

Janina Jasińska-Luterek - painter, illustrator. She was born in 1925 in Tomaszów Mazowiecki. During World War II she was active under the pseudonym 'Nike' in the Home Army (1943-1945). She studied at the Faculty of easel painting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw (1947-1953). She participated in the organizational and exhibition activities of the Association of Polish Artists and Designers (1951-1967) and participated in art festivals in Gdansk and Szczecin and in international exhibitions of the Ministry of Culture and Art. She was an organiser and vice-chair of the organising committee of the exhibition "Against War Against Fascism" organised at the Arsenal in Warsaw (1955), which became a manifestation of opposition to socialist realism and was one of the first manifestations of the "thaw" after the Stalinist period. Between 1968 and 1970 she stayed and worked in Paris and New York. In 1971 she settled in Sweden and in 2002 she moved to France. Initially she created drawings and paintings of a figurative nature, saturated with deep melancholy. After 1990, her easel paintings evolved into abstract compositions. In her new series, she sought different forms and compositional arrangements, creating in a range of cold colours. She has participated in more than 30 solo and group exhibitions in, among others, Stockholm, Copenhagen, London, Barcelona, Madrid, Monte Carlo and Paris. Individual exhibitions among others: Gula Pavljongen Gallery (Stockholm 1975), B-M Gallery (Västerås 1980), Gallery 17 (Stockholm 1981, 1987, 1995), Falsted Gallery (Copenhagen 1981), Solna Gallery (Solna 1982), Centre Culturel du Carmal (Libourne 1983), Drian Gallery (London 1987), Yves Fay Gallery (Paris 1992), Polish Institute (Stockholm 1998). Participated in the exhibition of Polish émigré artists "We are" organised in the Warsaw Zachęta Gallery (1991) and the "Small Gallery of Emigration Art" in Toruń (2002). Member of the Association of Polish Artists (1951-1967), the All-Swedish Artists' Association (since 1971) - vice-president and treasurer of the Stockholm District Board (1987-1993), the Association of Swedish Artists (since 1976) and the Association of Swedish Artists (since 1980). Winner of the following awards: art prize of the city of Solna (1982) and Swedish Artists' Association (1997). The artist's works can be found in museums in Szczecin, Gorzów Wielkopolski, and in the collections of the Ministry of Culture and Art in Warsaw, as well as Stockholm University and the University Museum in Toruń, among others. She died in 2018 in Lailly-en-Val, France.

The works on show are a gift from Wojciech Luterek