



Štěpánka Stein & Salim Issa

CZECHMANIA

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DOM FOTOGRAFIE, GALLERY OF P.M. BOHŮŇ in LIPTOVSKÝ MIKULÁŠ
and **PRAŽSKÝ DOM FOTOGRAFIE – PRAGUE HOUSE OF PHOTOGRAPHY, o.p.s.**
introduce the Slovak premiére of exhibition by the artists Štěpánka Stein & Salim Issa. A project is produced as a part of Dom fotografie series titled NETWORK – international exchange of exhibitions and CHANGING FACES – project of Culture 2000.

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Štěpánka Stein and Salim Issa are collaborative photographers whose work focuses on lifestyle documentary and fashion pictures, as well as the work of contemporary Czech designers and architects. Currently working on a series of conceptual projects (Beauty/Fashion, 'Beyond the Limits', Space Cowboys) including a documentary on a Prague neighborhood for which they won the Grant of the City of Prague in the Czech Press Photo Awards. Their work is also presented in the fashion magazine Blok. In the year 2005 they were chosen by Taschen Publishing to be included in their book Best Portfolios. www.s2photo.cz

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The photographic part of the CzechMania 2004/2005 design festival, represented by Stein and Issa, was split into two parts: the exhibition and the project - the second part will be used as the promotion for the whole event. For each part a unique set of photographs with a different concept was created: The CzechMania Messages and The CzechMania Design. The CzechMania Messages reflect the trends of young generation, which accepts today's fashion and design and at the same time transforms it in their own creative way. The main criteria for choosing the „models“ is a strong personal inventive approach, witty appearance and creativity working against stereotype. Messages have an important rule in this part, either spontaneously created or precisely prepared, accompanied with the Prague Castle silhouette in the background. The Czechmania Design set is a survey in its own way, trying to capture the original, somehow superhuman, design created by the young Czech designers in the real world of Prague streets.

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