# YOUNG PAINTER PRIZE 2021

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Kraštovaizdis yra mūsų aplinka, kurios augdami nepasirenkame, tačiau ji mus formuoja. Lietuviškas peizažas yra didelė mano tapatybės dalis. Jo aš ilgiuosi, kad ir kur būčiau. Ilgiuosi ne fizinių vietų, o namų, įsižeminimo ir priklausymo kažkam jausmų.

Prisimenu, kai buvau maža, leisdavausi į mažus nuotykius kitoje ežero, prie kurio gyvenome, pusėje. Pasiimdavau savo raudoną kuprinę ir įsidėdavau į ją vandens, užrašų knygutę, medinių pagaliukų ir bet ko, kas man mažai atrodydavo gyvybiškai svarbu šioje kelionėje. Šios beveik John Muir ekspedicijos užaugino stiprų ryšį su gamta ir peizažu, kuris mane supo.

Kai dabar įsivaizduoju peizažą, jis visada turi lietuviško kraštovaizdžio ypatybių. Kai vaizduotė ima viršų, dabartis ir praeitis susilieja. Kiekviename paveiksle, kurį sukuriu iš šių fantazijų, galima rasti sąsajų su patirtimis peizaže, kuris man artimas. Atrodo, jog šios patirtys plaukioja nejudančio laiko erdvėje, kuri tuo pačiu yra kintanti. Tai – slapta ilgesio erdvė.

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to long, too long

A landscape is our surroundings, something we don't choose when growing up, yet it shapes us. I feel that lithuanian landscape is a big part of my identity. It is something I long for wherever I am. It is not the physical places that I miss there, it is the feeling of being home, of belonging, being rooted.

I remember when I was little I used to go on these small adventures on the other side of the lake that we lived next to. I would pick up my red backpack and put water, notebook, wood sticks in it, and whatever

else my young mind thought was necessary for this adventure. These John Muir like expeditions grew into the deep connection with nature, with the landscape I was in.

Now when I imagine a landscape it always has the characteristics of a lithuanian scenery. In the time when imagination takes over, present and past merge in the imaginary landscape. In every painting that I make of these fantasies you can find links to the experiences of the landscape that I am familiar with. At this point it feels that these experiences are floating in this motionless time that is liquid at the same time. This secret space of longing.

Represented by Meno Parkas gallery, Kaunas, Lithuania

A member of Lithuanian Artists' Association since 2020

#### Education

2014 - 2018

2017 - 2018

## Solo exhibitions

Upcoming

Painting, Bachelor's degree, Vilnius Academy of Arts Kaunas Faculty, Lithuania

Royal Academy of Arts, The Hague, The Netherlands

2021december

Netherlands, The Hague, NL

Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to the Kingdom of the

2021 august Galleri NB, Viborg, DK

Past

2019 "Thinking the Landscape", Gallery "Meno Parkas", Kaunas, LT

Selected group exhibitions and projects

Upcoming

2021 spalis "Paint and Become", Šiauliai Art Gallery, Šiauliai, LT

Past

2020 "LAA exhibition of new members", Lithuanian Artists' Association, Vilnius, LT 2020 "Art needs no roof", open-air gallery, Vilnius, LT

2020 "Naturing a Thought", virtual exhibition in the Contemporary Art Platform

"ArtThou", UK

2020 "Young painting of Kaunas'20", Gallery "Akademija", Vilnius, LT 2020 "Counter-argument III",

Gallery "Meno Parkas", Kaunas, LT

2019 A presentation followed by exhibition of a poetry and prose publication

ilustrated by 5 authors, Vytautas Magnus University multifunctional

science and study center, Kaunas, LT

2019 A presentation followed by exhibition of a poetry and prose publication ilustrated by

5 authors, Užupis Art Incubator Gallery "Kalnas", Vilnius, LT

2019 "Counter-argument II", Gallery "Meno Parkas", Kaunas, LT

2018 "ART CODE: LT 100. YOUTH", 3rd Alytus International Biennial of

Young Creators, Alytus City Theater Gallery, Alytus, LT

2018 "Join the Dots/Unire le distanze" (organizer "Imago Mundi" (Treviso). Salone degli

Incanti (ex Pescheria), Trieste, IT

2018 "Young painting of Kaunas and Riga", Kaunas Picture Gallery, Kaunas, LT 2018 "Deepfloor", Royal Academy of Arts, The Hague, NL

2018 "LT.art: migracija/migration", gallery "Home of Art", The Hague, NL

2017 Projects' "10x12" exhibition, presentation of the collection "Loving Art is Art" -

Contemporary Artists from Lithuania. Gallery "Meno parkas", Kaunas, LT

2017 "Creative stagnation: Ode to work in progress", VMU Art Gallery "101", Kaunas, LT

#### **Art Fairs**

Upcoming

2021 september VOLTA Basel art fair, Basel, CH Past

2020 7th edition of Berlin Art Fair "Positions", Berlin, DE 2019 6th edition of Berlin Art Fair "Positions", Berlin, DE 2018 14th edition of Verona Art Fair "ArtVerona", Verona, IT