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I exist within the fragile space between body, memory, and emotion.

My practice explores inner states — how they are held within the body, take shape, and continue to resonate in memory, leaving something essential unspoken. In painting, I reveal these subtle, often invisible experiences.

I am drawn to human presence — faces, gestures, the quiet intensity of being. My figurative works emerge as emotional spaces, where the physical and the internal intertwine.

Working with forest mushrooms as part of my own technique, Micopainting, I allow chance and organic traces to become part of the image, creating a dialogue between control and unpredictability, where these traces become a metaphor for memory and its accumulation.

For me, art is a space of attention and listening, where the inner can emerge. A space in which the body, memory, and emotions can be heard and take form.

### AWARDS:

2025, winner of the Audience Choice Award in the Grata Prize competition "GOLDEN AGE", Galeria Museum LV un Grata JJ, Latvia

2019, "Innovation of the year" for new product development at AS Putnu fabrika Ķekava, LINAS AGRO GROUP, Latvia-Lithuania

2018, Award for the project "Colorful Christmas Tree" in the project selection competition of the public space object festival "Christmas Tree Path"

2017, Winner of the "Latvia state forest Contest in art" competition and recipient of the Contest, Riga, Latvia

2017, Object "AURORA" receives THE VISITORS AFFECTION AWARD (the main award of the festival), 7th Festival of spatial objects THE WAY THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS TREES, Riga, Latvia

2012, Award for pastel technique's portrait, group exhibition "Talents 2012", Culture House, Riga, Latvia

### PUBLIC SPACE OBJECTS

#### FESTIVALS / EXHIBITIONS :

2021, Public space object AURORA, Municipal cultural institution "Ziemeļrīgas culture association", Palace of Culture "Ziemeļblazma", Riga, Latvia

2018, 9. public space objects festival, "Christmas tree path", Riga, Latvia

2018, Decoration, Art object FILTR, PropTech Riga 2018, H2O Center, Riga, Latvia

2018, Decoration, Art object PORTAL) 80th LMA carnival "White hole" Latvian Academy of Arts, Riga, Latvia

2017, 8. public space objects festival, "Christmas tree path", Riga, Latvia

2017, Heterotopia, Krakow, Poland

2016, 7. public space objects festival, "Christmas tree path", Riga, Latvia (the main award of the festival)

## **EDUCATION:**

2014 – 2018 Latvian Academy of Art, Visual Arts, Painting, bachelor`s Riga, Latvia

2017 The Academy of Fine Arts (ERASMUS+), painting, textile, public space objects, Krakow, Poland

2001 - 2007 Latvian University, Master's degree in Management and Marketing, Riga, Latvia

1996 - 1999 Riga Technical University, Bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship and Management, Riga, Latvia

## **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION, COURSES, SEMINARS:**

2016, X. International pleinair "Flight of thought", Rezekne, Latvia

2016, Oslo National Academy of Arts professor`s Tiril Schroder and lecturer`s Duchenne Karen drawing workshops. Riga, Latvia

2015, Creative Summer School Art & Response, Kuldiga, Latvia

2015, Watercolour technique workshops, the artist Valeriy Makovoy, Riga, Latvia

2015, Watercolour technique workshop, the artist Alexander Neberkutin, Riga, Latvia

2010 – 2015, Ludmila Percec and Alexander Pahomov`s drawing and painting studio, Riga, Latvia

2010 – 2011, The interior decoration, the Baltic International Academy of Design School, Riga, Latvia

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS:**

2026 January - April, "As if we had nothing to be afraid of", Museum LV un Grata JJ, Riga, Latvia. Duo exhibition with Denis Evin

2025, "Unveiled nude", Art Gallery in Nosaints hidden bar, Riga, Latvia

2016, "Impressions", Art Gallery Art Studio No1, Riga, Latvia

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

(more than 40 exhibitions since 2012):

2025, "Chengdu. Palette of impressions", House of Science, University of Latvia

2025, "Europe Culture Season", CCAA, Chengdu, China

2025, The Golden Age, Museum LV un Grata JJ, Riga, Latvia

2024-2025, The art salon "Perspective", Galleria "Masa studija", Riga, Latvia

2024, Art Riga Fair 2024, participation, Riga, Latvia

2021, "The Other Side of Art", 8th European Professional Puppet Art Festival, Latvian Railway History Museum, Riga, Latvia

2019, International painting competition exhibition "Marina 2019" "Storm", Jurmala City Museum, Jurmala, Latvia

2019, Photo exhibition of public space objects "The Story of Riga Fir Tree", European Parliament building, Brussels, Belgium

2018, exhibition in memory of Holocaust victims, Riga Synagogue, Riga, Latvia

2017, Heterotopia, ASP Painting gallery, The Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow, Poland

2017, "100 Years after Revolution", The Artists 'Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2017, Drawing studio Nr4 exhibition, Drugie Pietro gallery, Krakow, Poland

2016, X International pleinair`s Exhibition "Flight of thought", Rezekne, Latvia

2016, "Art Days 2016. Self-Portrait. Identity", The Artists' Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2016, "Spring constellation", Wooden Riga Museum, Riga, Latvia

2015, International Summer pleinair`s Exhibition "As it comes " (Kaip tas jvyko) gallery Pamėnkalnio, Vilnius, Lithuania

2015, J.Pigoznis prize "The best Latvian landscape painting" competition exhibition, St Peter's Church, Riga, Latvia