

YOUNG PAINTER PRIZE 2016

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ONCE A WEEK MY SCHOOL ORGANIZED OBLIGATORY SWIMMING CLASSES. I GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

SHORTLY AFTER MY GRADUATION THE SCHOOL GOT CLOSED.  
AND NOONE WENT TO THE POOL.

THE POOL WAS PLANNED TO BE PULLED DOWN. TO BUILD A NEW SCHOOL.

IN SUMMER OUR POOL GOT FULL OF BLUE-GREEN ALGAE. SO WE STOPPED SWIMMING THERE.  
WE WERE WAITING FOR THEM TO DISAPPEAR.  
BUT THEY DID NOT.

THE POOL WAS BUILT A LONG TIME AGO.

NOONE USED IT.

POOL LACKED TREATMENT FACILITIES.

WE STARTED TO USE IT AS A WASTE REPOSITORY.

NO ONE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SWIM IN THE POOL.

WHEN THERE WAS NO WASTE WATER THE POOL STOOD EMPTY. PLANTS WERE GROWING  
BETWEEN THE TILES.

WAITING FOR THE NEXT RAIN SEASON.

The diptych "Melancholy" is a painting from a largescale installation "Melancholy" which unobtrusively reflects the ongoing social political processes in the world, giving the swimming pool as a dominant element of the installation a metaphoric meaning. It reflects the uncertainty of future, highlighting the thirst for progress, as well as the tragic its impossibility and stagnation.

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Education.

2016 Art Academy of Latvia, Painting department, MA

2014 Art Academy of Latvia, Painting department, BA

2013/2014 Royal Art Academy of Antwerp Prizes and awards.

2016 SEB scholarship in painting

2014 „Brederlo von Sengbusch” Art Prize 2012 Inara Tetereva scholarship in Arts Solo exhibitions.

2016 Solo exhibition “COLLECTING”, Kalnciema Quarter gallery, Riga, Latvia 2014 Solo exhibition „PLACE 57/24”, gallery „Happy Art Museum”, Riga, Latvia

Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST IV”, Vecmilgravis, Riga, Latvia

Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST III”, gallery „Ziema”, Riga, Latvia

2013 Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST II”, abandoned Egypt’s Lutheran church, territory of Latvia

2012 Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST I”, abandoned old Cotton fabric, Riga, Latvia

Solo exhibition „Notes”, „Gallery L”, Riga, Latvia

Group exhibitions.

2016 Exhibition “BBX”, Liepajas Latviešu biedrības nams, Liepaja, Latvia

Exhibition “Tension. The Young in Latvian painting III”, Latvian National Museum of Art, exhibition hall Arsenals, Riga, Latvia

2015 Contemporary art festival “Survival K(n)it 7”, Centre for contemporary art of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2014 Exhibition „Lynoja“, gallery „Akademija“, Vilnius, Lithuania

Exhibition „What happens there in Riga?“, gallery „NOORUS“, Tartu, Estonia Exhibition „Frag.1.,2.,3.“,  
Press house, Riga, Latvia

Exhibition „Erasmus special effects“, European Union House, Riga, Latvia 2013 Exhibition  
„LAIKABIEDRI“ Vitebsk, Belarus

Exhibition „Chemin de fer“ Art Academy of Warsaw, Poland

Exhibition „Location and dislocation“ Kaņepes Culture Centre, Riga, Latvia Exhibition „River of light“,  
Regional Museum of Balvi, Latvia

2012 Exhibition „Matter of time“ Regional Museum of Gulbene, Latvia Exhibition „Warning“, „Gallery L“,  
Riga, Latvia

Other activities.

2015 Participation in the international visual arts residency at Glo'art art center,

Lanaken, Belgium

Participation in t h e international art residency “Mark Rothko 2015”, Daugavpils Mark Rothko center,  
Daugavpils, Latvia

2014 Participation in the object festival “Ziemassvētku egļu ceļš”; object “Jampadracis”, Esplanade,  
Riga, Latvia

International workshop „Make your own press“, organized by KUNO, Bergen, Norway and Tallinn,  
Estonia

2013 Workshop „See the sea“, organized by KUNO, Nida, Lithuania International residency “The wall of  
Europe”, Sardinia, Italy International workshop “Illegal aesthetics”, Tallinn, Estonia