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Press release

**Jaroslav Róna - „DRAWINGS FROM ELSEWHERE...“
New fine art exhibition opens 7 March, 2019, at the Jewish Museum in Prague**

Prague 22 February, 2019 – Between 7 March 2019 and 6 October, 2019, visitors to the museum's Robert Guttmann Gallery can visit a new temporary exhibition by Jaroslav Róna (*1957), a renowned Czech sculptor and painter. On show is a set of drawings from 2012-2018 which gives us an opportunity to delve more deeply into the artist's world.

Róna works in the fields of painting, sculpture, graphic art, drawing, mosaics, set design and stained glass. His drawings are an inseparable component of his work. They are the indispensable means of recording, seeking, shaping, and formulating new ideas and myths. All of Róna's artworks convey a story, whether from the distant past or some future world, or whether about an entire civilization or an individual life. In this way, they differ from the purely visual or aesthetic visions of modern art concepts. Unlike the latter, they introduce into the work a certain motif that attracts us with its unusual shapes and dark striking colour. The motif pulls us into the action and provokes thought, but without providing any clear answers. We have to look for the meaning ourselves, to contribute to its understanding.

The themes of Róna's paintings and drawings cover a vast expanse, from the origin of the world to distant cosmic civilisations. Other works remind us of scenes from prehistoric Earth and from our own history – but they are all the fruit of the artist's tireless imagination, fascinated by some object or idea for which he seeks an answer. They all seem to convey some urgent message, the content of which has been forgotten. Attracted by their enigma, we try to puzzle them out and discover the missing connection.

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Interviews and photo op: 6 March, 2019, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Exhibition opening: 6 March, 2019, at 5 p.m.

Photos and captions for download:

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Jewish Museum in Prague – Robert Guttmann Gallery, U Staré školy 3, Prague 1

Open daily except Saturdays and other Jewish holidays, winter 9 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., summer 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: regular CZK 50, reduced CZK 30, children under 6 free of charge

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