

Merike Estna

education

2007–2009 Goldsmiths College, Great Britain, MFA Art Practice
2005–2007 Estonian Academy of Art, Estonia, MA Fine Art studies
2001–2005 Estonian Academy of Art, Estonia, BA Painting
2000–2001 Academia Non Grata, Estonia, Performance Art

solo exhibitions

2018

Dawn of the Swarm, Bosse & Baum, London, UK
Disposable Gloves Guide, kim? Contemporary Art Centre, Riga, Latvia
Upcoming solo exhibition, Karen Huber gallery, Mexico city, Mexico

2017–2018

Soft Scrub, Hard Body, Liquid Presence, together with Maria Metsalu, curated by Maria Arusoo, Art in General, New York, USA
2017

Fragments from the shattered toe, curated by Thomas Cuckle, Kunstraum, London, UK
The Seed Can Be Initialized Randomly II, together with Ana Cardoso, Temnikova & Kasela gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
On Becoming Fluid, together with Keef Winter, Hardwick gallery, University of Gloucestershire, UK

2016

Estonian Embassy in London, London, UK
Wot No, London Center For Book Arts, London, UK
The Seed Can Be Initialized Randomly, together with Ana Cardoso, Múrias Centeno, Porto, Portugal
Domesticmindcraft, Karen Huber gallery, Mexico City, Mexico

2015

Corporate Jungle, Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Genialmythcraft, Palermo Galerie, Stuttgart, Germany
Better become blowing backbeat blanket, Billboard and installation of books, X Marks the Bokship, Matt's Gallery, London, UK

2014

Blue Lagoon, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
So Soft/+ Pure, artist in residence and event at SmallProjects, invited by Tanya Busse, Tromso, Norway

2013

Dream Island, Semi Consumable Installation, collaboration with Juste Kostikovaite, RCA Jay Mews Hub, London, United Kingdom
Spinach & Banana, Winkleman gallery, New York, United States

2012

Vartai gallery, Vilnius, Lithuania
Screening, One Night Only Gallery, Vilnius, Lithuania
Artist in Residency, MaloniojiAIR, Vilnius, Lithuania, Invited by Juste Kostikovaite
Book launch, X Marks the Bökship, London, United Kingdom

2011

Voyeur, Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2010

Untitled, ArtDepoo gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2008

Mirror, mirror on the wall, is it Art or is it Porn?, in collaboration with Maxim Surin, Gallery Frederic Desimpel Brussels, Belgium
Mirror, mirror on the wall, who in the land is fairest of all?, Draakoni gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2007

Plain as pikestaff, Haapsalu city gallery, Haapsalu, Estonia

2006

Gods zoo is diverse aka War and Peace, collaboration with Maksim Surin, Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Hate Yourself with Joy, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2005

The sexiext girl, pussycat, the happiest girl and two loverabbits, Haus gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Rabbit: "Oh, pretty boys everywhere!", Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2004

Jüri and Mari adventures, Vaal gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

selected group exhibitions and performances

2018

13th Baltic Triennial, curated by Vincent Honoré, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia

Flaming Creatures, curated by Juste Jonetyte, Rupert, Vilnius, Lithuania

2017–2018

Groundhog Day, curated by Andreas Nilsson, SIC, Helsinki, Finland

2017

Performance Red Herring, Chart Social, Copenhagen, Denmark

Doublethink: Double vision, curated by Alistair Hicks, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

Floating World, curated by Jonathan Watkins and Alistair Hicks, Art Bahrain Across Borders, Manama, Bahrain

(In)visible Dreams and Streams, curated by Maija Rudovska, ARS project space, Tallinn, Estonia

2016

XVI Vilnius Painting Triennial, Vilnius, Lithuania

(In)visible Dreams and Streams, curated by Maija Rudovska, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania

Winter is Coming (Homage to the Future), curated by Maria Arusoo, Georg Kargl Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria

Freundschaftsspiel, curated by Didem Yazici, Museum für Neue Kunst Freiburg, Germany

The Great Painter, curated by Liisa Kaljula, Evald Okas Museum, Haapsalu, Estonia

(Not) Every Thread Ties Down / Your Split Ends Are Showing, DKUK Salon, London, UK

El Cuarto de los Ojos Sucios, performance, Biquini Wax, Mexico City, Mexico

2015

Eat my painting please and Jackets/Paintings, 2 Performances, Art Social, curated by Paula López Zambrano, House of Saint Barnabas, London, UK

Peer Review, Blyth Gallery, Imperial College, London, UK

I'm out of sync, but next time I'll do better I promise, Cesis Art Festival, Cesis, Latvia

2014

installation at Nada, Temnikova & Kasela gallery, Miami Beach, USA

V/P: Video and Painting in a relationship, curated by Sergey Popov, Solyanka VPA, Moscow, Russia

Harder, Glorious, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, USA

2013

Archaeology and the Future of Estonian Art Scenes, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia

Constructed Scenario: The Third Space, No 4 Wilkes St, E16QF, London, United Kingdom

An Exhibition of new painting, sculpture and installation by Claudia Djabbari, Merike Estna and Annie Hémond Hotte in collaboration with the curators Catherine Borra and Juste Kostikovaite

A big painting and a small painting, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn, Estonia

2011

Tides of Change, Edition 19 Baltikum, Hangart-7, Salzburg, Austria

Simple stories, Rakvere Exhibitions house, Rakvere, Estonia

Matter of Principal, group show at Art Mûr, Montreal, Canada

Videospread, Screening of video portfolio, 9 plasma screens in Europe station, Paris, France

2010

Girl Power, ArtDepoo gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

Artishok biennale, Tartu Art house gallery, Tartu, Estonia

Painting in progress, KUMU Art Museum of Estonia

2009

MFA Final show, Goldsmiths College, London, United Kingdom

group/grope, area 10 project space, London, United Kingdom

Space Oddity, exhibition of young Baltic artists at Maison Folie Wazemmes, Lille, France

2008

Elu 69, Rakvere museum, Rakvere, Estonia

No Borders, Espacio Grupo Forja, Valencia, Spain

No Borders, The Contemporary Art Center of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece

Boarder Country, Exhibition of Estonian Contemporary art, Guangzhou, China

Love in 21st Century, ArtDepoo, Tallinn, Estonia

No Borders, La Centrale Electrique, Brussels, Belgium

Course of intervention, Kadiköy, Istanbul, Turkey

2007

Consequences and Proposals, The Biennale of Young Artists, Tallinn, Estonia

Contemporary Art from Estonia, Baltic States, part III, Kalmar, Art Museum, Kalmar, Sweden

Keha muutmine, ArtDepoo, Tallinn, Estonia

Tase, KUMU Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn, Estonia

Baltic mythologies, Pague biennial, Prague, Czech Republic

Open Art, Riga, Latvia

New wave, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia

Fresh paint, Vaal gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2006

Shoot or shout - no escape, Vilnius, Lithuania

VI International Festival of Experimental Art and Performance, Manege, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Flowers of evil, Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

Nordic Art, Kunst in der Carlshütte, Büdelsdorf, Germany
Naked, Tartu Artists house, Tartu, Estonia
Beautiful paintings, Aaspere Castle, Estonia
Kaamos 2006, Hellenurme village, Looga farm, Estonia
2005
Multiple, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Estonian Academy of Art Diploma works exhibitions, Art Museum of Estonia exhibition space, Tallinn, Estonia
Identities, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia
2004
Home sweet home, Art Museum of Estonia exhibition space, Tallinn, Estonia
Wildlife, Kastellaani house gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
In one Row, Tartu Art house, Tartu, Estonia
You ain't seen me, right?, Tallinn XIII Print triennial, Tallinn, Estonia
Bringing back the Summer, Haapsalu City Gallery, Haapsalu, Estonia
Nordic Art, Kunst in der Carlshütte, Büdelsdorf, Germany
2003
I have been in New York, Pärnu concert hall, Estonia
Last Hero, Art Museum of Estonia exhibition space, Tallinn, Estonia

awards and metions

2014
Konrad Mäe painting prize
2012
Nominated for the Sadolin Art Prize, Estonia
2010
Nominated for Konrad Mäe prize
2008
Estonian National Culture Foundation grant
2007
Kristjan Jaak scholarship for the MA studies
2006
Estonian Cultural Endowment annual grant
Nominated for Konrad Mäe prize
2005
Eduard Wiiralt Price for the best fine art student
Multiple, I prize for the kinetic multiple object
2004
Hansapank scholarship, for art student

works in collections

Kumu Art Museum
Tartu Art Museum
Loviisa City collection
Private collections