









H.E. Darko Tanasković Ambassador Permanent Delegate of Serbia to UNESCO

H.E. Klára Novotná Ambassador Permanent Delegate of Slovakia to UNESCO



The paintings of the extraordinary artists from a minority Slovak community in Serbia strongly affirm the importance of cultural diversity and multiculturality, values long cherished by UNESCO. All that has been created and preserved in different domains of human creativity on a territory of one state constitutes its culture. However, the country has the right to be proud of its heritage only if it fosters the diversity of cultural expressions and the balanced multiculturality. The voices declaring the death of multiculturalism have been uttered by the European political elite. Fortunately, this does not mean that the genuine multiculturality, based on cultural diversity, has truly disappeared. This is because the multiculturalism is an ideological concept, whereas the multiculturality, to a lesser or higher degree, is the reality of each society. It has many times been repeated that the beauty will save the world. That will only be possible if each and every flower is blooming and every face smiling, just as on the paintings of Serbia's Slovak artists.

What makes a nation full-featured? Undoubtedly, its active national minority. And this may entirely be applied to the Slovaks in Serbia in the broadest sense their creative activities.

Slovakia proudly highlights this positive example of the role that a national minority can play in the relations between two countries at the beginning of the 21st century. The contribution of the Slovak artists, representing the unique naive art painting, to this Serb-Slovak calendar enhances the positive interaction between the two cultures of Slovakia and Serbia.

This can certainly serve as a model, worth studying and implementing in the largest, "UNESCO-wide" context.

It is my pleasure to congratulate to the talent and originality of all of the members of your community!



Miroslav Hraško, 1990 Zanuary 2016 Chimneysweep, 20 cm x 20 cm, 1914, oil on canvas SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	0 0 0 0 0	• • • • • • • • •	0 0 0 0	1	2	3
			0 0 0 0 0 0			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





Anna Pavlovová, 1954 February 2016 Newlyweds, 35 cm x 45 cm, 1983, oil on canvas SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN WED MON TUE THU FRI SAT 20 (21) 22 23 International Mother Language Day 2016

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29						





March 2016

Kovačica Pond behind Babka's House,

30 cm x 40 cm, 1957, oil on lesonite

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
20	20	20	21	1	2	2	1	Е	6	7	0	0	10

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			





April 2016 Home of the Babka family of 1894 in Kovacica, 50 cm x 70 cm, 2015, oil on capyas

											,	,	n canvas
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	:	0 0 0 0	• • • • • •	: 1 :	2	3
	•	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	• • • • • • • • • • • • •		0 0 0 0 0
4	<u>:</u> :5	6	<u>.</u> 7	8	9	10
4	:)	: 0	: '	0	: J :	: 10
	•	o o o o o o	• • • • • •	• • • • • •	•	a a a a a a a a a
	:	: : :		: : :	: : :	: : :
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		•		•	- 9 9	- 0 0 0
		•	•	•	- - - - -	•
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		* * * * * * *	• • •	•	• • •	9 0 0 0
	•	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •	•		o o o o
25	26	27	28	29	30	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	•	- 0 0 0	6 6		- 0 0 0	- 0 0 0
	•	o o o o	• • • • • •	•	• • • • • • • •	0 0 0 0
		•	•	•		•

April



May 2016 Girl from Kovacica, oil on canvas, 50 cm x 60 cm, 2001 SAT SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI 24 25 26 27 28 <mark>29</mark> 30 31

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
•••••	•		• • • •	· · · ·		• • • • • • •
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24 31	25	26	27	28	29





June 2016

Harvest, oil painting, 45cm x 60cm, 1976

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	•	1	2	3	4	5
		- 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Zune



0	Tu	ly i	20	16				Oh, Hoi	meland	d, 50 cn	n x 70 c			r ik, 1968 n canvas
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





August 2016

In Love, 40 cm x 50 cm, 2007, oil on canvas,

	_												
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2			5		7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





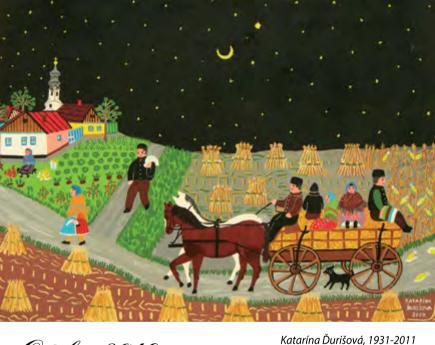
September 2016 40 cm x 50 cm, 2013, oil on canvas SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

30 1 2 3

26 27 28 29

MON	TUE	WED				SUN
	*	0 0 0 0	1	2	3	4
	•	0 0 0 0	•	•		9 9 9
				· · ·		•
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	•	o o o	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	•	9 9 9 9	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	•	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	•	• • • •	• • • • • • • •
12	:13	14	15	16	17	18
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	o o o o	0 0 0 0	• • •	9 9 9 9	• • • • • • •
	•				• • • •	• • • • • • •
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		• • • • • •	•	•	- - - - - - -	•
26	27	28	29	30	•	• • •
		• • • • •	*	•	•	•
		- 0 0 0 0	- + + + + + + +	•	- 9 9 9 9	- 0 0 0 0
19	20		22			





October 2016 In the Evening, 40 cm x 50 cm 2007, oil on canvas SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED THU SAT 25 26 28 29

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30





November 2016

Ján Strakúšek, 1926

Sisters, oil painting, 45 cm x 65 cm, 1999

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	0 0 0 0 0 0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		0 0 0 0 0 0
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *			•		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	• • • • • • •	o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o	0 0 0 0 0	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	o o o o o o o	6 6 6 6	•		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	0 0 0 0	o o o o	0 0 0 0 0			0 0 0 0
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
28	29	30	6 6 6 6	6 6 6 6	o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o	0 0 0 0 0
	• • • • • • • • •	e e e e	e e e e	•		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	•	•	•	•	e e e	•





December 2016

Woman on Bike, 30 cm x 40 cm, 2014, oil on canvas

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	• • • •	9 9 9 9	1	2	3	4
			0 0 0 0 0 0			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	





iesign: Marija Popovic marsija@eunet.rs



Pavel Babka, founder of the gallery



Babka Gallery

Masarikova 65, 26210 Kovačica, SERBIA

+38113/661 631

+38163/661 522

pavel.babka@babka.rs www.babka.rs

OPENING HOURS: 9AM – 4PM 365 days a year Dear friends of the Naïve Art,

Maybe everything took place just like it should have: at first, the Slovak Naïve Painting in Serbia has been denied, than lauded even too much, until, finally, on 18th June 2012 this kind of painting and art has been included in the Intangible Cultural Heritage and thereby accepted and classified as part of its cultural heritage by the Republic of Serbia.

The catalogue of the Slovak Naïve Painting concsists of 63 artists, painters, altogether having in common being self-taught amateurs, being born in Yugoslavia, Serbia, Vojvodina and the Slovak language being their mother language.

This CD calendar have been and still are composed of 12 artists, who, through their paintings, have and still are propagating Kovačica, Vojvodina and Serbia, but the Slovak Republic as well, in its best name.

Today we may proclaim, without being wrong, that we have been preserving and keeping up with our ethnic identity for over 200 years also through this kind of art and painting and I believe it will remain so in the following years as well.