

LAURA TOOTS

Homebase: TALLINN // Residency: LINZ

born 1986; lives and works in Tallinn

EDUCATION

2008 – 2011 Estonian Academy of Arts, Photography MA
2010 Aalto University School of Art and Design, Finland,
Photography (exchange studies)

2009 Bergen National Academy of the Arts, Norway, Fine Arts
(exchange studies)

2005 – 2008 Estonian Academy of Arts, Photography BA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012 – *Desire Path*. Draakon Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia

2010 – *Not Necessarily So*. Hofberg 10, Linz, Austria (with Paul
Kuimet)

2010 – *Distant pieces (no big stories nowadays)*. Tallinn City
Gallery, Estonia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2011 Acts of Refusal. Fleeing, Dreaming, Repeating, Watching
(among others). Tartu Art House, Tartu, Estonia, curated by Ellen
Blumenstein and Kathrin Meyer

2010/2011 Kunst macht frei – Contemporary Estonian Art.
Modern Hungarian Gallery, Pécs, Hungary, curated by Gabriella
Uhl and Reet Varblane

2010 Next to Nothing. Contemporary Art Museum of Estonia,
Tallinn, Estonia, curated by Anders Härm

2010 My Nature. Vuotalo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland, curated by
Hanna-Maria Weselius

2010 What Drives Baltic. Supernova Gallery, Riga, Latvia, curated
by Anneli Porri and Zane Onckule

2008 Publicly personal – Idea and influence. The Keila Cultural
Centre, Keila, Estonia

2008 Making of Contemporary Art. Contemporary Art Museum of
Estonia, Tallinn, Estonia, curated by Anneli Porri

2008 Doings or Not. Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia, curated
by Laura Kuusk and Margit Säde

2008 Relevant erasable. Y-gallery, Tartu, Estonia, curated by
Merilyn Püss

2007 Meeting the expectations of readers. Rael Artel Gallery: Non-
Profit Project Space, Tartu, Estonia, curated by Rael Artel

2007 Something is Wrong. Tartu Artists' House, Tartu, Estonia,
curated by Marco Laimre

2007 Something is Wrong. Contemporary Art Museum of Estonia,
Tallinn, Estonia, curated by Marco Laimre

2006/07 Self-portrait. The Regional Museum of Stalowa Wola,
Stalowa Wola, Poland

PROJECTS

2011 Whispering Spaces – Apartment exhibitions of Tallinn Month
of Photography, curated by Helen Melesk and Hello Upan

2011 Doings or Not: Circumstance-specific. Tamse, Muhu island, Estonia (with Laura Kuusk)

2009 Allveelaev – podcasts. (with Flo Kasearu and Kristiina Hansen)

2008 Drawing Class. Kanuti Gildi SAAL, Tallinn, Estonia

2006 PIIIRITUS/BOUNDLESSNESS. Culture Factory Polymer, Tallinn, Estonia

WORKSHOPS

2010 November – Envisioning Information, Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, Sweden, held by Paolo Ciuccarelli and Luigi Farrauto

2009 October – This week, with what we have, Jutland Art Academy, Aarhus, Denmark, held by Emma Heddich

2007 October – Subjectivity; Articulating the Embodied Voice in Art, Malmö Art Academy, Sweden, held by Andrea Ray

RESIDENCIES

2010 July-October – Atelierhaus Salzamt, Linz, Austria

2009 July – Ted Noten Atelier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2009 Wiiralt scholarship, Estonian Ministry of Culture

2009 Scholarship of Estonian Academy of Arts Fund, Estonian National Culture Foundation

2008 Young Artist's Award of Faculty of Fine Arts of Estonian Academy of Arts

2007 Scholarship of Irina and Georgi Saar Foundation, Estonian

National Culture Foundation

2005 Scholarship of Irina and Georgi Saar Foundation, Estonian
National Culture Foundation

MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2011 member of FOKU - Estonian Union of Photography
Artists

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Articles

Reet Varblane. Rada läbi illusoorse ruumi. - Sirp, 16.03.2012

Mari Peegel. Laura Toots perealbumi radadel. - Eesti Päevaleht,
10.03.2012

Kadri Veermäe. Laura Tootsi äge terav pilk. - Postimees,
08.03.2012

Martin Rünk. Kõik on nii nagu enne, aga miski pole enam endine.
- Sirp, 06.08.2010

Zane Onckule. The Universe has no sense of humour. Baltic art. -
Studija no. 71, 2010

Anna Tuvike. Laura Tootsi näitus Distant Pieces (No big stories
nowadays). - Artishok (<http://artishok.blogspot.com/>) 21.03.2010

Maria-Kristiina Soomre. Suhestuv esteetika Kumus. - Agent no.
18, 2009

Andrus Laansalu. Vanad indiaani lood. - Maatriks no. 16, 2008

Merilyn Püss. Oluline mahakustuv. - Cheese no. 28, 2008

Laura Kuusk. Fotograafid loevad ja tekstlevad. - Cheese no. 2,
2008

Marge Monko. Midagi on valesti. - Cheese no. 25, 2007

Anneli Porri. EKKM, mis siis valesti on?. – Sirp, 02.11.2007
Andrus Lauringson. Puudumine teeb meeled teravaks. – Sirp,
24.11.2006

Catalogues

Acts of Refusal. ART IST KUKU NU UT, Tartu, 2011

Kunst macht frei. Janus Pannonius Museum, Pécs, 2011

What Drives Baltic. Gallery Supernova, Riga, 2010

Hotell Pärnu. Rael Artel Gallery: Non-Profit Project Space 2004-
2008. edited by Rael Artel, Tallinn 2009

Speed dates. Kunsthøgskolen i Bergen, 2009

Self-Portrait. Muzeum Regionalne w Stalowej Woli, 2006□

Books

Laura Toots. Perceiving Something Different After Something
Significant Although Things Remain the Same. Lagemik, Tallinn,
2012

(includes an essay by Miklos Gaál)

Works in Collections

The Carousel Collection
KUMU Art Museum, Estonia
Private collections

