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"MELANCHOLY" focuses on creating places that are secluded, alienated, sometimes lonely and existential, as well as on imagining their architecture and fictional scenarios, offering the viewer the role of an observer. It is loneliness and daily life that provokes a melancholic atmosphere in the painting, urging the viewer to look for logic and visual elements of painting that acknowledge the melancholy. An artist's book MELANCHOLY consists of records and stories of nostalgic memories that link the painting with the story.

Excerpt from the artist's book:

I NEVER HEARD ANYONE
NEITHER RETURNING, NOR LEAVING.
I WATCHED IN THE SWIMMING POOL OF THE HOLIDAY HOUSE
THE NUMB WATER,
WHERE EVEN TREES WERE SCARED TO APPEAR AS SILHOUETTES.
ALL AROUND IT WAS CALM. THERE WAS NO WIND.
I WATCHED THE SWIMMING POOL
IN BOTH LIFE AND PAINTING
AND I GOT OVERWHELMED BY THE THOUGHT
THAT SOMEONE - WITHOUT ME HEARING IT - HAD JUST GONE INTO THE HOUSE.

Education.

2018 Art Academy of Latvia, Faculty of History and Theory of Arts, MA 2nd year

2016 Art Academy of Latvia, Painting department, MA

2014 Art Academy of Latvia, Painting department, BA **2013/2014** Royal Art Academy of Antwerp

2010 Riga State Gymnasium No. 1

Prizes and awards.

2018 II place award in art competition "My Estonia?", gallery NOAR, Estonia

2016 SEB scholarship in painting

2014 „Brederlo von Sengbusch” Art Prize **2012** Inara Tetereva scholarship in Arts **Solo exhibitions.**

2018 Solo exhibition "MELANCHOLY", Jurmala city museum, Jurmala, Latvia **2017** Solo exhibition "MELANCHOLY", Goethe Institut Riga, Riga, Latvia **2016** Solo exhibition "MELANCHOLY", Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel, Riga,

Latvia

Solo exhibition "COLLECTING", Kalnciema Quarter gallery, Riga, Latvia **2014** Solo exhibition „PLACE 57/24", gallery „Happy Art Museum", Riga, Latvia

Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST IV", Vecmilgravis, Riga, Latvia

Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST III", gallery „Ziema", Riga, Latvia

2013 Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST II", abandoned Egypt's Lutheran church, territory of Latvia

2012 Solo exhibition- largescale installation „IN THE FOREST I", abandoned old Cotton fabric, Riga, Latvia

Solo exhibition „Notes", „Gallery L", Riga, Latvia

Group exhibitions.

2018 Exhibition "Kunstakademie Lettland", Kreis Gütersloh, Germany

2017 Exhibition of YPP finalists, Exhibition hall Titanikas, Vilnius, Lithuania Exhibition "Netveramā robeža", Art festival of Cesis, Cesis, Latvia Exhibition "Bikini zona", Jurmala City museum, Jurmala, Latvia

Participation in JCE biennale, 7 exhibitions in 7 participating countries Exhibition "NON EXISTENT SOUND", Carnikavas Tautas nams, Latvia

2016 Exhibition "Future gravitation", gallery Crous de Paris, Paris, France

Exhibition "Non existent sound", Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

Exhibition "BBX", Liepajas Latviešu biedrības nams, Liepaja, Latvia

Exhibition "Tension. The Young in Latvian painting III", Latvian National Museum of Art, exhibition hall Arsenals, Riga, Latvia

2015 Contemporary art festival "Survival K(n)it 7", Centre for contemporary art of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2014 Exhibition „Lynoja”, gallery „Akademija”, Vilnius, Lithuania

Exhibition „What happens there in Riga?”, gallery „NOORUS”, Tartu, Estonia Exhibition „Frag. 1., 2., 3.”, Press house, Riga, Latvia

2013 Exhibition „LAIKABIEDRI” Vitebsk, Belarus

Exhibition „Chemin de fer” Art Academy of Warsaw, Poland

Exhibition „Location and dislocation” Kaņepes Culture Centre, Riga, Latvia

2012 Exhibition „Matter of time” Regional Museum of Gulbene, Latvia Exhibition „Warning”, „Gallery L”, Riga, Latvia

Other activities.

2017 Participation in KUNO organized workshop “Building up a phantasmagorical memory”, Aarhus, Denmark

2015 Participation in the international visual arts residency at Glo’art art center, Lanaken, Belgium

Participation in the international art residency “Mark Rothko 2015”, Daugavpils Mark Rothko center, Daugavpils, Latvia

2014 International workshop „Make your own press”, organized by KUNO, Bergen, Norway and Tallinn, Estonia

2013 International residency “The wall of Europe”, Sardinia, Italy International workshop “Illegal aesthetics”, Tallinn, Estonia