

Božidar Pejković

ZASTRTI MIR

Galerija Antuna Augustinčića

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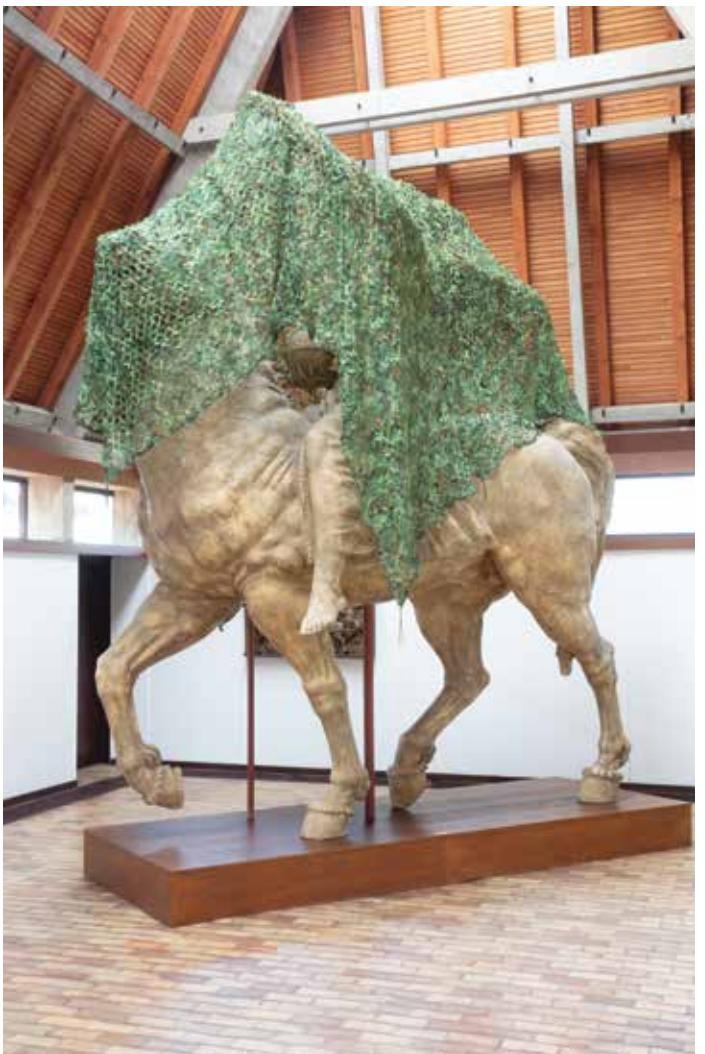
Velum flammeum, 2023., crveni šifon, 145 x 65 cm; na brončanoj skici za spomenik
Mir Antuna Augustinčića / red chiffon, 145 x 65 cm;
on bronze sketch of the Peace monument by Antun Augustinčić

Božidar Pejković rođen je 26. travnja 1960. u Zadvarju. Osnovnu školu pohađao je u Zadvarju i Omišu. Petogodišnju Školu za dekorativnu umjetnost i industrijsko oblikovanje u Splitu upisao 1974. te maturirao 1979. (Odjel za industrijsko oblikovanje). Paralelno pohađao Muzičku školu »Josip Hatze« u Splitu (Teorijski odjel). Studirao komparativnu književnost i povijest umjetnosti na Filozofskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu te diplomirao 1989. Živi u Zagrebu.

Nakon kraćeg pedagoškog iskustva u Centru za jezike u Zagrebu, godine 1991. dolazi na mjesto kustosa u Galeriji Antuna Augustinčića u Klanjcu, a od njezina pripojenja novoosnovanoj muzejskoj ustanovi 1993. na položaju je voditelja ustrojbine jedinice Muzeji Hrvatskog zagorja – Galerija Antuna Augustinčića.

Baveći se svim segmentima muzejske djelatnosti, stječe bogato i raznovrsno radno iskustvo: autor je pedesetak izložaba (monografiskih, studijskih, problemskih, autorskih) te nešto više izložbenih postava, vodiča za djecu i mlade te brojnih radionica i pedagoških programa; koncipira i organizira više značajnih simpozija na muzeološke, povjesnoumjetničke i teorijske teme (Antun Augustinčić u kontekstu hrvatske i europske skulpture, 1995.; Muzeji u Hrvatskoj – jučer, danas, sutra, 1996.; Skulptura na otvorenom, 2003.; Original u skulpturi, 2008.; Problem spomenika : spomenik danas, 2013.; Skulptura u muzeju, 2018.); kao urednik svih izdanja Galerije, od 1993. ureduje časopis Analji Galerije Antuna Augustinčića (u kojima objavljuje i zbornike radova spomenutih simpozija), stotinjak kataloga izložaba i manjih ili većih tiskovina, a većinu toga i grafički oblikuje.

Uz osnovni muzejско-galerijski posao, bavi se teorijom skulpture i kiparskim izrazom. Artikuliranim likovnim govorom ubočiće idejne koncepte u skulpturalne izričaje. Samostalno izlaže u Klanjcu (2001., 2002., 2005., 2006., 2012. i 2013.), Zagrebu (2007.), Bolu (2011.) i Splitu (2017.) te skupno u Slavonskom Brodu (2009.).



Velum militare, 2023., zelena vojna taktička kamuflažna mreža, 600 x 600 cm; na gipsanom modelu spomenika Mir Antuna Augustinčića / green military tactical camouflage netting, 600 x 600 cm; on plaster model of the Peace monument by Antun Augustinčić

BOŽIDAR PEJKOVIĆ was born on April 26th, 1960, in Zadvarje. He attended primary school in Zadvarje and Omiš. In 1974 he enrolled in the School of Decorative Arts and Industrial Design in Split, Department of Industrial Design. He graduated in 1979. At the same time he attended the Josip Hatze Music School, Department of Music Theory. He received a degree in Comparative Literature and Art History from the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb. He lives in Zagreb. After teaching for a year at the Language Center in Zagreb, in 1991 he started working as a curator at the Antun Augustinčić Gallery in Klanjec. He has held the position of Gallery manager since 1993, when the Gallery became part of the newly founded Museums of Hrvatsko zagorje.

He has versatile experience in all segments of museum and gallery operations. He organized over 50 exhibitions (devoted to single or multiple authors and a breadth of themes) and worked extensively on exhibition setups, guides for children and young visitors, workshops and educational programmes. He initiated and organized a number of symposia on topics in museology, art history and theory (Antun Augustinčić in the Context of Croatian and European Sculpture, 1995; Museums in Croatia – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, 1996; Open Air Sculpture, 2003; The Original in Sculpture, 2008; The Problem of Monuments : Monuments Today, 2013; Sculpture in museums, 2018). He serves as the chief editor of the Annals of the Antun Augustinčić Gallery (which often includes symposium proceedings) and many other publications such as catalogues for which he also provides graphic design.

In addition to his main curatorial work, his other areas of interest are questions of theory and expression of sculpture. With his articulate use of the language of visual arts he transforms ideas and concepts into sculptural expressions. He had a number of solo exhibitions in Klanjec (2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2012 and 2013), Zagreb (2007), Bol (2011) and Split (2017). In 2009 he took part in a collective exhibition in Slavonski Brod.

ZASTRTI MIR

Iz godine u godinu, povodom Međunarodnog dana mira, u klanječkoj Galeriji uz gipsani model Augustinčićevog spomenika *Mir*, likovne izložbe svjedoče o mirovornim stavovima pozvanih autora. Tematizirajući mir figurativnim i apstraktним kiparskim rado-vima te instalacijama u stalnom postavu, ostvarivale su u većoj ili manjoj mjeri dijalog sa spomeničkom dominantom, ponekad kroz intimni tematski rakurs, a ponekad kroz širi sociološki diskurs.

Početkom ovog desetljeća vidljiva je promjena u likovnim interpretacijama, koje više nisu usredotočene na opće prihvaćene teme o miru kao nasušnoj potrebi svijeta, nego kao lakmus reagiraju na recentne svjetske krize, neposredno se oslanjajući na model Augustinčićeva *Mira*; travnatim ambijentom 2020. godine referirale su se na iscijeliteljsku ulogu prirode u vrijeme pandemije COVID-a, a spomeničkim krhotinama 2022. na razbijeni mir u Ukrajini. Nastavljujući taj niz, ove godine Božidar Pejković intervenira na Augustinčićevu skulpturu, prekrivajući model spomenika vojnom kamuflažnom mrežom, a skicu *Mira* svilenim velom. Dok je zakrivanje *Mira* kamuflažnom mrežom (*velum militare*), jasna refleksija na ratne scene s ukrajinskih bojišta, konotacija prekrivanja crvenim velom (*velum flammeum*) leži u drevnim ritualnim pokrivanjima dragocjenih predmeta, životinja i ljudi, koji se time skrivaju i štite od zlih vanjskih utjecaja. Prekrivanje skulpture simbolički je čin štićenja njezina značenja. Treba zastrti mir. Zasad. Da ne bude zatrt.

Davorin Vujčić



Božidar Pejković: ZASTRTI MIR, Galerija Antuna Augustinčića, Klanjec, 21. rujna – 21. studenoga 2023.; intervencije na dvjema skulpturama u stalnom postavu Galerije, u okviru programa *Uz Mir za mir* povodom Međunarodnog dana mira, 21. rujna 2023.

VEILED PEACE

Each year, on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, Antun Augustinčić Gallery in Klanjec stages art exhibitions alongside the plaster model of Antun Augustinčić's Peace monument that testify to the peace-making positions of the invited authors. With peace as the subject of their figurative and abstract sculptures and installations, they have established dialogues with the monument's dominant, some through intimate subject angles and others through broader sociological discourses.

In the beginning of this decade a change began to emerge in artistic interpretations. They are now no longer focussed on the generally accepted topics of peace as the world's bare necessity but instead react to the recent world crises in a litmus-like manner, leaning on the model of Augustinčić's Peace. The 2020 grass-covered setting referred to the healing role of nature during the COVID pandemic and the 2022 monument shards evoked the broken peace in the Ukraine. Continuing the streak, this year Božidar Pejković intervenes on Augustinčić's sculpture by covering the model of the monument with a military camouflage net and the maquette of Peace with a silk veil. While the veiling of Peace with a camouflage net (*velum militare*) is a clear reflexion of war scenes from Ukrainian battlefields, the act of covering with a red veil (*velum flammeum*) is a reference to the ancient ritual of covering precious objects, animals and people with the aim to conceal and protect them from evil external influences. Covering a sculpture is a symbolic act of protecting its meaning. Peace needs to be veiled. For the time being. In order not to be eradicated.

Davorin Vujčić

Božidar Pejković: VEILED PEACE, Antun Augustinčić Gallery, Klanjec, Sept 21 – Nov 21, 2023; art intervention interacting with two sculptures in the permanent exhibition as part of the Next to Peace for peace, on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, observed on Sept 21.

