
KRYSIA
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Krysia D Michna-Nowak

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A Word from the Gallery...

We are delighted to present this expansive collection of new work by Krysia D Michna-Nowak, together with selected works from her portfolio.

I was introduced to Krysia's work by Richard Chapman of Sheridan Russell Gallery who has represented her for over 30 years.

"Incongruously, Krysia and I first met in a hairdressing salon, and I was immediately captivated by her vivacious and extraordinary personality. When I discovered she was a painter and saw her work, I was mesmerised by the simplicity and beauty of her line. The eyes in her paintings were especially compelling – they seemed to capture everyone, conveying an extraordinary sense of intimacy with just a few lines.

As a sculptor, I was naturally drawn to discussing art with her, and soon afterwards, I invited her to exhibit with me, marking the beginning of a long, happy and successful relationship."

Richard Chapman, Sheridan Russell Gallery

"This exhibition is a culmination of a series of collaborations Richard and I have enjoyed over the past few years. Like Richard, I was struck by Krysia's ability to convey personality and emotion in just a few lines. There is something utterly compelling about her paintings. They are completely original and entirely different to anything else that one sees in the contemporary art world, and their appeal seems to be universal – connecting with collectors of all ages and at all stages in their collecting journey."

Karina Phillips, Gallery Different

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Cover image: **The Polish Plumber's Daughter**
Acrylic on paper | 120 x 115 cm

Krysia D Michna-Nowak

Krysia knew from the age of eleven that she would be an artist. She didn't know if she could paint, just that this was what she would do.

Colour, line and shape interest her, and, whilst her work is highly figurative, often featuring portraiture, it is the strong line that gives it a distinctive, graphic quality. The eyes, expression and elegance of line are central to Krysia's artistic practice, supported by a thoughtful orchestration of colour. Her work often evokes a quiet, pensive mood, drawing the viewer in to reflect on the symbolism and layered meanings behind each title.

Her work also incorporates wit and charm, as shown in her portrayals of cats. Describing herself as a 'cat person', she studies their poses and moods and, in painting them, transforms them. Her cats could become psychedelic, fantastical – even vegetarian!

Yet behind the exuberant colour and humour of Krysia's work lies something quite moving. Although born in Britain, her Polish heritage has remained profoundly important to her. Polish was her first language and the experiences of her parents and grandparents gave her an acute awareness of exile, displacement and loss.

"I think it's because of the tragedy of the nation, and also the tragedy in both my parents' lives, having lost people, trying to fight for freedom and having to start a new life."

Polish history, she says, "hangs very heavily." But for Krysia, the experience reaches beyond Poland to something universal.

"There is this awfulness about tragedy that can hit anybody, anywhere, any time, especially for refugees, or people who suddenly lose their own life and have to start their life again from the beginning."

That history brings an underlying melancholy to some of her work, even when its surface is filled with an explosion of colour.





Together
Acrylic on paper | 119 x 124 cm



Waving to Salvador Dali
Acrylic on paper | 113 x 117 cm





The Musician
Acrylic on paper | 116 x 111 cm

The Music Lesson
Acrylic on paper | 102 x 111 cm

Mesmeric Youth
Acrylic on paper | 97 x 81 cm





Wistfulness
Acrylic on paper | 93 x 81 cm

Fantasy of Catherine of Aragon
Acrylic on paper | 116 x 108 cm





The Receptionist
Acrylic on paper | 125 x 123 cm



The Framer
Acrylic on paper | 96 x 86 cm



Theseus
Acrylic on paper | 94 x 91 cm

The Wisp
Acrylic on paper | 94 x 94 cm



What colour is the wind, Daddy
Is it yellow, red or blue
When he's playing with my hair, Daddy
Does he do the same to you
When he's dying does his colour fade
Is a gentle breeze a lighter shade
Just like his friend the sea
The wind feels blue to me

When the blackbird starts to sing, Daddy
Do the flowers hear him too
When he's pouring out his heart, Daddy
Tell me, what do roses do
Do they cast their scent upon the air
And is fragrance just a rose in prayer
Giving thanks to God above
For the blackbird's song of love

Blow, wind, blow
Wild and free
My Daddy says
You're a lot like me

I know each colour
Its shape and size
I've seen them all
With my Daddy's eyes

I know that grass is green, Daddy
I've touched it with my toes
And snow is purest white, Daddy
I've felt it with my nose
But my favourite colour has to be
The colour of your love for me
And Daddy, I've been told
That love is always gold

What Colour is the Wind, Daddy – Charlie Landsborough



Athena
Acrylic on paper | 88 x 85 cm

Left image: **Blowing in the Wind**
Acrylic on paper | 145 x 120 cm



Bird's Eye View
Acrylic on paper | 96 x 86 cm



Girl with Tulip
Acrylic on paper | 118 x 105 cm



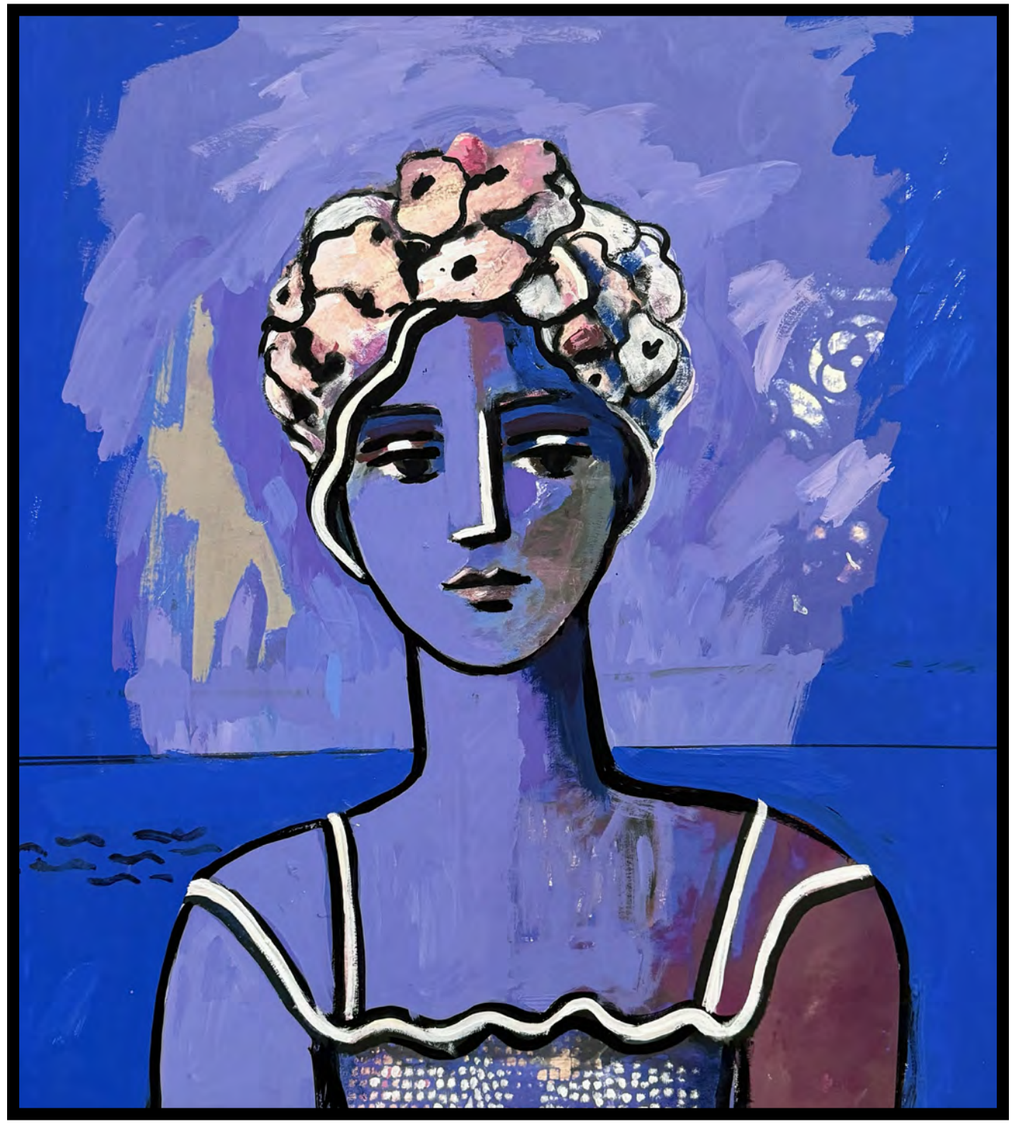
Primavera Mosaic
Acrylic on paper | 115 x 115 cm



La Belle
Acrylic on paper | 92 x 81 cm



Ringo
Acrylic on paper | 74 x 68 cm



The Brighton Belle
Acrylic on paper | 101 x 96 cm



The Cockerel
Acrylic on paper | 57 x 69 cm

The Jester
Acrylic on paper | 79 x 73 cm





Puppy Love
Acrylic on paper | 76 x 76 cm



Woman with Necklace
Acrylic on paper | 111 x 96 cm

Serenade
Acrylic on paper | 116 x 120 cm



Girl from India | Acrylic on paper | 131 x 109 cm



The Mask
Acrylic on paper | 81 x 81 cm

Lip Service
Acrylic on paper | 69 x 64 cm





The Embrace | Acrylic on paper | 118 x 124 cm



The Masquerade
Acrylic on paper | 124 x 126 cm





Here's Looking at You
Acrylic on paper | 121 x 111 cm

Girl with Earring
Acrylic on paper | 109 x 105 cm



The Conversation
Acrylic on paper | 109 x 90 cm

Flower with Love
Acrylic on paper | 118 x 114 cm



Classical Face
Acrylic on paper | 72 x 69 cm



Alice
Acrylic on paper | 91 x 76 cm



Girl with Pigtails
Acrylic on paper | 38 x 32 cm



Icelandic Blonde
Acrylic on paper | 38 x 33 cm



Nymph with Flower
Acrylic on paper | 97 x 98 cm





Primavera
Acrylic on paper | 116 x 114 cm

Persephone and Ceres
Acrylic on paper | 125 x 116 cm



Girl with Bluebird
Acrylic on paper | 74 x 70 cm

In the Exotic Garden
Acrylic on paper | 68 x 66 cm



The Walk (Wedding)
Acrylic on paper | 77 x 73 cm





The Waitress
Acrylic on paper | 81 x 66 cm



Four Seasons
Acrylic on paper | 108 x 97 cm



The Planter
Acrylic on paper | 126 x 111 cm





Midsummer Night's Dream
Acrylic on paper | 111 x 111 cm

Yum Yum Time
Acrylic on paper | 63 x 58 cm



Pink Fizz Cat
Acrylic on paper | 68 x 59 cm

The Vegetarian Cat | Acrylic on paper | 106 x 88 cm





The Cuban
Acrylic on paper
121 x 109 cm



Bird
Acrylic on paper | 83 x 76 cm



Girl with Bird
Acrylic on paper | 85 x 83 cm



Summertime
Acrylic on paper | 108 x 107 cm



Woman with Flower
Acrylic on paper | 111 x 109 cm

Flowers for Matisse
Acrylic on paper | 67 x 65 cm





Me, Myself and I
Acrylic on paper | 71 x 62 cm



Girl with Bling
Acrylic on paper | 81 x 73 cm

Back cover image: **Behind the Scenes**
Acrylic on paper | 124 x 114 cm

Matador | Acrylic on paper | 120 x 130 cm



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KRYSIA : PRICE LIST

Alphabetical order of Title of Artwork

Alice	2,900
Athena	2,500
Behind the Scenes	3,900
Bird	1,900
Bird's Eye View	2,500
Blowing in the Wind	4,500
Classical Face	1,900
Fantasy of Catherine of Aragon	2,500
Flower with Love	3,900
Flowers for Matisse	950
Four Seasons	3,900
Girl from India	3,900
Girl with Bird	2,900
Girl with Bling	1,900
Girl with Bluebird	2,500
Girl with Earring	2,900
Girl with Pigtails	1,250
Girl with Tulip	3,600
Here's Looking At You	3,600
Icelandic Blonde	1,800
In the Exotic Garden	1,800
La Belle	2,900
Lip Service	2,200
Matador	3,900
Me, Myself and I	1,500
Mesmeric Youth	2,900
Midsummer Nights Dream	3,900
Nymph with Flower	2,900
Persephone and Ceres	4,500
Pink Fizz Cat	850
Primavera	4,500
Primavera Mosaic	4,500
Puppy Love	1,900
Ringo	1,900
Serenade	4,900
Summertime	3,600
The Brighton Belle	2,900
The Cockerel	2,200
The Conversation	3,200
The Cuban	4,500
The Embrace	3,900
The Framer	2,900
The Jester	1,500
The Mask	2,200
The Masquerade	3,900
The Music Lesson	3,500
The Musician	3,900
The Planter	4,900
The Polish Plumber's Daughter	4,900
The Receptionist	4,900
The Vegetarian Cat	2,900
The Waitress	1,900
The Walk (Wedding)	2,200
The Wisp	2,900
Theseus	2,900
Together	3,900
Waving to Salvador Dali	3,900
Wistfulness	2,900
Woman with Flower	3,900
Woman with Necklace	3,900
Yum Yum Time	850

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