

The following summarizes my thoughts regarding the painting from a series of the same title "The Place". A place encompasses both physical and abstract attributes of a space. It is something well defined but vague at the same time. It is visible and physically perceptible but also possesses something that provokes emotions and feelings.

And yet, they are stories about places and specific spaces. I wonder whether a place alters its aura with a change of space? Does the perception of a space change in different seasons, lightings and lay-outs? What predominates in the perception of the space – a man with his feelings or master of the space leaving traces in the environment as imprints and evidence for the others? People set themselves apart from everything by comparing and putting themselves first. Actually, space is primary and people are secondary as they have to occupy space somewhere.

People may impart meaning to the space but their lives are shaped by it. The space can characterize them because while arranging their surroundings, they create a story and their personalities are reflected in the space. A place is the portrayals of space and the depiction of feelings and changeability.

The works has made in specific technique – it has painted on PVC sheets (looks like glass) in two layers and a layer of plywood. Together it makes to seem like 3D painting, and it shows the depth of the room or space.

Painting from series "The Place". "The Lunch" is about relationship between a person and a room, about its place in the space, about the human proportion in the universe, and its solitude.

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EDUCATION:

2012 - 2013

Plataforma Revolver para Arte Contemporanea, gallery assistant, Inez Teixeira artist's studio assistant, Lisbon, Portugal

2010 - 2012	Art Academy of Latvia, The Faculty of Visual Arts, Department of painting, Master's degree
27.09.2010-01.07.2011	Escola Massana, Barcelona, Spain, Erasmus programme
2006 - 2010	Art Academy of Latvia, the Faculty of Visual Arts, Department of Painting, Bachelor's degree
1998 - 2006	Janis Rozentals Riga Art School, specialty of illustrator
03.09.2005-30.09.2005	Chenderit School, a visual arts college in Banbury, Leonardo da Vinci programme, United Kingdom
1993 - 1998	Carnikava Primary School

ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONOURS

2012	ABL ^V Charitable Foundation award in exhibition „Migration“ in LMA gallery, Riga, Latvia
2010	audience award in exhibition „Landscape“ in gallery „Laipa“, Valmiera, Latvia
2008	grand prix in exhibition „The World is White“ in gallery „Laipa“, Valmiera, Latvia
2005	jury selection in the 5th International Art Contest „Klimt Visions“ in Rubnik, Poland
2004	jury selection in the 6th international youth art exhibition „Harmony“ in „Noass“ gallery, Riga, Latvia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015	“The Place“, gallery “Daugava“, Rīga, Latvia
2015	“The Place“, Alūksne Museum, Alūksne, Latvia
2014	“Meu Portugal“, gallery „Laipa“, Valmiera, Latvia
2009	„That is how we are“, gallery „Laipa“, Valmiera, Latvia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015	Rauna open-air workshop exhibition, gallery “Laipa“, Valmiera, Latvia Rauna open-air workshop exhibition, Rauna Old Pharmacy, Rauna, Latvia “The World is Everything that Exists“, gallery “Daugava“, Rīga, Latvia
2014	MAA-TILA, Helsinki, Finland Rauna open-air workshop exhibition, Rauna Old Library, Rauna, Latvia “The Great Summer Exhibition 2014“, “Mans`s” gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia “Art hunt“, “Kalnciema quarter“, Rīga, Latvia
2013	“13“, Valmiera open-air workshop exhibition, gallery “Laipa“, Valmiera, Latvia „Graduation“ in „SoCo“ gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom “Autumn. Collection of 2012/2013“, gallery of The Union of Latvian Artists, Rīga, Latvia
2012	„Graduation“ in „12 Star Gallery“, London, United Kingdom „Migration“, Permanent representation of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium „Migration“ LMA gallery, Riga, Latvia „View Spain“, Spanish Culture Center „Seneka“, Riga, Latvia Latvian contemporary painting exhibition “The Great Summer Exhibition 2012“, “Mans`s” gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia „Colouful costumes, flowers and lips“, house of culture “Ozolaine“, Carnikava, Latvia “Art hunt 2“, Kalnciema quarter, Riga, Latvia
2011	“Art hunt“, Kalnciema quarter, Riga, Latvia “Selection - 20 years of gallery“, “Mans`s” gallery in Jēkabpils, Latvia

- Latvian contemporary painting exhibition "The Great Summer Exhibition 2011", "Mans`s" gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia
- 2010 Latvian contemporary painting exhibition "The Great Summer Exhibition 2010", "Mans`s" gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia
 „The red...” gallery „Laipa”, Valmiera, Latvia
 „Landscape”, gallery „Laipa”, Valmiera, Latvia
- 2009 Dolsk open - air workshop exhibition, gallery "Galerii za Szyba", Wroclaw, Poland
 „Art Oasis”, c/c Valleta, Valmiera, Latvia
 Latvian contemporary painting exhibition "The Great Summer Exhibition 2009", "Mans`s" gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia
 „Landscape”, „Laipa” gallery, Valmiera, Latvia
- 2008 Latvian contemporary painting exhibition "The Great Summer Exhibition 2008", "Mans`s" gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia
 Latvian contemporary painting exhibition "Capsized pleasure", „Mans`s" Gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia
 „Art Fair”, „Laipa” gallery, Valmiera, Latvia
 „The World is White”, gallery „Laipa”, Valmiera, Latvia
- 2007 Latvian contemporary painting exhibition "The Great Summer Exhibition 2007" in "Mans`s" gallery, Jēkabpils, Latvia
- 2006 Latvian contemporary painting exhibition „Boundry Transfer”, gallery „Mans`s", Jēkabpils, Latvia
 „Autumn 2006”, The Latvian Railway history museum, Riga, Latvia