

## Conception of the competitive artwork „Basque“

This work is a fragment of a paintings cycle "la Malet" (suitcase), which was created during the period of studying in Spain, Barcelona (ERASMUS). This period was emotionally vivid and full of reflection. Like all people in a foreign city for the first time to get to the desired location. So I got to know Barcelona with the help of a map, where population is more than 4milj. citizens. Map is divided to 24 sectors. I slowly walked through each of sectors and explore them. Then I started to think how I will transport these paintings to home. I searched for information about airplane luggage size. I thought the most sensible luggage is hand luggage, because it is included in the price of the plane ticket. Since I am using Ryanair services, the hand luggage size is 40x55x20cm. Later I began to search the painting overall size. At the same time, I've looked at different places outside of Barcelona, where people were not so many. I looked on the map where more nature is and went there when it was possible. I took many photos as materials for paintings. The work is made of 24 frames, as my first map of Barcelona. Paintings size is 220x240cm. I painted each frame individually and also in pairs, like walking along Barcelona in each map sector. In the end, it all came into my hand luggage as one large map, outlining my feelings about the current environment and my home.

"la Malet" painting cycle consists from seven paintings. The works dimensions are the same. The works have not created for displaying on a wall, but with a little space from it. It is important to me; because I want the viewer feel the 2D paintings in 3D space. My works have been created and exist in 3D space. Works can be admired from all angles. Under displayed works is a 3D object, which is to suggest that it is a part of the 2D part.

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**EDUCATION:**

2011/2012 - Massana school of arts. Mural painting department.

2008 - Art Academy of Latvia, Department of Painting; BA

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS:**

2011

Gallery L „\* ”

Jelgavas Culture House „\* ”

2001

Kurzemes reg. Culture Centre „Imanta” „ Domu meklējumos”

**GROUP EXHIBITION:**

2012

„POP-PER” Latvian ilustracion magazine Nr.01

2011

Gulbene region Art and History Museum „coming back to the place where I never been”

Pub “Ezītis miglā” LMA student exhibition “Kā pa miglu”

Vidzeme market meat pavilion, 90 Brīvības Street exhibition "TROJAS ZIRGS"

2010

Riga Art Room exhibition „Mākslas dienas 2010”

Gallery L opening exhibition „PROLOGS”

Art Academy of Latvia and SEB bank concourse exhibition „SEB painting stipendy 2010”

Gallery L exhibition „Ai – Nava”

Annual exhibition „Autumn.Recycle.Process”

Baltic young artists exhibition in Tallinn, Estonia "ZugZwang"

2009

„Kulturbloks” VEF 7th corps, Riga, Latvia

Art Academy of Latvia and SEB bank concourse exhibition „SEB painting stipendy 2009”

Art Academy of Latvia carnival exhibition „Melnbaltā planeta”

