

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

2021

upcoming: 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

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 Mür, 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, Büdelsdorf
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, Büdelsdorf

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
Loviisa City collection
Private collections