

The descriptive conception of the competitive artwork
With You it's Heaven on Earth

The work With You it's Heaven on Earth is one of my favorite works. I painted it in year 2011 for my solo show in the Main Building of the Latvian National Museum of Art, a year after my trip to Bali. This painting was the central work of the exhibition.

I went to Bali with the purpose to find some inspiration for the new serie of paintings. Before going to Bali, I knew, that this island is very exotic and colorful. Painting With You it's Heaven on Earth, was the first one I painted for serie of Bali and I wanted to express in this artwork the beauty, the nature's richness of this island and as well the ocean. I had never thought the water to possess such power. The waves were so powerful and they crushed against the shore. I was captured by the beauty of this tropic island.

But it's not just the nature's beauty in this painting, I wanted to show. I wanted to paint somehow the feeling of being in love. I'm pretty much sure, that most people feel the same. This feeling of being in love, mostly inspires to live more intensely. I've not found yet that love of my life, but in my paintings I can escape to the world of my imagination, where I've that someone, who gives me the strength to live, to paint and to believe in myself. I do believe, that it's possible to feel with someone, like it's heaven on earth!

CV

Personal information

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Birth date and place 29.08.1983 in Riga

Education

1990-1999 French Lycee Riga, Riga
1999-2003 Jan Rozentals Riga Art College, Riga
2003-2007 Latvian Academy of Arts, Riga: Bachelor of Arts
2009-2010 Escola Massana, Barcelona
2007-2011 Latvian Academy of Arts, Riga: Master of Arts

Solo exhibitions

2003 Photo exhibition *Four Seasons*, gallery *Bastejs*, Riga
2004 Photo exhibition, Latvian National Museum of Art, Riga
2005 *Discovery*, gallery *Pedants*, Riga
2005 *I met Paris*, gallery *Carousell*, Riga
2006 *Radiation of Emotions*, gallery *Bastejs*, Riga
2006 *Dew of Feelings* gallery *Makslas darzs*, Riga
2008 *Searching for Paradise* Ivonna Veiherste art gallery, Riga
2009 *Garden of Thoughts*, gallery „21”, Riga
2009 *Waterlife*, gallery *Promenade*, Riga
2010 *Alma*, exhibition of drawings from Barcelona, gallery *Istaba*, Riga
2010 *1000 und 1 Nights*, gallery *DFAB*, Riga
2011 *Butterfly Effect*, Moller Auto Riga Audi Center, Riga
2011 *Bali – Garden of Eden*, Main Building of the Latvian National Museum of Art, Exhibition Hall *Arsenals*, Riga

Important group exhibitions

2003 *Private space*, Main Building of the Latvian National Museum of Art, Exhibition Hall *Arsenals*, Riga
2004 *Fantastic Face*, photo exhibition, gallery *Carousell*, Riga
2005 *Nude*, gallery *Bonhanss*, Riga
2005 *Renew*, exhibition of works of young painters in the Latvian Academy of Art, Riga
2005 *Women in Summer*, gallery *Makslas darzs*, Riga
2005 *Halle Grenette*, exhibition of Latvian art, Bourgoin, Jallieu
2006 exhibition of works for Indulis Zarins Grant competition, Riga
2006 *Sight from above*, LMS gallery, Riga
2007 *Candy bomber*, Main Building of the Latvian National Museum of Art,



2010 Exhibition Hall *Arsenals*, Riga
Regards from Barcelona, gallery *Montcada*, Barcelona

Professional success

1990 Illustrations for Andris Zauers poems for children *The Dog Cheered* (together with Ilze Avotina)

2003 Main prize in the competition for young photo artists *Green*

2004 *Plain air* workshop of *Fondazione Romualdo del Bianco*, Firenze, Italien

2005 *Plain air* workshop *Faarborg Kunstfestival*, Faarborg, Dänemark

2005 Grant for two months in the *Cite Internationale des Arts atelier*, Paris, Frankreich

2006 Indulis Zarins grant

2007 Participation in an auction of art organised by Ivonna Veiherde

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2009 Grant for a semester abroad in *Escola Massana*, Barcelona

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2010 Participation in a group exhibition in the gallery *Montcada*, Barcelona

Works are in the Swedbank collection of Latvian contemporary art and private collections in France, Latvia, Luxemburg, Russia and Spain