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**The Word as Part of the Image and the Image as Part of the Text: The Exhibition *Words of Dalibor Chatrný* Opens at the House of Arts**

**Brno, 21 April 2026 – Dalibor Chatrný (1925–2012) is among the most remarkable figures of Czech art in the second half of the twentieth century. Throughout his work, he continuously pushed the boundaries of visual language. One example of his innovative approaches is his so-called “word works,” which are the focus of the new exhibition *Words of Dalibor Chatrný*, presented at the Jaroslav Král Gallery at the House of Arts Brno. The exhibition will be opened on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 6 pm. The exhibition *Distorted Image. Chapters from the Beginnings of Video Art* will open concurrently.**

Chatrný first began to engage with words and language in the late 1960s. He systematically explored questions of the word and language, the meanings of words, the relationship between the signifier and the signified, and the connections between verbal and visual communication. “However, he did not belong to those strictly defined conceptual artists who rejected the aesthetic dimension of the work. On the contrary, he remained a painter and insisted on the visual form of his word-based works, in which colour, expressive gesture, and handwriting played a key role,” explains curator Alena Pomajzlová.

Chatrný’s exploration of the active interplay between reading and seeing opened up new ways of perception and revealed the potential for entirely new interpretations as well as broader questions. His remarkable works stand at the intersection of painting, conceptual practice, linguistic inquiry, and philosophical reflection. Through the breadth of the issues he addressed, Chatrný made an exceptional contribution not only to Czech visual art.

The exhibition marks the culmination of the *Chatrný 100* series, commemorating the centenary of the artist’s birth.

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**Opening 28. 4. 2026, 6pm**

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