

'The Element of Truth' commemorates the hundredth anniversary of 'Black Square' by Kazimir Malevich. Building on Malevich's concept of the single truth, Priede's work introduces this concept to modern audiences. One hundred years after the First World War, we now face the Third World War, the 'information war', a war of propaganda and disinformation. Priede's paintings are his response, his private altar, created to gain clarity and peace. Black symbols offer protection, black repel negativity, symbolizes strength, self-confidence, truth and existentialism where it focuses on issues such as the meaning of human existence, their relationship with life and death, freedom of will and determinism. Priede paints simple, understandable things from nature, such as water, snow, clouds and other things - which includes all four elements and their intermediate stages. In his works the depth of nature gives peace and power for the mind and helps the viewer not to give up, to gain strength and learning from nature. His art is like a gateway to the holy, the true and sacred.

## KRISTAPS PRIEDE

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### Professional education

2015 - 2017	Master of Arts degree in Painting Department, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
2016	Fine Art: Painting, Wimbledon College of Arts, London, United Kingdom
2015 - 2016	Fine Art, Falmouth University, Falmouth, United Kingdom

2011 - 2015	Bachelor of Arts degree in Designer qualification, Design Department, Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
2006 - 2010	Environment Design, Interior designer, Riga Design and Art secondary school, Riga, Latvia
2002 - 2005	Ergli Music and Art school, Ergli, Latvia

## Art Exhibitions

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### Solo / Group

2016 August 28 -30.	International solo exhibition 'The River', A5 Yixuanxiao zhu Art Centre, Zhuhai, China
2016 June 13 - 15.	Participating in a group exhibition 'VOYAGE' with the painting 'Modern Jesus' in the Seen Fifteen Gallery, London, United Kingdom
2016 May 26.	Showcasing painting 'Modern Jesus' and participating in C.O.D.E. charity event. 1901 Arts Club, London, United Kingdom
2016 January 27 - January 30.	International solo exhibition 'The Element of Truth', The Poly Gallery, Falmouth, United Kingdom
2015 November 12 - December 3.	'SEB Scholarship for Painting', Art Academy of Latvia, painting 'The Boat', Riga, Latvia
2015 September 7 - October 7.	Art Society "Sidegunde" exhibition 'Plen-Air Session of Malpils' with paintings 'The Boat', "The Construction of Ham Stack" and pottery vassels, Malpils, Latvia
2015 March 26 - May 31.	A touring group exhibition 'Fabric Vitae' with the painting 'The Wild Plant' Pauls Stradins Museum for history of medicine, Riga, Latvia
2015 April 11 - 28.	Group exhibition 'Mākslas medības', Kalnciema Quarter, paintings, Riga, Latvia
2014 November 13 - December 3.	'SEB Scholarship for Painting', Art Academy of Latvia, painting 'The Jetty No.1', Riga, Latvia
2014 November 14 - 2015 May.	In collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium participation in the group exhibition 'Art of Anatomy and symbiosis' with the painting 'The Wild Plant' Pauls Stradins Museum for history of medicine, Riga,

Latvia

- 2014 November - December. Two artists exhibition 'Personalities' with Alfia Hairova-Soliguin, restaurant 'KID\*', Riga, Latvia
- 2014 October 1 - 24. International group exhibition exhibition 'You Art a Woman', Art Academy of Latvia, painting & ready-made, 'Two Natures', Riga, Latvia
- 2014 September 24 - October 19. 'Young Painter Prize', Contemporary Art Centre, paintings 'The Wild Plant' and 'The Mother', Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2014 May 14 - 24. Group exhibition 'Caurvejs Akademija', Art Academy of Latvia, painting 'Gatis', Riga, Latvia
- 2014 March 29 - April 19. Group exhibition 'Makslas medibas', Kalnciema Quarter, paintings 'Frame', 'Landscape of Latvia' and 'Jump in the Dream', Riga, Latvia
- 2013 August 3. Group exhibition 'Tirza laika turza', Dairy Plant of Tirza, painting 'Go', Tirza, Latvia
2012. Group exhibition 'Exhibition of Artists Pallets', gallery 'Zimulis un ota', Riga, Latvia
- 2012 October 28 - November 10. Group exhibition 'Matter of Time', Gulbene District History and Art Museum, curator of the exhibition, painting 'Idea of the Year', Gulbene, Latvia
2012. Group exhibition 'Landscape of nowadays', White school exhibition hall, paintings 'Frame' and 'Seaside Forest', Kurmene, Latvia
2012. Group exhibition 'Sea', Art Space of Kurmene, paintings 'Iceberg' and 'White', Kurmene, Latvia
2012. 'SEB Scholarship for Painting', Art Academy of Latvia, painting 'Morning Coffee with Tom', Riga, Latvia
2011. Solo exhibition 'Lie', Taka, Riga, Latvia

Group Design Exhibitions

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- 2015 June 4 - July 11. Qualification work exhibition 'DDD', Art Academy of Latvia, Bachelor's work 'WHITE', Riga, Latvia

- 2014 November 11 - 28. Participation in the design exhibition 'Casa Castiglioni', Art Academy of Latvia, lamp project 'Hourglass Inoperable', Riga, Latvia
- 2014 May 14 - 24. Group exhibition 'Caurvejs Akademija', Art Academy of Latvia, product design - bread box 'NEST', Riga, Latvia
- 2012 - 2014. 'Get to Know - Wood' Mezaparks Large Open-Air Stage, project 'Skin of Heat' dedicated for Lady Gaga, Riga, Latvia
- 2010 June. Qualification work exhibition 'City 2020', Riga Design and Art School, diploma work '3/4', Riga, Latvia
2006. International group exhibition design exhibition 'Winter Fireflies', Riga Design and art School, lamps 'Cube' and 'Ball', Riga, Latvia

#### Awards

2014 - 1st prize winner in Art Academy of Latvia students works competition, Anatomy and Arts Symbiosis, painting 'The Wild Plant', Pauls Stradins Museum for history of medicine, Riga, Latvia