

# MART VAINRE

Mart Vainre (b. 1988) is an artist and lecturer living and working in Tallinn. He graduated from the Estonian Academy of Arts with a BA in Art (Painting, 2011) and an MA in Art (New Media, 2014), and has been teaching since 2014. He currently serves as the head of the MA Contemporary Art programme and visiting associate professor at the Estonian Academy of Arts. Alongside his hand-executed painting practice, Vainre draws on inputs from 3D scanning and modelling as well as data analysis. Through this, he explores how technology imitates the human – and conversely, how we come to adopt what machines produce. Since 2021, Vainre has been working on the "Paintman" series, whose protagonist is a superhero with the superpower of presenting his paint-body simultaneously in both digital and physical form. It is a project of parallel worlds between the material and its digital twin, through which Vainre imagines, in a techno-psychedelic setting, what mirroring one realm in the other might look like.

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Mart Vainre (f. 1988) är en konstnär och lektor verksam i Tallinn. Han tog en kandidatexamen i konst (måleri, 2011) och en masterexamen i konst (nya medier, 2014) vid Estonian Academy of Arts, och har undervisat sedan 2014. Han är för närvarande programansvarig för masterprogrammet i samtidskonst samt gästande docent vid samma lärosäte. Vid sidan av sin handutförda måleri praktik använder Vainre sig av 3D-skanning, 3D-modellering och data-analys. Genom detta utforskar han hur teknologin imiterar människan – och omvänt hur vi börjar ta till oss det som maskiner producerar. Sedan 2021 har Vainre arbetat med serien Paintman, vars protagonist är en superhjälte med förmågan att presentera sin målerikropp samtidigt i både digital och fysisk form. Det är ett projekt om parallella världar mellan det materiella och dess digitala tvilling, där Vainre i en techno-psykedelisk miljö föreställer sig hur det skulle kunna se ut när en värld speglas i en annan.



## Curriculum Vitae

b.1988 Tallinn, Estonia. Lives and works in Tallinn.

## Education

2011-14 Estonian Academy of Arts, New Media MA

2008-11 Estonian Academy of Arts, Painting BA

## Solo exhibitions

2024 Paintman: The Pros and Cons of a Two-Faced Mutant. ARS Showroom Gallery, Tallinn

2024 Paintman: The Birth of the Painting Machine and Its Unexpected Enemy. Haapsalu Town Gallery, Haapsalu

2021 Human Compatible, ARS Showroom, Tallinn

2018 Self-Contained Pictures, Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn

2017 Bubbles, Tallinn City Gallery

2013 Mirror mirror, Draakon Gallery, Tallinn 2013 Meeting with the Trickster, Haapsalu City Gallery, Haapsalu

2012 Constructor, Kunstihoone, Gallery, Tallinn

2011 In the Right Place at the Right time, Always, Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn

## Group exhibitions

2024 *Allow Yourself to Change*, curated by Liisa Kaljula, ARS Project Space, Tallinn

2019 *4D*, ARS Project Space, Tallinn

2018 *Juubelikevad 2018*, Tallinn Art Hall

2016 *Suur Maalritöö*, curator Liisa Kaljula, Evald Okas Museum, Haapsalu

2014 *Can't Go On, Must Go On* curators Mihkel Ilus and Elin Kard, Tallinna Kunstihoone

2014 *TASE 2014*, curator Merilin Talumaa, Estonian Museum of Architecture

2012 *Uutmoodi asjastamatus*, curator Raivo Kelomees, Tartu Art House

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- 2012 *ArtVilnius '12*, Young Painter Prize section, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2011 *Young Painter Prize 2011*, Titanikas, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2011 *Zugzwang*, Artcontainer, Tallinn, Estonia 2010 *Zugzwang*, Siauliai Art Gallery, Siauliai, Lithuania
- 2010 *Zugzwang Commune Art*, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2010 *Painting In Process*, KUMU Art Museum, curator Eha Komissarov, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2010 *193 X 282*, Vaal Gallery, curators Kaido Ole ja Tõnis Saadoja, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2009 *Eesti Kunstnike Maalide Aastaliidu Näitus*, Soosoo Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2009 *Eesti nägu*, Kunstihoone Gallery, curator Eve Kask, Tallinn, Estonia

### Other Projects

- 2015 TASE 2015 Estonian Academy of Arts MA exhibition design, SUVA, curator Merilin Talumaa
- 2013 TASE 2013 Eesti Kunstiakadeemia MA exhibition design, Estonian Museum of Architecture, curator Gregor Taul
- 2012 Tõnis Saadoja's assistant for the NO99 theatre ceiling painting
- 2012 EKA Met-fond: 1950s exhibition design, EKA G gallery, curator Gregor Taul
- 2012 VJ for the improvisational composition of Ekke Västriku and Liisa Hirsch, Tallinn Music Week, Mustpeade maja

### Memberships

- 2013 Estonian Artists Association 2015 Estonian Painters Association (board member 2015-2018)

### Publications

- 2012 *Three Very Important Stories*