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# **Education**:

2021. December, **PhD**, Digital Arts & Experimental Media, University of Washington, WA, United States

2017. June, MA, Media Art, Academy of Media Arts Cologne, Germany

2015. June, MA, New Media Arts, Liepaja University, Latvia

2014. Media Art & Design, Bauhaus University, (Erasmus exchange program), Germany

2013. June, BA, New Media Arts, Liepaja University, Latvia

# **Professional experience:**

2024.27. March **Multimedia Technologies and Digital Art Adjunct Professor**, the Art Academy of Latvia, Latvia

2023.1. September **Multimedia technology and 3D modeling and animation teacher** at Valmiera Design and Art School, Latvia

2023.1. March – 1. July Art Director, Riga Design and Art High School, Latvia

2017. September—2021. December **Teacher / Teacher assistant** at DXARTS, University of Washington, WA, United States

2016. — 2017. Interactive system lecturer at Art Academy of Latvia, Latvia

2015. September — 2017. February 3D system lecturer at University of Liepaja, Latvia

2015. January — 2017. September **chairman and project coordinator** at E-Lab, electronic art and media center, Latvia

2014.13. — 16. August, **3D game workshop teacher**, Latvia

2013. May, Audio-video workshop lecturer at festival Raflost, Iceland

# **Exhibitions:**

2024.

22. November – 25. January 2025 Suszarnia Gallery at CK Browar B, Wloclawek, Poland

17. October – 8. November Forum Gallery at Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun, Poland

5. October – UART Media Fest, Kiev, Ukraine

26. February – 3. March Valmiera International Media Art Festival, Latvia

12. January – 30. July "Neo-Materialities", Le Cube Garges, France

# 2023.

3.-5. November "Artissima", Torino, Italy

21. September – 11. November "SensUs". Augmented Nature-Culture", Riga, Latvia

16. August – 17. September "SensUs". Augmented Nature-Culture", Karlsruhe, Germany

08. June – 30. July "Retrospectropia", Liepaja Museum, Liepaja, Latvia

# 2022.

17. - 21. October "International Image Festival", Manizales, Columbia

15. October—4. December 5th Annual PASA Festival at:

BitEden Space, Seoul, Korea INTERPARK BlueSquare, Seoul, Korea Lotte Center, Hanoi, Vietnam LG Discovery Lab, Seoul, Korea Incheon Airport, Incheon, Korea

5. August "Extinction", The Syzygy Project, online

# 2021.

15 December—2022 January "Extended Reality", The Park next to National Library of Latvia, Riga,

# Latvia

24. September—12. November "Postsensorium", National Library of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

12.—16. July "9th Conference on Computation, Communication, Aesthetics & X" Graz, Austria

20. June "Computational Measurements of Machine Creativity", online, United States

2020.

21. Mai "AMRO" festival, online, Austria

2019.	22. February—1. March "Abstract Mind" CICA Museum, Korea
2017.	6. July—22. September "UN/GREEN", Latvian National Art Museum, Latvia 28. May—2022. 10. Oktobris MAK Austrian Museum of Applied Arts, Design Lab, Austria
2018.	
	<ul> <li>17.—29. October, "Skana", Salzamt Linz, Austria</li> <li>11. August—10. September "KLANG", Tallinas street block, Riga, Latvia</li> <li>6. July—9. September "100 In Latvian Art", Mark Rothko Art Center, Daugavpils, Latvia</li> <li>7. June—14. September, "Jak lesy myslí / V houštině vztahů", OGV gallery, Jihlava, Check Republick</li> <li>1.—15. June, "Robotonica", Amsterdam Tolhuistuin, Netherlands</li> <li>20. May—8. June "Machine Wilderness", Amsterdam Amstelpark Glazen Huis, Netherlands</li> <li>23. February—20 May "The Future State", The Exhibition Place Arsenals, Latvia</li> <li>6.—10. February Biennial "Experimenta", Grenoble, France</li> </ul>
2017.	0.—10. February Dienmar Experimenta, Grenoble, France
2017.	<ul> <li>21.—29. October "Dutch Design Week", Eindhoven, Netherlands</li> <li>17. September—2018.18. May "Robotanica", Gallery Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands</li> <li>09. September—21. October "Data.logs", RIXC gallery, Riga Latvia</li> <li>21.—23. August, "Balance Unbalance", Plymouth, United Kingdom</li> <li>8.—11. June "ArtVilnius", Vilnius, Lithuenia</li> <li>13.—17. January, "Art's Birthday Bunker Party", Kulturbunker, Cologne, Germany</li> </ul>
_010.	17. October—December, "Higenisti", Liepaja Museum, Liepaja, Latvia
	30. September—"Science night", Liepajas University, Liepaja, Latvia
2015.	<ol> <li>August—04. September, "RAM", RIXC gallery, Riga, Latvia</li> <li>July—25. September, "Weather or Not", MU Gallery, Eindhoven, Netherlands</li> <li>—11. May "Balance Unbalance", Manizales, Columbia</li> </ol>
	07. Oct.—07. November, "North. Transformative Ecologies", RIXC gallery, Riga, Latvia 19.—30. August, "Transformative Ecologies", Maison du Design, Monsa, Belgium 12.—28. June, "Virtuosi", Veca ostmala 54, Liepaja, Latvia 20.—24. May, "Virtuosi", KIBLA media center, Maribor, Slovenia 17. April—17. May, "Virtuosi", RIXC gallery, Riga, Latvia
2014.	18.—31. August, "Cafe Europe", Spikeri Cafe Europe, Riga, Latvia
2242	09.—21. August, "Marodatieris", Contemporary Jurkalne, Jurkalne, Latvia May—October "Venice Architecture Biennial", Venice, Italy 09. July "Rundgang", Bauhaus Uni, Wiemar, Germany
2013.	17. October—24.November, "Synthetic nature", Madona museum, Madona, Latvia
	<ul> <li>23. August—22. September, "Synthetic nature", RIXC gallery, Riga, Latvia</li> <li>28. June—5. July, "BIOS", Ideju Bode T. Breiksa street 45, Liepaja, Latvia</li> <li>June, "Sklandrausis", Alejas street 18, Liepaja, Latvia</li> </ul>
2012.	
2011.	<ul> <li>"Kurzemes pieturas", Latvia</li> <li>27.08.—30.09. Cesu Exhibition House</li> <li>23.07.—26.08. Aluksnes History and Art Museum</li> <li>09.06.—22.07. Madonas museum exhibition hall</li> <li>15.04.—27.05. Talsu regional Museum</li> </ul>

Transience at Galleria Huit Photography Open Salon, Arles, France

# **Publications:**

2023. "Art of the Future of Seeds in the Arctic" - Polar Journal

2022. "Green Revisited: Encountering Emerging Naturecultures in Art and Research" – RIXC, Latvia

2022. "Jauno Mediju Māksla: Saglabāšana un Reprezentācija" – RIXC, Latvia

2022. "Leonardo" Graduate Abstracts Database – <u>Read</u>

2021. Conference Proceeding "xCoAx 9th Conference on Computation, Communication, Aesthetics & X" – <u>Read</u>

2018. "Nakotnes valsts" – Latvian National Museum of Art <u>Read</u>

2017. "Dezeen" – <u>Read</u>

2017. "Make8elive" Issue 10, Woodpecker

2017. "Neural" Review – Italy Read

2016. "We Make Money Not Art" – <u>Read</u>

2016. "Transformative Ecologies" – RIXC, Latvia

2016. "ARTiculaAction" Interview – <u>Read</u>

2015. "We Make Money Not Art" – <u>Read</u>

2014. "UNWRITTEN" Venice Architecture Biennial Latvian Catalog

2012. "Transience" Photography Catalog – France

2012. "Output Awards 15" – Netherlands

2011. "Output Awards 14" – Netherlands

#### Public presentations (conferences, symposiums):

2023.22. September, RIXC Art And Science Festival "Crypto, Art and Climate", Latvia

2020.14. June, New Media Artworks + Their Future Lives, Seattle Art Fair, Washington, United States 2018.8. February Low Tech, Biennial Experimenta, France

2017.24. May, Woodpecker – Future of the Forests, META – Digital Creativity, NRW – Forum, Germany

2016.30. September, Woodpecker – Future of the Forests, RIXC Open Fields conference, Latvia

2016.11. March, ReEnergy future of the electricity, Art and Science seminar in I/O Lab, Norway

2015.21. August, Water future and Cloud Farming in Cafe Europe 3D Biolab, Belgium

2015.22. May, Personal experience in Art at KIBLA media center, Slovenia

2014.25. January, Image trans-coding whit Santa Mazika and Reinis Naļivaiko in Riga Art Space, Latvia

2013. September, Creative Organizations in RIXC Renewable Futures conference, Latvia

# **Commissioned work:**

2024 - 2025

#### Creative Technologist, The Latvian War Museum, Latvia

Developed custom media players with interactive features and alpha overlay using Python and Raspberry Pi. Designed interactive installations involving Arduino, sensors, and actuators, where children build block structures that trigger vibrations, causing the structure to collapse. Built a contact microphone installation that amplifies sound in response to children's movements through the space.

#### Creative Technologist, Choreographers IevaKrish, Latvia

Created an AI-driven performance system using Python, Natural Language Processing (NLP), and custom language datasets to enable real-time interaction between performers and AI.

# Designer & Technical Artist, "Mundeus" by Anna Fisere

Programmed dynamic 3D visuals using Python and Blender, generating animated textures and shapes for an electroacoustic composition.

#### 2023 - 2024

# Artist & Creative Technologist, Valmiera Media Art Festival Interactive Performance, Latvia

Developed a large-scale outdoor light and 16-channel interactive sound installation using PureData, Arduino, and grandMA2. Created a motion-responsive indoor installation where performers triggered sound and visuals wirelessly using PureData, Arduino, and sensors.

# Live Visuals, Latvian Design Awards Ceremony, Splendid Palace, Latvia

Designed and implemented live visuals for the event, enhancing the overall experience with dynamic video.

# Designer & Technical Artist, "Laika Radītās Rētas" by Dzīvības Asns

Programmed and animated 3D shapes and textures using Python and Blender for a video.

# Selected Earlier Projects

Interactive System Designer, Latvian Cinema Museum Exhibition "Film / Human / Century" (2016) 3D Animation for Liepaja Museum Exhibition "Liepaja → Halifax → New York" (2015) HCI Designer, Interactive Games, Latvian Museum of Natural History (2015) Creative Technologist, Venice Architecture Biennale, Latvian Pavilion (2014) Softwear developer for audio interactive video for Toms Aunins (2014) Real-time Data Visualization, White Night Event, RIXC (2013) Softwear developer for audio interactive video for Toms Aunins (2013) Liepaja Theater video engineer for theater show "Trīs draugi", Latvia (2012)

# **Scholarships / Fellowships**

2020.—2021. Antoinette Wills Endowed Scholarship, United States

2020. In the Innovation Promotion Fellowship Target Program, State Culture Capital Foundation, Latvia 2019.—2020. Frank L. and Catherine D. Doleshy Endowed Fellowship, United States 2017.—2019. The State Culture Capital Foundation (VKKF) stipend for studies at The University of Washington, Latvia

2016.—2017. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) funding for studies in KHM, Germany

# **Honors & Awards**

2024. Grand Prix at 2<sup>nd</sup> International Digital Art Biennial THE ONE

2020. UNCG International Sustainability Short Film Competition 2020, United States

2020. design prize "Zealous Stories" United Kingdom

2018. "Senotopia" honorable mention, Beethoven Foundation Bonn, Germany

# Skills:

# **Technical Skills**

- Programming & Scripting: Python, PureData, vvvv, SuperColider, HTML, CSS
- Embedded Systems & Interaction Design: Raspberry Pi, Arduino, Sensors, Actuators
- 3D & Animation: Blender, 3ds Max, Projection Mapping
- Multimedia & Visuals: Generative Art, Real-time Data Visualization, Video Editing
- Sound & Music Integration: Multichannel Audio, Ambisonics, Contact Microphones

# Fabrication & Prototyping

- *Digital Fabrication:* 3D Printing, Laser Cutting, PCB Layout Design
- *Material Work:* Woodworking, Clay, Gypsum, Fiberglass, Soldering
- *Physical Computing:* Interactive Installations, Kinetic Art

# Soft Skills

- Communication & Teamwork
- Adaptability & Problem-solving
- Leadership & Project Coordination
- Active Listening & Collaboration

# Language:

- Latvian native
- English fluent
- German basic