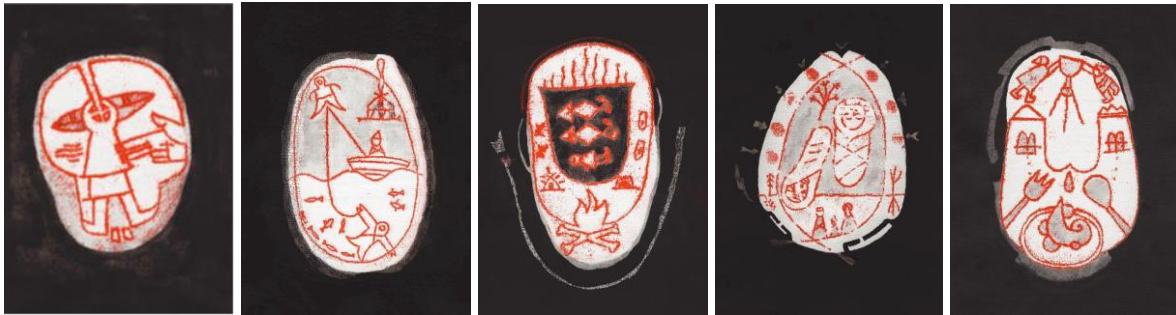


Sámi Fairy Tales and Legends in Luboš Drtina's Illustrations



A unique exhibition travelling around Czechia, Slovakia, Poland, Denmark (the Faroe Islands) and Norway (Svalbard). A world of the Sámi fairy tales, myths and legends through the eyes of a distinct Czech artist, Luboš Drtina.

Myths and legends have always been an integral part of the lives of the Sámi people inhabiting the rough Arctic area. During the long polar nights or while trapped by foul weather on a journey, forced to stay in one place for a longer period of time, the northern hunters and reindeer herdsman used to tell stories to one another. Many of the stories explain how the Sun, the Moon and the stars originated, why nature is the way it is, and why various animals look the way they look like.

The Norwegian philologist and the Sámi language teacher, Just Knut Qvigstad, was a very important personality who had preserved the mythological stories, fables, legends, tales and songs for the modern times.

[The exhibition](#) of Luboš Drtina's illustrations was presented for the first time in 2012, on the occasion of the opening of a new Sámi Centre in Oslo. [More...](#) In the same year, it was part of the *Czech Days in the Faroe Islands*. In 2013-2016, the illustrations were exhibited in many cities in Czechia, Slovakia and Poland. In 2018, it was part of the *At Home in Svalbard* project and since 2019, it has been a regular part of the Arctic Festivals in Prague and other countries.