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Each individual human biologically belongs to a large class of organisms-mammals. But only rare specimen of our kind perceives oneself as mammal. Instead we tend to think about ourselves as sort of superior creation, masterpiece of evolution. At least that's what that big brain of ours (the one that above many other things allowed us to be able to perceive symbols and thus created language of art) tells us so. On the other hand, we often deprive our mammal relatives of qualities we assume only people can possess. Like consciousness, altruism or even plain sense of pain.

But if we look at the naked truth, is it that simple to draw the line that sets us apart?

BIO

Fields of activity: Fine art, illustration, book design

Education

2012-2016: M.A. Department of Graphic Art, Latvian Academy of Art

2008-2012: B.A. Department of Graphic Art, Latvian Academy of Art

Grants

2012

Latvian Academy of Art Vilhelms Purvītis Grant

Work experience

2013-present, children's book illustrator at Zvaigzne ABC publishing house

Solo exhibitions

2011

"Personal Jesus", Birkenfelds gallery, Riga/Latvia

Selected group exhibitions

2017

"International Print Biennial Varna" exhibition, City Art Gallery Boris Georgiev, Varna/Bulgaria

2016

"Idea-Object 2016" contest exhibition, Vilnius Art Academy Museum, Vilnius/Lithuania

Graphics Department students and teachers exhibition, Katowice Art Academy, Katowice/
Poland

2015

"Slēptā svēta vieta", Salaspils/Latvia, LU botanical garden

2014

"Grafika-S", Riga Art Space, Riga/Latvia

2013

"Summer exhibition", Manss gallery, Jekabpils/Latvia

"Pine tree juice", Jurmala city museum, Jurmala/Latvia

2011

"Return to where I have never been before", Gulbene museum of art and history, Gulbene/
Latvia

"Printmaking", Ogre Art school exhibition hall, Ogre/Latvia

"Sensual life", Birkenfelds gallery, Riga/Latvia

2010

"+30", Dirty Deal cafe, Riga/Latvia

"Smoke", Birkenfelds gallery, Riga/Latvia

"Sheared wool", Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, Riga/Latvia

"Wheels", Birkenfelds gallery, Riga/Latvia

"*Graphics", Tasty gallery, Riga/Latvia

Publications & catalogues:

2016 "Grafika-S" Exhibition catalogue