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Organisers of Book World Prague Announce Another Celebrity Guest - Alejandro Jodorowsky

At the very last moment, organisers of the 25th annual international book fair and literary festival Book World Prague (9 – 12 May 2019) have announced yet another star on the list of this year’s guests – the mystic and legend in various fields of art Alejandro Jodorowsky.

“Alejandro Jodorowsky’s visit had already been planned last year, when our topic was comic books, but at the last moment he decided to cancel his visit due to his age and health concerns. He regretted it very much, though, especially with respect to his Czech fans, so we stayed in contact. He comes from Chile and has for many years worked in Mexico, which also qualifies him as a perfect guest for this year’s presentation of Latin American literature. In recent days our negotiations gathered momentum and the day before yesterday we received a final confirmation of his visit and purchased the air tickets,” Radovan Auer, Book World Prague director, describes some of the challenges the organisers were facing. “But I will only fully believe it when I finally shake hands with him at the Holešovice Exhibition Grounds on Thursday,” Auer added.

Jodorowsky’s contribution to the history of cinematography includes the western *El Topo* or the iconic *Holy Mountain*. He also appeared as actor in both films. His films and graphic novels manifest surrealist influences and interest in mystique, which further expresses itself in his own therapeutic method – psychomagic. His graphic novels include some notable collaborations with the French artist Moebius. The fans will be familiar with the extensive Inca cycle (*Inca*, *The Metabarón*, *The Technopriests*). Czech readers could also enjoy Jodorowsky’s borderless imagination in his portrait of the mighty Renaissance family of the *Borgia* or the story of *The White Lama*.

“Together with Alejandro Jodorowsky we decided that he would hold a big presentation for his fans on Thursday, 9 May, at 6 pm at the open air venue “Gauč ve Stromovce” at the Holešovice Exhibition Grounds. On Friday at 2 pm he will hold an additional book signing for all those who will miss the Thursday get-together,” Guillaume Basset, the festival’s artistic director, explains. “We know that all this comes at the very last minute and that the arrangements are not ideal, but it is a miracle that Alejandro Jodorowsky will come to Prague at all. It will be his first time here and we believe that this is worth a little extra effort on the part of his fans,” Basset adds.



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