

Jiří Ševčík (1940-2022)

was a Czech art historian, writer, curator and scholar whose activities influenced several generations of artists and theoreticians. Since 2004, Ševčík had been a member of the art advisory committee of the Kontakt Art Collection. From 1962 to 1965 he was editor-in-chief of the magazine *Architektura ČSR*. He taught Theory and History of Art and Architecture at the Faculty of Architecture of the Technical University from 1966 to 1989. From 1990 to 1993 he was chief curator of the Gallery of the City of Prague and from 1993 to 1996 director of the modern and contemporary art collection at the National Gallery in Prague. From 1996 to 2013 he served as vice-rector of the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague and as director of the AVU Academic Research Centre, which he had founded in 1997. Along with his wife Jana Ševčíková, he published a great number of important texts about Czech(oslovakian) art. Jiří Ševčík was a laureate of the Austrian Decoration for Science and Art. In 2018, he and his wife were also awarded the Czech State Award of the Ministry of Culture for their lifelong contribution to Czech culture.