Exhibition at the Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art

21/01/2022*—*24/04/2022

Jarosław Modzelewski

*A Country on the Vistula River*

Curator

Marcel Skierski

# The exhibition at the Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art will be the biggest presentation of the several decades worth of Jarosław Modzelewski’s work. However, the display will not be organised chronologically, but focus on selected motifs and themes recurring in Modzelewski’s painting throughout his career.

The exhibition space will be subordinated to a shape referring to the *rodło* symbol, taken from one of Modzelewski’s first paintings — *Untitled* [*Rodło*] from 1980. This painting will be the starting point for the presentation of the sunsequent stages of the painter’s work, while the main theme will be the Vistula River, linking the formally distinctive periods of Modzelewski’s work. Over the decades, the river was the subject of many of Modzelewski’s paintings and the symbol of Polish identity revealed not through the depiction of significant or solemn events and figures, but rather the context-building details, ordinary activities, or the specificity of landscape, characteristic of the country on the Vistula River.

# Jaroslaw Modzelewski

born in 1955. In 1980, he received a diploma in painting at the Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts from the studio of prof. Stefan Gierowski. Between 1982-1992 he was the co-creator and participant of over thirty Gruppa exhibitions and actions. Until 2020, he ran a painting studio at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. Winner of many awards, including the 1998 Polityka’s Passport award, the 2004 Jan Cybis Award and the 13th Kazimierz Ostrowski Award in 2014. His artworks are held in private collections in Poland and abroad, as well as in public collections, including national museums in Warsaw, Kraków, Poznań, Wrocław, the Zachęta National Gallery of Art and Muzeum Sztuki in Łódź.

# More information

<https://u-jazdowski.pl/en/programme/exhibitions/jaroslaw-modzelewski>

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