

HOLGER LOODUS *18 Moments of Spring*

at Kai Art Center 22 January – 23 April 2023



EDUCATION PROGRAM

About Kai Art Center

Kai Art Center is the cultural heart of the seaside Noblessner harbour complex – a mix of regional history, period-tinged architecture, and contemporary art and culture. In a century-old former secret submarine plant, visitors will encounter captivating and thought-provoking exhibitions, art, and cinema, four cafés and restaurants, a joint office for cultural organisations, and various venues for hosting events both in Kai's interior spaces and outdoor sea view areas.

About the artist and the exhibition

Holger Loodus is a musician, painter, multimedia and installation artist, as well as a lecturer at the Estonian Academy of Arts. His work is characterized by the construction of strange situations that at times strive toward fantastical realities or alternative histories. In order to do this, he uses analytical and poetic-philosophical visual means – from hyperrealist painting to mechanisms he has constructed himself and from video to staged installations.

Holger Loodus' solo exhibition *18 Moments of Spring* is the first presentation of new artworks by a versatile artist. Loodus, working with painting and media art is showing this time two video installations displayed to provide a comprehensive spatial experience. The exhibition is set up as a spiral: the viewer can explore it like a gastropod shell and find a tiny pearl at the very heart of it.

In contrast to the constant haste and fragmentation of contemporary life, Loodus strives to slow down and while doing so, also shares his ideas and methods with the viewers. Among other things, he suggests focusing on a single moment as if it contained an eternity. The exhibition with an all-encompassing and somewhat fantastic atmosphere, amplified by sound, also includes a benevolent humor reminding us that we should not take anything too seriously.

About the education program

Students will:

- get to know Kai Art Center and the surrounding Noblessner district;
- take part in a guided tour of the exhibition;
- get an overview of the “toolbox” of a contemporary artist and the interplay of various contemporary art elements used by the artist;
- discuss the concept of slow cinema and compare it with mainstream cinema (the cinema art of the digital world);
- try to make sense of reality more slowly through a work of art;
- take part in an interactive task related to the theme and technique of the exhibition.

The program lasts approximately 60 minutes.

Learning outcomes

The participants of the education program will:

- analyse a contemporary artwork and discuss the topics currently relevant in contemporary culture;
- get acquainted with the terminology used in contemporary art;
- perceive visual art as a separate language in which any topic can be discussed;
- acknowledge the importance of art in modern society;
- understand the local and international context of the exhibition;
- develop the courage to express themselves and think creatively;
- get to know one of the newest art centers in Tallinn and get inspiration for further independent visits.

Practical information:

- the cost of one program session is 4 euros per person;
- young people between the ages of 10 and 19 are invited to participate;
- the minimum group size is 12 people (for smaller groups the program fee is 48 euros);
- education program sessions can be held at any convenient time by appointment.

PS: As a preliminary activity of the program, we ask each student to take one picture (with their phone) of either nature or the urban environment.

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