

The painting „Stage I“ is a part of the series „The Measure of Us“. It's a study on how humans use stereotypization, systematisation and measurements to organize their existence. The series (and the competition work) brings out both unnoticed and the more obvious labels we give each other and our culture. I aim to raise the question, whether this measuring is necessary, as it can create moral dilemmas among its outcomes. We might take labelling too far, forgetting the individual and its importance behind the measurements. Or perhaps how we instinctively measure is the very essence of our humanity and essential for existing with a complicated, pilosophising and abstract thinking mind. It might be that humans, by nature paranoid and suspicious of everything they don't understand, have to measure their surroundigs to function as social creatures. The truth probably lies in balancing the two sides of measuring life. The series is meant to bring our attention to the ways we take measuring and labelling too far, as well as it's role in keeping track of ourselves and functioning as a civilized society.

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### EDUCATION

2013 – ... University of Tartu, faculty of philosophy, master's studies: painting

2015 Akademia Sztuk Pięknych im. Władysława Strzemińskiego, Poland (exchange student in the department of graphics and painting)

2010 – 2013 University of Tartu, faculty of philosophy, bachelor's studies: painting (cum laude)

1998 – 2010 Vinni-Pajusti Secondary School

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2007 – 2009 Dance and Art School Athena (painting, drawing)

2001 – 2008 Music and Art School Kaur (ballet)

1998 – 2007 Vinni-Pajusti Secondary School (piano studies)

## EXHIBITIONS

2015 Solo exhibition „Lõhestunud invidiid: privaatne ja avalik“, Võru Town Gallery, Estonia (August-September)

2015 „Sailing Away“ (Erasmus student’s exhibition), Fashion Promotion Centre , Akademia Sztuk Pięknych im. Władysława Strzemińskiego, Poland (June)

2015 ILLUSIOON, Pärnu Town Gallery, Estonia (April-Mai)

2015 „A Prima Vista“, Gallery Strefa Erasmusa, Akademia Sztuk Pięknych im. Władysława Strzemińskiego, Poland

2015 Solo exhibition „To Be Continued...“, Tartu Y-Gallery, Estonia (March)

2014-2015 Annual exhibition of the artists of Tartu, Tartu Art House, Estonia (December-January)

2012 - 2015 Student exhibiton in Narva College (University of Tartu), Estonia

2014 Graphics exhibiton of the art department of University of Tartu, UT library cafe Gaudeamus (October-November), Estonia

2014 „Kosmonautijad Kosmonautikas“, UT library, Estonia (October- November)

2014 „Kosmonautika kosmonautlejad“ Kosmonautika centre in Pärnumaa, Estonia

2014 „Kruiis Tartu“, Gallery „Noorus“ in Tartu, Estonia (April)

2014 Exhibiton of the art department of University of Tartu, UT library cafe Gaudeamus, Estonia (January-February)

2013-2014 Annual exhibition of the artists of Tartu, Tartu Art House, Estonia (December-January)

2013-2014 Exhibiton of the art department of the University of Tartu, UT library, Estonia (December-January)

2013 Degree Show of the art students of the University of Tartu, Tartu Art House, Estonia (June)

2012 Young artist’s auction exhibition „Linn“, Estonia

2012 Exhibition „Kunstiakadeemia“, Rakvere Gallery, Estonia 2011 Young artist’s auction exhibition „stArt“, Estonia

2011 Student exhibiton of the art department of the University of Tartu, Tartu Art House, Estonia

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Kalmus’ young artist’s scholarship (2014)