

TADEUSZ ROLKE

Born in 1929 in Warsaw. One of the greatest authors in the history of Polish photography.

He studied art history at the Catholic University of Lublin. In the 1960s worked in the weekly magazine "Stolica" and monthly magazine "Polska". In the years 1970-1980 he lived in Germany and photographed for magazines such as "Stern", "Spiegel", "Die Zeit". In his work he easily changed photographic conventions, refer equal success as a press photographer, fashion photographer and creator of creative photography. For many years, he was regarded as a leading representative of Polish humanistic photography. In his photographic archive he amassed nearly 50 thousand negatives. Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw published Tadeusz Rolke on-line archive with almost 6 thousand photographs. In 2013 a documentary was made about the artist entitled *Dziennik z podróży [A Diary of a Journey]*, directed by Piotr Stasik.

Selected solo exhibitons

- 2018 It Will Be Fine, Le Guern Gallery, Warsaw
Studio Rolke, Karrot, Warsaw
Tadeusz Rolke. Places, Reconstruction IV, Mieczysław Karłowicz Philharmonic, Szczecin
Tadeusz Rolke. Memory Lesson, Marek Edelman Dialogue Centre, Łódź
- 2017 Tadeusz Rolke. Photographs, Galeria Pod Atlantami, Wałbrzych
Tadeusz Rolke. Places, Reconstruction IV, Sopot Centrum, Festival „In the Frame of Sopot”, Sopot
Erased Traces, Galeria Ślad, Culture Centre, Ełk
Tadeusz Rolke. Places, Reconstruction II, "Jadernowka" Regional Museum, Mielec
- 2016 *Tadeusz Rolke, Jacek M. Stokłosa*, Galeria Foksal, Warszawa
Lekcja pamięci, Żydowski Instytut Historyczny, Warszawa
Tomorrow Will Be Belter, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lwów
Baryty, Vintage Photo Festiwal, Bydgoszcz
Moscow, Podlasie Opera and Philharmonic European Art Centre, Białystok
Focus, Extravagance Gallery, Sielecki Castle, Sosnowiec
- 2015 *Tadeusz Rolke. E-K*, Avant-garde Institute Edward Krasinski's Studio, Warsaw
Tadeusz Rolke. Tadeusz Kantor, Central Academy of Drama, Beijing,
Checkpoint Rolke, Obserwacja Gallery, Warsaw
Places. Reconstruction – Rolke, Ludwik Zamenhof Center, Białystok
- 2014 *The Artistic and Social Life – Photographies from the 60s*, Ego Gallery,

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- Poznan
Life – Photographs from 1960s, Ego Galery, Poznan
Tadeusz Rolke To Be Continued. Photography, Tarnów Culture Centre, Tarnow
- 2013 *POHIB*, Obserwacja Gallery, Warsaw
Studio Rolke, MOCAR, Krakow
Tomorrow Will Be Better, Le Guern Gallery, Warsaw
2x15, art house & cafe TWO MOON, New York
Studio Rolke, MOCAR Museum of Contemporary Art, Krakow
- 2012 *Warsaw Sportsmen*, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw
- 2011 *Faces of Literature*, Miloslaw
- 2010 *Black Squares*, Le Guern Gallery, Warsaw
Wir waren hier, Der Ort, Berlin
The Neighbour, Photography Gallery, Kielce (with Chris Niedenthal)
This Is Not All, Brama Grodzka Galery NN Theatre, Lublin
Zacisze, Shalom Foundation, Singer's Warsaw Festival, Warsaw
We Were Here, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv
Everything Is Photography, Municipal Library, Swidnica
- 2009 *Everything Is Photography*, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
This Is Not All, Municipal Art Centre, Ostrowiec
We Were Here, Gazeta Wyborcza Gallery, Lublin
- 2008 *Szarogród [Sharhorod]*, History Meeting House, Warsaw
- 2007 *Tadeusz Rolke. Photography*, MM Gallery, Poznan
Tadeusz Rolke, Lower Silesian Photography Centre Domek Romański, Wrocław
We Were Here, Karol Marx's Museum, Trewir; Nożyk Synagogue, Warsaw
- 2006 *Places*, Galerie Neuf and Galerie Lillebonne, Nancy
We Were Here, Friedrich Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin
Rock'n'Rolke, Foksal Gallery Foundation, Warsaw
- 2005 *Lieux – photographies de Tadeusz Rolke*, Polish Cultural Institute, Paris
Orte – Fotografien von Tadeusz Rolke, Polish Cultural Institute, Düsseldorf
Photography, Fujifilm Fotografijos Galeria Kaunas, Lithuania
- 2004 *Dispersal*, Artemis Gallery, Krakow
- 2003 *We were Here*, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw; Slovak National Museum, Bratislava; Festival Est-Ouest, Die, France
Photography, DigiTouch Gallery, Berlin
Baia Mare, Foksal Gallery Foundation, Warsaw
- 2002 *Before and After 1945 – Poland*, Striped House Gallery, Tokyo
Fischmarkt, Triennial of Photography, Kunstverein, Hamburg
Places, Polish Institute, Paris
Neighbour, Lubuskie Regional Museum, Zielona Góra; Stotrzynaście Gallery, Białystok (with Chris Niedenthal)
- 2001 *Neighbour*, Zachęta - National Gallery of Art, Warsaw; Stiklo

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- Karoliukai Gallery, Vilnius (with Chris Niedenthal)
2000 *Navraty*, Polish Cultural Institute, Bratislava
1997 *I photographed the 60s and Then Some...*, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw; Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius
Made in Germany, Goethe Institute, Warsaw
Photography, Lithuanian Photographer's Association, Vilnius
1986 *To the Living and the Dead*, synagogue, Tykocin; BWA Gallery in Białystok, Union of Polish Architects in Warsaw (with Jerzy Budziszewski)
1980 *The Word Is a Theatre*, The Old ZPAF Gallery, Warsaw; ZPAF Gallery, Krakow
1970 *Fathers and Sons*, Wolfsburg

Selected group exhibitions

- 2017 *Finding Marilyn*. Greene, Plewiński, Rolke, BB Gallery, Kraków
2016 *Interior*, Galeria Le Guern, Warszawa
The Everyday and Festive Rituals, Arsenal Gallery, Białystok
2015 *Tadeusz Kantor Machine: Theater + happenings + performances + painting+others modes of production*, Sesc Consolação, São Paulo
State of Life. Polish Contemporary Art within a Global Circumstance, National Art Museum of Art, Beijing
2014 *Houses Silver as Tents*, Wrocław Contemporary Museum, Wrocław
The Merchants, Centre for Culture, . Lublin
2013 *Houses Silver as Tents*, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
Free Time, Zacheta - National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
2012 *WWA Is Funky In B&W*, Warsaw Painting Museum Gallery, Warsaw
2010 *Black Squares 2. Abstractions, Photography*, Le Guern Gallery, Warsaw
2007 *Bread*, Synteza Gallery, Warsaw
2006 *Direction: Zamość*, Luksfera Gallery, Warsaw; Polish Institute, Berlin (with Marta Kilińska)
2005 *Angels In America*, University of Warsaw Library, Warsaw

Awards

- 2010 Gold Medal for Merit to Culture – Gloria Artis

Publications

- Rolke*, BOSZ Editions, Poland 2015
Tadeusz Rolke. It's All Photos., edition.fotoTAPETA, Warsaw, Berlin 2009
Kobieta to... (text: Andrzej Poniedziałki) "Gazeta Wyborcza" Library 2008
We Were Here. The Last Traces of a Lost Culture, edition.fotoTAPETA 2008
Jahrbuch Polen 2006 (photographs), Deutsches Polen Institut, Darmstadt, 2006

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Tadeusz Rolke Fotografie 1944-2005/Photography 1944-2005 (ed. Beata Majchrowska; Fundacja Galerii Foksal - Revolver, Warsaw - Frankfurt Am Mein 2006