

What is happiness? All around us there are commercials with products that will make us happier and it is even scientifically explored what are these hormones and how to get them. It's clear that the feeling of being happy is different for each person but I think that it gives the life it's meaning and fulfillment. We shouldn't hunt for rational reasons of it's appearance because sometimes if you know each detail it takes away the magical and ethereal sense and drops you back on the ground. Does happiness falls on our heads like snow or do we have to search it? It's all depends of an individual. We are all responsible of what we are, what we do and how we feel and we form ourselves.

Basically people are alone and it's not meant negatively. We all are locked in our brains and thoughts which we hear all the time. Even when we listen to the others, the information is processed in our brains.

So it's logical that we create and form ourselves and that we are egoists. Possibly this may be why the human figure in my paintings appears swathed in a glimmering light, creating visual associations with the figure's individual space of thoughts and feelings - its aura, perhaps.

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Education:

2011- now Art Academy of Latvia, Master studies, Painting department

2009 Ecole superieure d'art de Lorient, France

2007 - 2011 Art Academy of Latvia, Bachelor of Arts degree in the Humanities, Painting department

1995 - 2007 Riga French Lyceum

Group Exhibitions:

2012 International art festival A. Kuindgi memorial, Contemporary Art Center of A. Kuindgi, Art Museum of A. Kuindgi, Gallery Art-Luks, Mariupole, Ukraine

2012 CHA - 2012. Roads & Tracks. Moscow International Art Salon, Moscow, Russia (catalog)

2012 SEB grant in painting - competition exhibition, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2011 Young People Icons, Gallery Art Promotion02, Germany

2011 Where am I?, The Festival of Winter in Sigulda, Latvia

2011 SEB grant in painting - competition exhibition, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2010 Urbanchildren. The Young in Latvian Painting II, Latvian National Museum of Art, the Arsenāls Exhibition Hall, Riga, Latvia (catalog)

2010 Exhibition of Baltic Fine Art Student and Young Artist Artwork Competition, Gallery GlobalArtRoom, Riga, Latvia

2010 BREDERLO- VON SENGBUSCH art premium competition exhibition, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga

2009 SEB grant in painting - competition exhibition, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga

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2008 The wooden architecture in Latvia 3, a competition exhibition, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga