

# Merike Estna

## education

2007–2009 Goldsmiths College, London, MFA Art Practice

2005–2007 Estonian Academy of Art, Tallinn, MA Fine Art studies

2001–2005 Estonian Academy of Art, Tallinn, BA Painting

2000–2001 Academia Non Grata, Pärnu, Performance Art

## solo exhibitions

2024

[Peradam](#), Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn

2023

Analog Mountain, Margot Samel Gallery, New York

2022

Soil Will Not Contain Our Love, Kai Art Center, Tallinn

Talk to Me Softly, When the World is Fading Away, Karen Huber Gallery, Mexico City

2021

The House of the Tragic Poet, Bosse & Baum, London

[Borderlessness](#), with Jaime Lobato, Hasanlu Armastajad, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

Nightfall / Videvik, Publics, Helsinki

2019

Ghost of the Future, Filled With Memories of Past, Moderna Museet, Malmö

Mother of Pearls, Karen Huber gallery, Mexico City

2018

Dawn of the Swarm, Bosse & Baum, London

Disposable Gloves Guide, kim? Contemporary Art Centre, Riga

2017–2018

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

2017

Fragments from the shattered toe, curated by Thomas Cuckle, Kunstraum, London

[The Seed Can Be Initialized Randomly II](#), with Ana Cardoso, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

On Becoming Fluid, with Keef Winter, Hardwick gallery, University of Gloucestershire

2016

Estonian Embassy, London

Wot No, London Center For Book Arts

The Seed Can Be Initialized Randomly, with Ana Cardoso, Múrias Centeno, Porto

Domesticmindcraft, Karen Huber gallery, Mexico City

2015

[Corporate Jungle](#), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

Genialmythcraft, Palermo Galerie, Stuttgart

Better become blowing backbeat blanket, Billboard and installation of books, X Marks the Bokship, Matt's Gallery, London

2014

Blue Lagoon, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

So Soft/+ Pure, artist in residence and event at SmallProjects, invited by Tanya Busse, Tromsø

2013

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

2012

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

2011

Voyeur, Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn

2010

Untitled, ArtDepoo gallery, Tallinn

2008

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

2007

Plain as pikestaff, Haapsalu city gallery

2006

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

2005

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

2004

Jüri and Mari adventures, Vaal gallery, Tallinn

#### **selected group exhibitions and performances**

2024

We Don't Do This. Intimacy, Norms, and Fantasies in Baltic Art, curated by Inga Lāce, Adomas Narkevičius, Rebeka Põldsam, Mo Museum, Vilnius  
Build, Inhabit, Create, Foundation Casa Wabi, Mexico

2022

Growing Out? Growing Up? Contemporary Art Collecting in the Baltics, Zuzeum Art Centre, Riga  
Between Objects, Helsinki Art Museum

2021

Tienda de Memorias / Memory Shop, Casa Wabi, Oaxaca, Mexico

2019

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

2018

13th Baltic Triennial, curated by Vincent Honoré, Tallinn Art Hall  
Flaming Creatures, curated by Juste Jonetyte, Rupert, Vilnius

2017–2018

Groundhog Day, curated by Andreas Nilsson, SIC, Helsinki

2017

Performance Red Herring, Chart Social, Copenhagen

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

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

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

2016

XVI Vilnius Painting Triennial, Vilnius

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

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

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

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

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

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

2015

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

Peer Review, Blyth Gallery, Imperial College, London

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

2014

Temnikova & Kasela booth, NADA Art Fair, Miami

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

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

2013

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

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

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

2011

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

Simple stories, Rakvere Exhibitions House

Matter of Principal, Art Mûr, Montreal

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

2010

Girl Power, ArtDepoo gallery, Tallinn

Artishok biennale, Tartu Art House gallery

Painting in progress, KUMU Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn

2009

MFA Final show, Goldsmiths College, London

group/grope, area 10 project space, London

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

2008

Elu 69, Rakvere Museum

No Borders, Espacio Grupo Forja, Valencia

No Borders, The Contemporary Art Center of Thessaloniki

Boarder Country, Exhibition of Estonian Contemporary art, Guangzhou

Love in 21st Century, ArtDepoo, Tallinn

No Borders, La Centrale Electrique, Brussels

Course of intervention, Kadiköy, Istanbul

2007

Consequences and Proposals, The Biennale of Young Artists, Tallinn  
Contemporary Art from Estonia, Baltic States, part III, Kalmar Art Museum  
Keha muutmine, ArtDepoo, Tallinn  
Tase, KUMU Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn  
Baltic mythologies, Pague biennial, Prague  
Open Art, Riga  
New wave, Tallinn Art Hall  
Fresh paint, Vaal gallery, Tallinn

2006

Shoot or shout - no escape, Vilnius  
VI International Festival of Experimental Art and Performance, Manege, Saint Petersburg  
Flowers of evil, Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn  
Nordic Art, Kunst in der Carlshütte, Būdelsdorf  
Naked, Tartu Artists House  
Beautiful paintings, Aaspere Castle, Estonia  
Kaamos 2006, Hellenurme village, Looga farm, Estonia

2005

Multiple, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery  
Estonian Academy of Art Diploma works exhibitions, Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn  
Identities, Tallinn Art Hall

2004

Home sweet home, Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn  
Wildlife, Kastellaani house gallery, Tallinn  
In one Row, Tartu Art House  
You ain't seen me, right?, Tallinn XIII Print triennial  
Bringing back the Summer, Haapsalu City Gallery  
Nordic Art, Kunst in der Carlshütte, Būdelsdorf

2003

I have been in New York, Pärnu Concert Hall  
Last Hero, Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn

#### **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 Mägi Prize

2008

Estonian National Culture Foundation grant

2007

Kristjan Jaak scholarship for MA studies

2006

Estonian Cultural Endowment annual grant  
Nominated for Konrad Mägi Prize

2005

Eduard Wiiralt Prize for Best Fine Art Student  
Multiple, I prize for the kinetic multiple object

2004

Hansapank art student scholarship

**works in collections**

KUMU Art Museum

Tartu Art Museum

Kiasma Art Museum

Loviisa City collection

Private collections