

YOUNG PAINTER PRIZE 2021

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“An Exploration; Crocoidyll”

120 x 100 cm, oil on canvas, 2021

We look at and perceive objects and subjects around us on a regular basis, automatically, without a thought. Everything should be a part of a whole, yet I struggle to see the bigger picture and tend to drown in-between the fragmented pieces of information. So I scrupulously examine the details of the perceive-able around to make some kind of sense. It rarely does (make sense).

The painting “An Exploration; Crocoidyll” is an attempt to reimagine the whole. Researching the structures and patterns of some of the oldest living animal species – their skin structures – I let myself to rearrange them on the canvas. These animals have lived for so long, they must be perfectly adapted, unlike me.

The fantastically organized morphological rhythms of the specific lizard and crocodile specimens is an example of how biological patterns form. It seems as if there’s a perfect formation algorithm in nature that I as a human cannot crack and repeat. The nature is unapologetic and I don’t judge it’s mistakes. Yet why can’t I forgive my own?

BIO

My current practice is rooted in the contemplation of different materials. By doing so I try to understand the structure of reality, if there even is any. In my paintings I depict scrupulous details of my current surroundings as well as ambiguous forms of something somewhere yet undisclosed.

EDUCATION

Painting; Art Academy of Latvia; BA (2018 – 2021)

Environmental Art; Art Academy of Latvia; BA (2017 – 2018)

GROUP SHOWS

2021

"1+1+1=1", BA GRADUATION SHOW / STUDIO EXPERIENCE

Marta Viktorija Agruma, Paula Zvane, Marta Grīge / Site specific

2020

SCHOLARSHIP OF LATVIJAS VALSTS MEŽI IN ARTS

AS Latvijas Valsts meži / Painting exhibition

SEB GRANT IN PAINTING – EXHIBITION AGENDA

Art Academy of Latvia / Virtual 3D exhibition

ART DAYS 2020. COVID-19

Latvian Artists Union / Virtual 3D exhibition

AWARD OF JĀZEPS PĪGOZNIS FOR LATVIAN LANDSCAPE PAINTERS

Landscape painting exhibition

2019

SCHOLARSHIP OF LATVIJAS VALSTS MEŽI IN ARTS

AS Latvijas Valsts meži / Painting exhibition

VASARA / SUMMER

Ojārs Vācietis Memorial Museum / Plein air paintings of summer 2019

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Bar Bolderāja / Contemporary exhibition of ready-mades and artworks

GROUP EXHIBITION “6x7/6x6”

Art Academy of Latvia / Analog photography pop-up exhibition

RAITA DZĪVE / THE LIFE OF RAITIS

Restaurant Andalūzijas suns / Painting exhibition

2018

BREAKFAST IN KULDĪGA