

Rute Merk

b. 1991, Lithuania

Lives and works in Berlin

Education

Academy of Fine Arts in Munich (AdBK), DE	2023
Edinburgh College of Arts, Edingburgh, UK (Erasmus Scholar)	2013
BA, Vilnius Academy of Arts, University in Vilnius, LT	2013

Solo Exhibitions

Promises, National Museum of Lithuania, Vilnius, LT	2024
Paulina Caspari / beacon, Munich, DE	2023
Moments, beacon, Munich, DE	2023
XP, Tara Downs, New York, US	2023
f(x), Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN	2022
Стрілецька, WT Foundation, Kyiv, UA	2021
SS20, Tara Downs, New York, US	2020
Solitaire, Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN	2020
Sprites, Tara Downs, New York, US	2019
Virtualacra, VENT Gallery, Vienna, AT	2018
Spirits Within, Editorial, Vilnius, LT	2018
Dedicated to, All Welcome, Vilnius, LT	2016
Studio Show, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, FR	2014

Group Exhibitions

The Descendants, K11 MUSEA, Hong Kong	2023
Hot Little Pool, Lobe Block, Berlin, DE	2022
Purple - 30 Ans d'Avant Garde, Palais Galliera, Paris, FR	2022
The American Friend, Tara Downs, New York, US	2022
Women of Now: Dialogues of Memory, Place & Identity, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, US	2022
Growing Out? Growing Up? Contemporary Art Collecting in the Baltics, Zuzeum, Riga, LV	2022
Where are the people?, National Gallery of Art, Vilnius, LT	2021
Vacation, Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN	2021
[Permission Denied], Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN	2021
Strained Intimacies, Hussenot, Paris, FR	2021
Inner Pockets, Editorial, Vilnius, LT	2019
Jahresgaben, Kunstverein München, Munich, DE	2019
Fakten Träumen – Dreaming Facts, Galerie Weisser Elefant, Berlin, DE	2019
TT, Atletika Gallery, Vilnius, LT	2019
XVII a., Autarkia, Vilnius, LT	2019
L'artiste devant sa toile, Marburger Kunstverein, Marburg, DE	2019
Jahresgaben, Kunstverein München, Munich, DE	2018
Jahresausstellung, Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Munich, DE	2018
Entangled Tales, RUPERT, Vilnius, LT	2018
JCDecaux Prize, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT	2017
White Walkers, curated by Kaspars Groševs, Tallinas 10, Riga, LV	2017

Body and Darkness, Galerija VARTAI, Vilnius, LT	2017
Children of the New East, Tallinn Art Hall, Tallinn, EE	2017
Žilvitis (Willow), Galerija VARTAI, Vilnius, LT	2016
Joy and Mirror, Galerija 427, Riga, LV	2016
Growing Insistence, Šiauliai Art Gallery, Šiauliai, LT	2016
Young Painter's Prize, RUPERT, Vilnius, LT	2015
Work-in-Progress, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT	2014
Young Painter's Prize, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT	2013
24 Spaces – A Cacophony, Malmö Konsthall, SE	2012
Painting in Lithuania, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT	2012
Contemporary Past: Tracking a Postcard, Nida Art Colony, LT	2012
Story II – we hear same, DE KIJKDOOS, Amsterdam, NL	2012

Residencies

Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, FR	2014
Joy & Mirror residency, Museo Fondazione MACC, Calasetta, Sardinia, IT	2013
Contemporary Past: Tracking a Postcard, Nida Art Colony, Nida, LT	2012

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

DAAD-Preis für hervorragende Leistungen internationaler Studierender an den deutschen Hochschulen	2023
Individual Grant, Lithuanian Council for Culture	2022
Winner of Audience Prize, JCDecaux Young Artists Prize, Vilnius, LT	2017
Individual Grant, Lithuanian Council for Culture	2017
Painter's Prize, Vilnius, LT	2015
Young Painter's Prize, Vilnius, LT	2013

Selected Bibliography

"The exhibition by Rute Merk at the National Gallery of Art exposes the promises of technology and the limits of corporeality," The BALTIC Times, July 01	2024
Gindi, Maegan. "Tara Downs Could be the First R-Rated Gallery," Cultured, May 17	2023
Martin-Gachot, Ella. "11 New York Galleires to Watch Out For Right Now," Cultured, May 12	2023
"Women And Painting", Purple Magazine, The 30YRS Issue, #38 F/W	2022
Bian, Yujia. "Rute Merk: f(x)", ARTFORUM, August 17	2022
Eckardt, Stephanie. "Rute Merk's Vision for the Future of Painting," W Magazine, October 14	2021
Irish, Anni. "NYC's Armory and Independent Return with Upgrades," Art & Object, September 13	2021
Battaglia, Andy. "The 6 Best Booths at New York's Independent Art Fair," ARTnews, September 10	2021
Kazakina, Katya. "The Demand is Off the Charts: At the Independent Art Fair, Young Figurative Painters Steal the Show (and Draw Mile-Long Waitlists)," Artnet News, September 10	2021
Kazakina, Katya. "Want to Get a Jump on the Collecting Competition? Here are 6 Rising Stars to Seek Out at Armory Week 2021," Artnet News, September 10	2021
Mitchell, Rory. "The Armory Show and Independent: Artwork Selections," Ocula, September 8	2021
Gavin, Francesca. "Rute Merk on Technologized Subjectivity," Independent Features, August	2021
Corwin, William. "Rute Merk: SS20 – The Vitruvian Cyborg," The Brooklyn Magazine, September 11	2020

Milbrath, Claire. "A Conversation with Rute Merk," Editorial Magazine, August	2020
Fateman, Johanna. "Rute Merk: SS20 at Downs & Ross," The New Yorker Magazine, August 15	2020
Laster, Paul. "Figurative and Abstract Paintings Brighten NY Galleries," Art & Object, August 14	2020
Li, Suchao. "Rute Merk: Solitaire," Artforum China, July 22	2020
Woolbright, Andrew Paul. "Phantom Body: Weightless bodies, Avatars, and the end of skin," Whitehot Magazine, April	2020
Virbickaite, Aiste Paulina. "Rūtės Merk XXI a. portretų galerija," Artnews.lt, March	2020
"A Special Visual Collaboraiton between Rute Merk and BALENCIAGA," Mousse Magazine, Issue 70, Winter	2020
Vogel, Maria. "Rutene Merk Paints the Intersection Between Spirituality and Technology," Art of Choice, June 26	2019
Michnevičiūtė, Gražina. "The first exhibition of painter Rūtenė Merk in New York received the attention of the press and collectors," 15min.lt, June 11	2019
Schwendener, Martha. "New York Art Galleries: What to See Right Now," The New York Times, May 23"	2019
Hatfield, Zack. "Critics' Pick: Rutene Merk: Sprites," Artforum, May 17	2019
"Rutene Merk: Sprites," TimeOut New York, April 28	2019
"Editor's Picks: 19 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week," Artnet News, April 22	2019

Selected Collections

Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva, CH
 Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, US
 M Woods, Beijing, CN
 Sifang Art Museum, Nanjing, CN
 X Museum, Beijing, CN
 CC Foundation, Shanghai, CN
 MO Museum, Vilnius, LT