

RIČARDAS BARTKEVIČIUS



Ričardas Bartkevičius (born 1959 in Vilnius) is a prominent Lithuanian painter and educator. Bartkevičius demonstrated artistic talent since his early childhood. The first personal exhibition was held in 1979. In 1986 he graduated from the Painting Department of Vilnius Academy of Arts. Looking for his own painting style he admired and drew under the inspiration of El Greco, Tintoretto, and Peter Breigel works. Later he was interested in German, French, Lithuanian representatives of Expressionism. In 1982, 1984 he visited Armenia and Georgia. The medieval colouring of these countries paintings, the primitive art traditions have found resonance in the further works.

Since 1990 he became a member of the Lithuanian Artists' Association, in 1994 he initiated an artists' group "E" creation, also he became a member of the group "Individualists" (1996).

From 1990 he teaches at Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences (full Professorship).

He is actively involved in Lithuanian cultural life, he had many solo exhibitions. His works are welcomed not only in the European continent, but also in Asia, American art lovers. His works are presented in the collections: The Collection of Speyer Municipality (Germany), Zimmerli Art Museum (USA), The Collection of Tore Canavese Municipality (Italy), Lithuanian Art Museum, Modern Art Center (MMC), The Collection of Vilnius Municipality (Lithuania). Works in the private collections: Russia, Germany, France, Israel, Canada, USA, Denmark, Norway, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Italy, Lithuania.

AWARDS

2004 Lithuanian Government Stipendium (highest level) (Lithuania);

1999 Lithuanian Government Stipendium (highest level) (Lithuania);

1999 Stipendium of Lithuanian Artists Union (Lithuania);

1997 International Scholarship of the City of Speyer (Künstlerhaus Speyer, Germany).

PUBLICATIONS

About R. Bartkevičius:

Lietuvos tapyba. 1960–2013. [Lithuanian painting. 1960–2013] – Vilnius: Modernaus meno centras, 2014, p. 19, 20, 38, 344–345, 404, ISBN 978-609-8136-03-6.

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Baltic Art during the Brezhnev Era: Nonconformist Art in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. – USA: New Jersey, Rutgers University, p. 28–30.

Visuotinė lietuvių enciklopedija. T. 2. – Vilnius: Mokslo ir enciklopedijų leidybos institutas, 2002, p. 681–682.

72 lietuvių dailininkai apie dailę. – Vilnius: Vilniaus dailės akademijos leidykla, 1998, p. 47, ISBN 571-43-X.

Solewski R. Viatoris. Który pokonuje drogę. Ponowoczesny romantyzm Piotra Jargusza (Monograph). – Krakow: Pasaze, 2016. [About Ričardas Bartkevičius and his creation in the following chapters of the book: Viatoris niezrazony (p. 108, 110, 111, 117); Viatoris after Viatoris (p. 269, 271, 272)]

By R. Bartkevičius:

Bartkevičius R. Kūrybiška raiška tapyboje = Creative Expression in Painting. Vilnius: Edukologija, 978-609-471-032-2.

Bartkevičius R. Vizuali kalba: spalva = Visual Language: Color. Vilnius: VPU leidykla, ISBN 978-9955-20-604-0.

Ričardas Bartkevičius: malarstwo/tapyba/painting. Wigry: Dom Pracy Tworczej w Wigrach. ISBN 83-89959-41-0.

EXHIBITIONS / OTHER ARTISTIC INITIATIVES

Selected Solo Exhibitions (the most relevant outcome of artistic activity of 15 years):

- 2016 „Žiūrėk (SeeShout), (2016 09 30 – 2016 10 20) Gallery 'Laiptai', Šiauliai.
„Apie daiktus... (On Things) (2016 11 14 – 2016 12 09), Alytus Culture and Communication Centre, Alytus.
- 2013 „Simple as 2x2“Lithuanian Artists'Union Gallery, Vilnius, Lithuania;
„Self-Identity“Escola Superior de Artes e Design, Porto, Portugal.
- 2012 „R. Bartkevičius: Painting“Dumlupinar University Gallery, Kutahya, Turkey.
„About Women by Flowers“, B. Grincevičiūtė House-Museum, Vilnius, Lithuania;
- 2009 „R. B. ART 1986-2009“, Gallery „Arka“, Vilnius, Lithuania;
- 2008 „Painting“, Lithuanian National Philharmonic, Vilnius, Lithuania;
„The Admirable Daily Round“, Palanga, Lithuania;
„Painting“ Project „East Europe Art Meetings“, Galeria Sztuki Współczesnej WIGRY, Dom Pracy Tworczej, Wigry, Poland.
- 2006 „The Sound and the Color“, Lithuanian Technical Library, Vilnius, Lithuania;
„Ričardas Bartkevičius Painting“, „Kolonada“, Druskininkai, Lithuania;
- 2004 „Pa-Ri-Pa-Ri“, Gallery „Maldis“, Vilnius, Lithuania;
- 2003 „Personal Exhibition of Paintings“, Gallery „2003“, Vilnius, Lithuania;
„Ričardas Bartkevičius, painting, Leif Sylvester, sculpture“, Python Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark.
„Ričardas Bartkevičius – exhibition of painting“, Lyngby Kulturhus, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Participated in over 230 group exhibitions in Lithuania and abroad (India, Italy, USA, Canada, China, Macedonia, France, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Hungary, Germany, etc.).

MORE INFORMATION

Museums and galleries

MO Museum:

<http://www.mmcentras.lt/autoriai/ricardas-bartkevicius/697>

Lewben Art Foundation:

<http://daile.lt/artist/bartkevicius-ricardas-61817608/>

International Images Ltd.:

<http://www.internationalimagesltd.com/collection/bartkevicius.html>

Other:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ri%C4%8Dardas_Bartkevi%C4%8Dius

https://lt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ri%C4%8Dardas_Bartkevi%C4%8Dius_%281959%29

VIDEO LINKS

Interview for the programme *ARTi* in Lithuanian National Radio and Television (main non-profit public broadcaster) 2017-01-01: <http://www.lrt.lt/televizija/laidos/17659#/limit/25>

Interview for the programme *Infostudija* in Šiauliai Television 2016-10-03:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojF-i0Jhkro&t=817s>

Other interviews:

Sakalaitė A. The Painting Exhibition of R. Bartkevičius "Žiūrėk" (SeeShout) in Gallery "Laiptai" [interview with the artist], "Šiaulių naujienos", ISSN 1822-590X, No. 191 (17812). 2016-10-04:
<http://www.snaujienos.lt/index.php/kultura-ir-pramogos/31882-laiptu-galerijoje-r-bartkeviciaus-tapybos-paroda-ziurek-3>

The Interview about the project "Laisvė – tai mes" 2015-02-27:
<https://www.facebook.com/200770019942670/videos/vb.200770019942670/982150928471238/?type=2&theater>

The Interview for the programme "Linija. Spalva. Forma" (Line. Colour. Form), Lithuanian Radio and Television, 2014:

The Interview for the programme "Durys atsidaro" (The Door is Opening), Lithuanian Radio and Television, 2013:

<https://www.facebook.com/200770019942670/videos/vb.200770019942670/826311294055203/?type=2&theater>

<https://www.facebook.com/200770019942670/videos/vb.200770019942670/826310590721940/?type=2&theater>

Interview about the plain-air and exhibition for the programme Infostudija in Šiauliai Television 2013-08-09:

<https://www.facebook.com/200770019942670/videos/643279022358432/>