

Rute Merk

b. 1991, Lithuania

Lives and works in Berlin

Education

Academy of Fine Arts in Munich (AdBK), Germany	2023
Edinburgh College of Arts, Edingburgh, Scotland (Erasmus Scholar)	2013
BA, Vilnius Academy of Arts, University in Vilnius, Lithuania	2013

Solo Exhibitions

Crisp3r, Gallery Vacancy at Frieze Seoul, KR	2024
Promises / Pažadai, National Gallery of Art, Vilnius, LT	2024
Moments, beacon, Munich, DE	2023
XP, Tara Downs, New York, US	2022
f(x), Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN	2021
Стрілецька, WT Foundation, Kyiv, UA	2020
SS20, Tara Downs, New York, US	2020
Solitaire, Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN	2019
Sprites, Tara Downs, New York, US	2018
Virtualacra, VENT Gallery, Vienna, AT	2018
Spirits Within, Editorial, Vilnius, LT	2016
Dedicated to, All Welcome, Vilnius, Lithuania	2014
Studio Show, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, FR	

Group Exhibitions

Dire Straits, Carl Kostyál, Stockholm, SE	2025
Basel Social Club, Basel, CH	2024
The Ambassadors, Foundation Fiminco, Paris, FR	2024
The Ambassadors: Group exhibition of Lithuanian contemporary art, Lithuanian National Museum of Art, Vilnius, LT	2024
Wuhan Biennale 2024, Wuhan, CN	2024
A Blue-Flowering Day, Yuan Art Museum, Beijing, CN	2024
MAMCO, from Memory, MAMCO Genève, CH	2023
The Descendants, K11 MUSEA, Hong Kong	2022
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, Latvia	2021
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	2019
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	2018
Jahresgaben, Kunstverein München, Munich, DE	2018
Jahresausstellung, Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Munich, DE	2018
Entangled Tales, RUPERT, Vilnius, LT	2017
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	2016
Žilvitis (Willow), Galerija VARTAI, Vilnius, LT	2016
Joy and Mirror, Galerija 427, Riga, LV	2016
Growing Insistence, Šiauliai Art Gallery, Šiauliai, LT	2015
Young Painter's Prize, RUPERT, Vilnius, LT	2014
Work-in-Progress, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT	2013
Young Painter's Prize, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT	2012
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, France	2014
Joy & Mirror residency, Museo Fondazione MACC, Calasetta, Sardinia, Italy	2013
Contemporary Past: Tracking a Postcard, Nida Art Colony, Nida, Lithuania	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	
Gindi, Maegan. "Tara Downs Could be the First R-Rated Gallery." <i>Cultured</i> , May 17	2023
"Women And Painting." <i>Purple Magazine</i> , The 30YRS Issue, #38 F/W	2022
Bian, Yujia. "Rute Merk: f(x)." <i>ARTFORUM</i> , August 17	2022
Eckardt, Stephanie. "Rute Merk's Vision for the Future of Painting." <i>W Magazine</i> , October 14	2021
Irish, Anni. "NYC's Armory and Independent Return with Upgrades." <i>Art & Object</i> , September 13	2021
Battaglia, Andy. "The 6 Best Booths at New York's Independent Art Fair." <i>ARTnews</i> , 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)." <i>Artnet News</i> , 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." <i>Artnet News</i> , September 10	2021
Mitchell, Rory. "The Armory Show and Independent: Artwork Selections." <i>Ocula</i> , September 8	2021

Gavin, Francesca. "Rute Merk on Technologized Subjectivity." <i>Independent Features</i> , August	2021
Corwin, William. "Rute Merk: SS20 – The Vitruvian Cyborg." <i>The Brooklyn Magazine</i> , September 11	2020
Milbrath, Claire. "A Conversation with Rute Merk." <i>Editorial Magazine</i> , August	2020
Fateman, Johanna. "Rute Merk: SS20 at Downs & Ross." <i>The New Yorker Magazine</i> , August 15	2020
Laster, Paul. "Figurative and Abstract Paintings Brighten NY Galleries." <i>Art & Object</i> , August 14	2020
Li, Suchao. "Rute Merk: Solitaire." <i>Artforum China</i> , July 22	2020
Woolbright, Andrew Paul. "Phantom Body: Weightless bodies, Avatars, and the end of skin." <i>Whitehot Magazine</i> , April	2020
Virbickaite, Aiste Paulina. "Rūtės Merk XXI a. portretų galerija." <i>Artnews</i> , March	2020
"A Special Visual Collaboraiton between Rute Merk and BALENCIAGA." <i>Mousse Magazine</i> , Issue 70, Winter	2020
Vogel, Maria. "Rutene Merk Paints the Intersection Between Spirituality and Technology." <i>Art of Choice</i> , June 26	2019
Michnevičiūtė, Gražina. "The first exhibition of painter Rūtenė Merk in New York received the attention of the press and collectors." <i>15min.lt</i> , June 11	2019
Schwendener, Martha. "New York Art Galleries: What to See Right Now." <i>The New York Times</i> , May 23	2019
Hatfield, Zack. "Critics' Pick: Rutene Merk: Sprites." <i>Artforum</i> , May 17	2019
"Rutene Merk: Sprites." <i>Time Out New York</i> , April 28	2019
"Editor's Picks: 19 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week." <i>Artnet News</i> , April 22	2019

Permanent Collections

CC Foundation, Shanghai, CN
Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, US
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami US
M Art Foundation, Hong Kong
M Woods, Beijing, CN
MO Museum, Vilnius, LT
Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva, CH
Sifang Art Museum, Nanjing, CN
The Nixon Collection, London, UK
X Museum, Beijing, CN