

# 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

2019

Ghost of the Future, Filled With Memories of Past, Moderna Museet, Malmö, Sweden  
Mother of Pearls, Karen Huber gallery, Mexico City, Mexico

2018

Dawn of the Swarm, Bosse & Baum, London, UK  
Disposable Gloves Guide, kim? Contemporary Art Centre, Riga, Latvia

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 sexiest 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

2019

Open Collections: The Artist Takes the Floor, curated by Eha Komissarov, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia  
A Situation, curated by Andreas Nilsson, Tallinn City Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

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**

2020  
Estonian Cultural Endowment annual grant  
'Artist's salary' - Ministry of Culture of Estonia 3-year long grant supporting artists at their creative peak  
2014  
Konrad Mägi 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