. 1981, Białystok, Poland

Lives and works in Kolonia Koplany, Poland and Munich, Germany

On a winter day in an eastern Polish village, three-year-old Izabela Tarasewicz built a fire for her friends in the family barn. It burnt the entire shelter to the ground, melting her father's motorcycle collection and scorching all of the food supplies for the season. Everyday as a child, Iza would observe her parents and grandparents build something from nothing and share it with their neighbours. It was deep communism politically, but also because of necessity.

When Iza's father died in her arms, she quit studying physiotherapy, and started thinking about abstraction. When Iza cut the umbilical cord of her niece, she closed a loop. After studying sculpture for a number of years, Iza's teacher had a simple suggestion: use materials and processes that you know. She thought of her grandmother.

At the opening of an early exhibition, Iza climbed onto her large sculpture to demonstrate how stable she had built it. She fell on her ass, permanently injuring her lower vertebrae. And then she woke up. While at an artist residency in Georgia, the external bathroom building caught on fire. Unable to contain the flames, Iza's host and friends took out their fishing poles and they all went fishing. When Iza visited San Francisco, a colleague gave her two options: meet with a curator who would show her fine dining, or meet up with another who would bring her to tranny bars and nightclubs. She chose the latter, and then married him. At an Umbanda session in Brazil, an Orixá instructed Iza to eat her mom. She did.

Selected solo exhibitions and projects

2018

Equilibrium in Meteors, Galerija Gregor Podnar, Berlin

In myriads things cry out, Croy Nielsen, Vienna

ONCE INFORMATION HAS PASSED INTO PROTEIN, commissioned work for Telekom headquarters, Bonn

2016

ULTRA HIGH TURBA TURBO III, MeetFactory, Prague

Turbulence Soon Appears, Trapez Galeria, Budapest

2015

Loop de Loop, Bikini, Lyon

The Smallest Uninteresting Number, Centre For Creative Activities, Ustka

Sorry for all the ups and downs, SYNTAX, Lisbon

Reverse Logistics, BWA Warszawa, Warsaw

2014

Fungal Follies, mushroom puppet show-performance, Objectif Exhibitions, Antwerp

By the apparent impossibility of arranging signs, Galeria Arsenał, Białyłtok
The Means, the Milieu, Objectif Exhibitions, Antwerp
Collaborating Objects Radiating Environments, Kunstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
The Strange Attractors, Polnisches Institut Berlin

2013

CLINAMEN, Xawery Dunikowski Museum of Sculpture at Królikarnia Palace (division of National Museum), Warsaw

2011

The Creature, ARTISTERIUM–International Contemporary Art Exhibition and Art Event, Tbilisi
Frame, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin
Oneness, Platan Gallery, Budapest

2010

Moult, Galeria Stereo, Poznań
Connection, BWA Zielona Góra

2009

Nugget, Galeria Arsenał, Białyłtok
Lair, Galeria Arsenał, Białyłtok

2008

Breadwinner, Galeria Starter, Poznań
Brawn, Galeria Arsenał, Białyłtok

2007

HAND MADE, Galeria Pies, Poznań

Selected group exhibitions

2018

Amplifying Nature, Polish Pavilion at the 16th International Architecture Exhibition, Venice
Beyond the river: Female artists in dialogue with the Muskauer Park at Albertinum, SKD Museum, Dresden
I AM THE MOUTH. Works from Central and Eastern European Artists from Art Collection Telekom, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb

2017

Półprawda | Half-Truth. Works by Central and Eastern European Contemporary Artists from Art Collection Telekom, Xawery Dunikowski Museum of Sculpture at Królikarnia Palace (division of National Museum), Warsaw
Iza Tarasewicz, Laura Hinrichsmeyer, Jonathan Penca, Yutie Lee, Loggia Gallery, Munich
Olga Balema, Marlie Mul and Iza Tarasewicz, Croy Nielsen, Vienna

It is as you think it is, Galeria Arsenal, Białystok
Mushrooms on the Ruins, Nogueras Blanchard, Madrid
Anu Poder. Be fragile! Be brave!, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn
Liste Art Fair in Basel, Croy Nielsen, presentation by Ben Schumacher and Iza Tarasewicz
Solstices, BWA Contemporary Art Gallery, Katowice

2016

32nd Bienal de São Paulo, São Paulo
11th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju
COMMON AFFAIRS. Revisiting the VIEWS Award – Contemporary Art from Poland,
Deutsche Bank KunstHalle, Berlin
A Thousand Horsepower, Can Trinxet Factory, Barcelona
La Memoria Finalmente. Arte in Polonia: 1989-2016, Galleria Civica di Modena, Modena
Contemporary Art from Poland, European Central Bank, Frankfurt
Unfolding Constellations, Centre of Contemporary Art, Toruń

2015

Zbigniew Libera: It's Not My Fault That This Sculpture Rubbed Against Me, Xawery
Dunikowski Museum of Sculpture at Królikarnia Palace (division of National Museum),
Warsaw
Views 2015 – Deutsche Bank Award, Zachęta – National Gallery of Art, Warsaw [first prize
winner]
kurz / dust / غبار, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
Gardens, Zachęta – National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Common Sets, Galeria Arsenal, Białystok
Procedures for the head. Polish Art Today, Kunsthalle Bratislava

2014

On Generation and Corruption, BWA Contemporary Art Gallery, Katowice
As You Can See: Polish Art Today, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw

2013

Epidemic, Centre of Contemporary Art in Toruń
POINT WITHOUT I, Galeria Arsenal elektrownia, Białystok
Tools for Catching One's Balance /with Janek Simon, Municipal Gallery Arsenal, Poznań
Ask for something that doesn't exist /with Ana Roldan, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin

2012

Longing, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin
SCONTRUM. Evolutions, Xawery Dunikowski Museum of Sculpture at Królikarnia Palace
(division of National Museum), Warsaw
Es ist Zeit für Turnschuhe! /It's time for sneakers!, Kuenstlerhaus Dortmund
Czerwona poprzeczka, Salon Akademii (Academy of Fine Arts), Warsaw
The Museum Problem, Frutta Gallery, Rome
Will Be Fine, Galeria Stereo, Poznań

2011

It's OK with fingers, Galerie J, Geneva
At Ease, It Just Crashes, Galeria Spokojna, Warsaw
Revolving Dysfunction, Europe House, Tbilisi
Tribute to Fangor, BWA Warszawa/Artbazaar, Warsaw
Fest I Nova, Art-Villa Garikula, Khaspi
Open City, Festival of Art in Public Spaces, Lublin
MIR, Galeria Arsenał, Białystok
Everything, Galeria Kolonie, Warsaw
Transylvania 2, Municipal Gallery Arsenał, Poznań

2010

Transylvania 1, BWA Zielona Góra
Is Your Mind Full Of Good, DPT Wigry
Gallery Czarnowska, Berlin

2009

Elms threads bushes /with Magda Starska, Galeria Stereo, Poznań
Difference Beyond Difference, Stary Browar, Poznań

2008

Establishment (and its Discontents), Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle,
Warsaw
Bodies Adream, Municipal Gallery Arsenał, Poznań

2007

Here a Change Occurs, Kordegarda (division of Zachęta – National Gallery of Art), Warsaw