

Information for the Press

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LNMH Dauderi will host a new exhibition “Nature as a Muse: A Place Where Art is Born”

From 16 May the exhibition "Nature as a Muse: A Place Where Art is Born" will be on view at the LNMH Dauderi. It is organized as a part of the *ArtandFashionRiga* art platform "Artists and Their Muses". The exhibited works are created by outstanding representatives of contemporary Latvian academic art and foreign artists. Overall, the exhibition will feature works by several dozens of authors. Considering the large number of participants and the limited display space, the artworks will be periodically rotated during the exhibition. The opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 16 May at 5:00 PM in the Dauderi Grand Salon. The second – updated exhibition opening – will be held in the same premises on 6 June at 5:00 PM. Entrance to the opening event is free.

Masterclasses are also scheduled for both dates: on 16 May at 2:00 PM in the Dauderi Garden, there will be a painting masterclass led by the artist Aleksejs Naumovs, and on 6 June at 2:00 PM, a painting masterclass under the guidance of Professor Imants Vecozols. More information about the masterclasses is available on the museum's website.

The exhibition aims to offer a light yet nuanced view of the relationship between the artist and the muse as a space of inspiration where artists play with ideas and reflect time in their works. The high artistic level of the exhibition is determined not only by the professionalism and skill of the participants involved but also by the stylistic and expressive diversity of the works on display.

Alongside the paintings, the exhibition will also feature bronze, glass, and stone sculptures by well-known Latvian sculptors, as well as unique art objects – dresses painted in inspiration from the artists' works. These Sculptures give the exhibition a significant additional dimension and create a dialogue with the building's architecture and historical environment.

Among the participants of the exhibition “Nature as a Muse: the Place Where Art is Born” are Honorary Professor of the Art Academy of Latvia Imants Vecozols, Professor Aleksejs Naumovs, Andris Teikmanis, Ieva Krūmiņa, Dainis Gudovskis; as well as their former students and colleagues from different generations.

Participants of the exhibition are Artūrs Akopjans, Visvaldis Asaris, Jekaterina Bai, Maija Bērziņa, Ģirts Boronovskis, Anita Ance Bruņeniece, Kārlis Dobrājs, Evija Freidenfelde, Zoja Golubeva, Matiass Jansons, Jānis Jēkabsons, Dzintars Kalniņš, Varužs Karapetjans, Nikolajs Krivošeins, Ilze Laizāne, Artūrs Lapiņš, Egils Mednis,

Oskars Mikāns, Natalja Neberekutina, Aleksandrs Neberekutins, Raimonds Cīrulis, Ilze Preisa, Kristīne Priedīte, Uģis Šēnbergs, Irina Trumpele, Rita Uljanova, Dags Vidulejs, Lelde Braķe-Klaverī, Ernests Vītiņš, Zemgus Zaharāns.

Foreign artists will also participate in the exhibition: Marat Gelman (Germany), Steve Vanoni (USA), Mari Zenkova (Ukraine), Yao Baoze (China), Vaidas Žvirblis (Lithuania), Eduard Zentsik (Estonia).

The exhibition will be open for viewing until 21 June.

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LATVIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY (LNMH)

The LNMH is one of the oldest museums in Latvia and the Baltics. The origins of its collection are related to the Riga Latvian Society and its Science Commission, established in 1869. The Museum was given its current name in 2005 when it was granted the national museum status. In 2010, the former Latvian Culture Museum “Dauderi” and in 2015, the Popular Front Museum were affiliated to the LNMH. After the 2013 fire in Riga Castle, the Museum was housed in temporary premises for several years. In 2020, it acquired working premises in the newly-built Museum Storage Facility, and in 2024, – exhibition space in the partially restored Riga Castle.

More than 120 years old, the Dauderi Villa and its surroundings offer an enjoyable and educational leisure experience, a unique story of the changing history of the Riga Sarkandaugava neighbourhood, impressive architecture and a picturesque setting for various events. As an embodiment of the local history, the LNMH Dauderi weaves and tells important stories helping to create and strengthen the local community.

To learn more about Dauderi, we invite you to attend guided tours or activities in the extensive exhibition and garden, lectures by various specialists on topics related to the Dauderi Villa and other events. The Grand Salon and garden of this architecturally distinctive house can also be hired for special events.

The Dauderi collection consists of two parts: the collection of the collector and philanthropist Gaidis Graudiņš, gathered since the late 1950s in exile and later brought to Latvia, and the Dauderi collection created by the Latvian Culture Museum “Dauderi” in the 1990s, including items donated to the museum.

