

Māra Straume

b. 1992, LV

I WANT. I NEED.

CONSEPT.

Hello, my name is Mara and i like to look around. More seriously, if thats not enough, i am currenty studying so i can call myself a painter with no doubt in mind. In my work i like to observe the parallels between nature and man built structures and find where it is a nessecisity or just a caprice. That is the main theme im talking about in my newest series called " I want. I need."

To be more specific, there is this thing i've noticed while walking around town, people like to make windows where there weren't planned any. And i don't mean that as a euphemism. It looks rediculous and it is possibly dangerous to the structure of the whole building. As i started to notice this more often it opened up a whole new view of how individuals and society manage to embarrass themselves with actions like this and similar. Paying more attention to the arias im local to it came clear to me in how many ways we do this and im sure there are so many i haven't even realized yet. But starting with the crippled walls and continuing the random square shaped forest clearings and whole forest massive where trees marked with an orange "X" . I could go on, but the idea should be clear by now and i should let my work talk instead of me.

Education

From 2012 Latvian Academy of Art, Faculty of Visual Arts, Department of Painting, BA

2009-2012 Jana Rozentale Riga Art Highschool (JRRMV)

Residences

2015 - two weeks residency in "Totaldobže" Art Center's summer residency at Tāšu manor. Tāši, Latvia.

Exhibitions, Festivals, Projects

2017

- participation in Liepāja Art Forum 2017 with an exhibition called "I want. I need." Liepāja, Latvia

2015

- solo exhibition „Free Space”, cafe „AUSTRA,, , Riga, Latvia

2014

- participation in group exhibition/art fair "Mākslas medības" (Hunting Art), Kalnciema Quarter, Riga, Latvia

2013

- „SEB scholarship,, group exhibition , LMA, Riga, Latvia
- LMA group exhibition at Kalnciema Quarter, Riga, Latvia

2012

- JRRMV graduates exhibition „Snobu Tabors,, The Artist's Union of Latvia, 11.novembra krastmala, Riga, Latvia
- Group exhibition "Sajūtu Nospiedumi" at "Spice", Riga, Latvia

Other projects

From 2013 volunteering at "Totaldobže" Art center, Riga, Latvia