

**FLORIST GALLERY and APARTMENT
OBLAK MIHA**

OM

If you ever wandered what a genius mind looks like from inside,
this florist gallery provides the answer.

Miha is the master mind and the brain behind the project. He dreamed, imagined and produced this extraordinary space. His vision is supported by the local artisans, the craftsmen and the craftswomen, the carpenters, artists, religious objects and everyone else participating in the making of this fairytale come true. The florist gallery space symbolizes combination of the three universal elements: nature, divine and human.

Nature

Miha takes inspiration from the best possible source; nature itself. This is why the place combines natural elements in stone roses, water fountains, glass decorations, mirrored ceiling and copper elements. And yes, there are flowers everywhere. Leitmotif throughout the gallery is the flower of *Fritillaria meleagris* (močvirski tulipan in local language), commonly named snake's head, chess flower, leper lily or Lazarus bell. This flower is depicted on the wall graffiti (courtesy of AZRAM, the graffiti group 109), it is reproduced in copper flowers and balcony decorations, in the shower screen in the upstairs' apartment, as well as in small details such as tea cups and jewelry pieces designed exclusively for the OM gallery. Miha will gladly explain that this flower is the love of his life because of its' perfection, non-pretentious nature and simple beauty. This is why you should come to OM gallery or visit Ljubljansko barje at the time of Lazarus lily's blossom (end March beginning April). Miha has couple of them planted in the wine barrels outside for us to observe and marvel.

Divine

Instinctively knowing that nature is the result of the divine intervention, the gallery is mindfully incorporating the divine and religious elements. There are fully functional church organs on the ground floor with organ pipes fixed on the florist level and on the gallery balcony upstairs. If you feel the divine inspiration and have it in you, please do play the organs and let the rich sound take you to imaginary lands. The divine presence is further enhanced by the statute of Virgin Mary on the wall to the left of the main entrance. And then there are all the brass lights with glass bulbs illuminating the space with sun like quality. All the lights in the gallery and the main adjoining hall were once part of a church chandelier which Miha bought from local church ten years ago upon faint premonition that this beautiful piece will come to its full shine many years later. If you are interested you can find photos of the original church chandelier in the book about the making of the OM Florist Gallery. Good detectives among visitors can also find a priest chasuble vestment in the

upper floor. The thick red curtains running along the whole place were once the main stage curtains at the nearby theater, although they bare some similarity to the church scarlet red.

Human

The OM gallery space is divided in the upper apartment and the florist gallery shop downstairs. The upper space provides sanctuary to all those of us seeking refuge in the wilderness of nature. It is open for short term stay from Friday afternoon to Sunday evening. The upper floor is dedicated to human nature and fulfilling our needs and wants. The breath-taking round bed and mirror ceiling are just made for romantic encounters and maybe some adult mischief. The small fireplace with stone roses on the wall will elevate your mood at any given time. You will feel like a bee just because you can take a shower in a flower (shower screen design and hand work by Miha, the art work contribution of AZRAM). The whole space sparks with life and the raw natural forces. While you are busy admiring mirror reflections, check out both beehives upstairs and test your natural intelligence while trying to open them.

And yes, you can make yourself comfortable and walk around the florist shop just to admire the flowers and maybe make a bouquet or two. If you are lucky, the wine chiller downstairs will be open for you to enjoy the nectar of gods.

OM Florist Gallery is also a place dedicated to art and beauty with incredible vases, plates, glasses, work of art and other hidden pieces all over the space. Crystal in the gallery is the result of a long-term collaboration between Miha and Slovenian crystal maker – Rogaška Kristal. Pieces are on display for admirers and connoisseurs while added flower arrangements make them irresistible. These pieces will make your home feel like Zen garden in the middle of everyday chaos. True to its name, the OM Florist Gallery will occasionally provide space for art exhibits of local painters, artists, jewelers and other creative forces. The opening evening on 24th of September 2021 was displaying painting and flower décor from painter Ms Polona Loborec.

We hope that you will enjoy the OM Florist Gallery at least as much as Miha and his team were enjoying creating this special place for everyone to come, take a deep breath and just observe the abundance of nature. The subtle observers among you might even notice how Miha manages to incorporate the natural laws of activity & inactivity, rest & unrest, peace & chaos in his work.

You are all welcome.