

"New Stories" (EST "Uued lood") 2014 27.09.2015 Descriptive conception

I have been interested in traditional subjects, for instance Estonian aboriginal paranoia, complexes and fear about their nation's survival and sustainability for several years. This painting, created in year 2014, came to life by a simple feeling or mental image, but becomes a bit prophecy-like in the light of this year's refugee crisis when people have finally started to realise and take seriously the changes. This self-portrait is non-mistakenly a reference to a mixture of one of Estonian traditional symbols: a hand-made Haapsalu shawl and burka tradition. In any (political or other) sense, I would like to emphasize that I am neutral, only sensing and letting through me the tendencies of the world. As having studied semiotics, I have always been keen on different approaches and wish to keep things as ambivalent as possible. Therefore, I would be more than happy if the painting provoked different kinds of signification.

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(b. 1989, Estonia)

Organisations:

Since 2009 - ENÜS [Association of Estonian University Women] Since 2014 – The Estonian Painters' Association

Education:

2014 (October) - Strzemiński Academy of Art Łódź,
2015 (February) - Department of Graphics and Painting, MA (ERASMUS+)

2013 - ... University of Tartu, Painting, MA
2009 - 2013 University of Tartu, Painting, BA.
2008 - 2013 University of Tartu, Semiotics and cultural studies, BA.

1997 - 2008 Rannu Secondary School

Group Exhibitions:

2015

The exhibition of the summer practice of University of Tartu Painting Department „Ära Põe“ (a sequel exhibition, Library of University of Tartu)

The exhibition of the summer practice of University of Tartu Painting Department „Ära Põe“ (Kosmonautika resort, Häädemeeste county, Pärnu Parish)

Tallinna Flower Festival flower painting exhibition (Kõismäe tower, Tallinn) „JÄRJEPIDEVUS JA UUDSUS“ The Annual exhibition of Estonian Painters Union (The Museum of New Art in Pärnu)

XV ERASMUS Exhibition (Galeria BIAŁA ŚCIANA, Strzemiński Academy of Art Łódź, Poland)

2014 Interdisciplinary festival „Crazy Tartu 5: Theatrical“ („Hullunud Tartu 5: Teatraalne“) (Promenaadiviis, Tartu)

An exhibition of the graphic arts of the students of University of Tartu Painting Department (café Gaudeamus, Tartu)

The exhibition of the summer practice of University of Tartu Painting Department „Kosmonautitjad Kosmonautikas“ (a sequel exhibition, Library of University of Tartu) The exhibition of the summer practice of University of Tartu Painting Department „Kosmonautitjad Kosmonautikas“ (Kosmonautika resort, Häädemeeste county, Pärnu Parish)

Tartu Centre of Creative Industries' - TartuYoung Art Auction/ Exhibition (Tartu Centre of Creative Industries')

2014 "Kruis Tartu" – International art students' workshop and exhibition (Gallery Noorus, Tartu)

2014 Estonian Artists Association: 14th annual exhibition "The Spring Exhibition" (Tallinn Art Hall)

2014 „MAALI FOOKUS / Eesti kaasaegne maalikunst“ Estonian Artists Union annual exhibition (The Museum of New Art in Pärnu)

2014 Exposition in the University of Tartu Narva College (Narva)

2014 The exhibition of the students of University of Tartu Painting Department (Café

"Gaudeamus", Tartu)

2013 The Annual Exhibition of Tartu Artists (Tartu Arthouse)

2013 „Suvi keset talve“ - The exhibition of the summer practice of University of Tartu

Painting Department (Library of University of Tartu)

2013 Young Painter Prize 2013 finalists' exhibition (Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius,

Lithuania)

2013 The exhibition of the diploma works of University of Tartu Painting Department (BA

and MA) (Tartu Arthouse gallery)

2012 The Annual Exhibition of Tartu Artists (Tartu Arthouse)

2012 Exhibition-sale at the „City of Art“ program in Tartu Hanseatic Days (Tartu)

2011 „BACA-BACA ehk Still life ja Nat-Morte“ (Tartu Arthouse)

2010 The exhibition of the summer practice of the students of University of Tartu Painting

Department (Galeria pART, Põltsamaa)
2010 Merila maastik (Library of University of Tartu)

Other artworks:

2015 Scientific illustrations for Estonian Ornithology Union
o „Eesti Linnud“ a bird identification app for smart devices

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ee.eoy.key.mobile.eestilinnud> o „Leia lind“
interactive game <http://www.eoy.ee/leialind/>

o „Lindude ränne“ interactive game <http://www.eoy.ee/ranne/>

2014 A logo design for Västriku veterinary pharmacy

2013 A mural in a private residence

2013 Illustrations for the newspaper Kõsimärk of the Association of Estonian University Women

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2012 Illustrations for the web-based science fiction magazine Reaktor, February issue (no 5) 2011

Illustrations for the web-based science fiction magazine Reaktor, December issue (nr 3)

Awards

2013 Young Painter Prize (Baltic young painters' competition), 2nd prize

Catalogues

Elin Kard 2014. EKL 14. aastanäitus. Kevadnäitus (exhibition catalogue).

Tartu Centre of Creative Industries' TartuYoung Art Auction's Catalogue 2014 (Online catalogue

available at: <http://loovtartu.ee/lmk/kylastajale/kunstioksjonid/kunstioksjonid#3-oksjonikataloog>)

Young Painter Prize/ Jaunojo tapyojo prizas 2013 (Catalogue of the finalists' works)

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Tatrik, Katre 2013. Noore kunstniku maalitud hirmud palvisid preemia. Tartu Postimees 10.12.2013, URL (kasutatud detsember 2013) <http://pluss.postimees.ee/2625774/noore-kunstniku-maalitud-hirmud-palvisid-preemia>.

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Madiste, Egle 2013. Laureaat võitleb maaliõppe eest. Tartu Ekspress 5.12.2013, URL (kasutatud detsember 2013) <http://www.tartuekspress.eu/?page=1&id=1833>.

Dailidėnaitė-Petkevičienė, Julija (ed.), Dalmantaitė, Vitalija (ed.) 2013. Young Painter's Prize (näituse kataloog) 38 – 39.

Aibel, Liisi 2013. Maalikunsti lõpetajate hulgas staare ei ole. Universitas Tartuensis, 6.2013, 7: 20 – 21.

Piirimäe, Krista 2013. Noor kunst laseb ennast paista mitmekülgsena. Tartu Postimees 20.06.2013, URL (used in September 2013) <http://www.tartupostimees.ee/1277062/noor-kunst-laseb-ennast-paista-mitmekulgsena>.

Talvistu, Peeter 2013. Üllatavast üllatuste puudumisest. Sirp 20.06.2013, 25, URL (kasutatud September 2013) http://www.sirp.ee/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18590:uellatavast-uellatuste-puudumisest&catid=6:kunst&Itemid=10.