

XIV YOUNG PAINTER PRIZE

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The 110x110 centimeters large oil painting "Conflict" is showing two primitive forms of human bodies confusingly dealing with each other in a plain, void-like space. Disagreements are almost a daily occurrence for anyone. It is not the conflict itself that can become the separator between two individuals, but rather the lack of skill set one has to solve it. The painting is a portrait of the bigger conflicts, the ones where people find no way out on the other side, the ones that feel like collisions of two different worlds, the other person fading away, when there seems to be no solution or compromise, and the ones that can take on a much bigger scale, growing into collisions between nations.

Two ape-like creatures are a reference to Stanley Kubrick's 1968 movie's "2001: A Space Odyssey" opening scene with apes finding a Monolith and eventually evolving into humans. Monolith is something substantial, a turning point for the formation of society. In this painting I was playing around with conflict being this evolutionary turning point.

The conflict is where the growth happens and the conflict is also where the destruction and anger lies.

Creative biography

Education

2019-present	Art Academy of Latvia, Riga BA Painting, final year
2022	Nida Art Colony, Lithuania, Kuno Express course Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig, Germany, Erasmus+ mobility
2021	Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma, Italy, EU4ART long term mobility
2015-2019	National School of Arts, Riga Professional high school education/ Illustrator

Languages

Latvian	Native
English	B2/fluent
German	A1/beginner
Italian	A1/beginner

Group shows and exhibitions

2022

"Just Passing Through" HGB, Leipzig, Germany

2020

*"Vizuālais stāsts. Saskare/A Visual Story. Contact" Culture centre of
Malpils, LV*

"Punctilio" Experimental art and theatre festival "Optižūns", Ergli, LV

2019

*"Randiņš/A Date" The Janis Rozentals and Rudolfs Blaumanis Museum,
Riga, LV*

"4K 2019" Riga Central Market, Milk Pavilion, Riga, LV

2018

"Krāsu frekvence/Frequency of Colour " Culture centre of Malpils, LV

2017

"Brīvība/Freedom" 1991 Barricade Museum, Riga, LV