

ALYONA MOVKO-MÄGI

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Alyona Movko-Mägi is an Estonian artist working with glass, analog photography, and digital technology. Based in the countryside near Lahemaa's wetlands, she explores how materials hold memory and transform over time.

Her practice, which she terms "bog methodology," follows the logic of Estonian peatlands—layered, patient, and resistant to simple interpretation. Working with kiln glass, darkroom printing, and interactive installations, she investigates how heritage, landscape, and cultural memory are embedded in both organic and digital forms.

Currently teaching at the Estonian Academy of Arts, she holds dual MA degrees in Contemporary Art and Craft Studies. Her recent solo exhibition SOO at the Estonian Museum of Photography achieved record attendance, bringing together sculptural objects, photographic processes, and responsive environments.

Her work has been shown at Tallinn Art Hall, Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design, and Fotografiska Helsinki. Named Video Artist of the Year in 2022 and 2024, her background includes extensive experience in projection mapping and live visuals for major Estonian cultural institutions.

From her studio beside the bogs, she creates glass sculptures, photography prints, and mixed media installations—bridging traditional Estonian craft techniques with contemporary technology.

EDUCATION

- **2023-2025** Estonian Academy of Arts (Eesti Kunstiakadeemia) - Craft Studies, MA
- **2021-2024:** Estonian Academy of Arts (Eesti Kunstiakadeemia) - Contemporary Art (Kaasaegne kunst), MA
- **2014-2021:** Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre (Eesti Muusika- ja Teatriakadeemia) - Audiovisual Composition
- **2010-2012:** Tallinn School of Economics (Tallinna Majanduskool) - Entrepreneurship
- **2002-2008:** Tallinn Technical University (Tallinna Tehnikaülikool) - Technical Bachelor's Degree
- **1990-2002:** Ehte Humanities Gymnasium (Ehte Humanitaargümnaasium)

EXHIBITIONS

2025

- **Soo**, Fotomuuseum / Museum of Photography, Tallinn /*Solo Exhibition*/
- **Tase 2025**. Yearly graduation show of the Estonian Academy of Arts, Projekteerijate maja, Tallinn
- **Creature. Maker. Mire**, Seek Gallery, Tallinn. /*Solo Exhibition*/

2024

- **Elujõud/Élan vital**, Arter

- **Validud sekkumised/Selected interventions**, Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design
- **Hõbedas/In silver**, TAVA 25, Tartu Valgus, Tartu Architectural Lighting and Light Art Festival
- **Võrgustunud müüdid: kuidas kududa identiteeti digiajastu niidistikust?/Networked Myths: Weaving Identity Through the Threads of the Digital Age**, TASE'24, Tallinn Art Hall
- **Ese või asi/Objects or Things**, Krulli Kvartal

2023

- **Live, Love, Stuff!**, Stockmann Helsinki. Curator: Fotografiska Tallinn /*Solo Exhibition*/
- **Pea ees!/Immerse!**, Tallinn Art Hall. Curators: Corina L. Apostol & Livia Nolasco-Rózsás

2022

- **Antropomorphical studies**, EKA Gallery
- **Tulin siia selleks, et üksi olla – Ka mina tulin siia selleks, et üksi olla/I came here to be alone - I also came here to be alone**, Tallinn Art Hall. Curators: Corina L. Apostol & Kristaps Ancāns
- **sutures.duo**, Uue Loomingu Maja/ULM. Curator: Liisi Kõuhkina
- **sutures**, EKA Gallery

2021

- **Biopoetics**, Tartu Light Festival
- **Charter X**, Exhibition "Pöördeline:kunst/Turning Point: Art"

2020

- **Vanish** (in collaboration with Maarja Pabunen), Exhibition "POOL KRAADI/HALF A DEGREE: How to Wear Climate Change"

2019

- **Kinorum/Kinoroom** 360-degree video and sound installation (in collaboration with Sander Tuvikese, Markos Robam), Narva Museum

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **2024:** Aasta Videokunstnik (EMEA) [Video Artist of the Year]
- **2022:** Aasta Videokunstnik (EMEA) [Video Artist of the Year]

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Estonian Scenographers (Eesti Lavastuskunstnike Liit)
- Estonian Artists Association (Eesti Kunstnike Liit)

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL ROLES

- **2024-present** Visiting Lecturer, Estonian Academy of Arts
- **2017-2018** Visiting Lecturer, Viljandi Culture Academy

SCENOGRAPHY (VIDEO)

2025

- **Vortex temporum**. Grisey & Crumb. Ludensemble. Tallinn College of Music and Ballet

- **Veljo Tormis 95**, Tallinna Filharmoonia
- **Kultuurkapitali aastapreemiad 2024**, Estonia Concert Hall, ERR

2023

- **Circum Absurdum**, Von Krahel
- **Giselle**, Von Krahel
- **Veljo Tormis - Forgotten Peoples**, Paris - Cité de la musique
- **NOEP** stadium concert
- EMA23

2022

- **"451° FAHRENHEITI"**, Linnateater
- **Installative Performance "T2"**, Kanuti Gildi SAAL; Marten Esko, Mihkel Ilus
- **"Lalli"**, Veljo Tormis / Rasmus Puur, Birgitta festival
- **"Firebird/Tulilind / Šahrazad"**, Vanemuine Theatre
- **"Young Ice/Noor jää"**, Endla Theatre
- **"Röövlitütar Ronja/Ronja, the Robber's Daughter"**, Estonian Youth Theatre

2021

- **"Music Day 2021"**, Estonia Concert Hall, ETV
- **"Dream Servants/Une sulased"**, Nightlight Festival (director, video artist)
- **"Linda di Chamounix"**, Vanemuine Theatre
- **"To the Blue Heights/Sinikõrgustele"**, "Doctors in Performance" festival-conference opening concert, Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre
- **Kooslaulmispidu "Sõida tasa üle silla"** in Narva for the 30th anniversary of Estonian re-independence
- **Saaremaa Opera Days 2021** - Ain Anger jubilee gala with ERSO
- **"Metamorphoses/Metamorfoosid"**, Vanemuine Theatre
- **Elina Nechayeva** concert-performance "Nova"

2020

- **TV Performance "Hingelind"** in Tartu Town Hall Square, ETV
- **"Bella Luce"**, Nightlight Festival (director, video artist)
- **Ardo Ran Varres Author's concert**, Souls' Night Music Festival, Tartu St. John's Church
- **"8 Loving Women/8 armastavat naist"**, Russian Theatre
- **"Lehman Brothers"**, Estonian Drama Theatre
- **"Si tu murais/Ilma sinuta"**, Rakvere Theatre
- Estonian Choir Association Annual Awards Gala, Estonia Concert Hall

2019

- **"See laps"**, Theatrum
- **University of Latvia 100th Anniversary concert "Centum"**, Latvian National Opera
- **Von Krahel epic "JAIK"**, Von Krahel Theatre
- **Opera Gala**, Birgitta Festival
- **"Cloud Opera or Dido's Problem/Pilveooper ehk Dido probleem"**, Free Stage

2018-2016

Selected highlights:

- **"Catherine I/Katariina I"**, National Opera Estonia (2018)
- **"A Midsummer Night's Dream/Pööriöö uni"**, NO99 at Konzerthaus Berlin (2017)
- **"Museum Pictures/Muuseumi pildid"**, Estonian National Museum Opening (2016)
- **"REQUIEM ... and life before"**, Birgitta Festival, Tallinn Philharmonic (2016)

AUDIOVISUAL COMPOSITION

2018

- **"Valavond"**
- **"A-mixEi"**

2017

- **"Sharp and Brights"**, premiered at Estonian Music Days 2017

2016

- **"UrbanMelt"**, premiered at Estonian Music Days 2016
- **"Descent"**, premiered at NordPlus mix+ concert, Vilnius 2016

2015

- **"ÜleKüllus"**, premiered at the AudioVisual Composition Concert on Estonian Music Days

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES (SELECTED)

2025

- **Argo Vals "Lavendel"**, JazzKaar, Fotografiska Tallinn

2024

- **Klaveril ainult tüdrukud**, Festival KLAVER, Estonia Concert Hall
- **Tall Ships Races Tallinn 2024** festival opening concert "Lainel"
- **"Unustatud rahvad"** V. Tormis / Chœur de l'Orchestre de Paris, Estonian National Museum

2023

- Kristjan Järvi and ensemble - Meelte videvik Reiul
- Ocean Districts "Phantom Islands" presentation concert
- Babylon Pärnu and Kristjan Järvi, Pärnu Music Festival
- Veljo Tormis - Forgotten Peoples, Paris - Cité de la musique

2022

- Art House Lasnamäe pavilion opening
- Trad.Attack! - Make Your Move Final, Tartu Song Festival Ground
- **"Remedy"**, Elina Nechayeva, Estonian Song 2022
- Tallinn city gala concert, Estonian Concert

2021-2019

Selected highlights:

- **ERSO95**, Estonian Concert (artist) (2021)
- **PÖFF Film Festival** award ceremonies and opening galas (2019-2021)
- **Estonian Music Awards** various artists' visuals (2019-2020)

PROJECTION MAPPING

2023

- **Veljo Tormis - Forgotten Peoples**, Paris - Cité de la musique
- **Meelte videvik Reiul** - hologram AI collaboration

2022

- **Viimsi Artium** opening
- **Estonian Maritime Museum Seaplane Harbour 10**, full dome mapping

2021-2017

Selected highlights:

- **"Servants of Sleep"**, By Night light festival (2021)
- **Tampere 240**, Tampella projection mapping (2019)
- **"La Forza"**, Elina Nechayeva, Eurovision 2018 semifinals and Grand final dress projection mapping
- **Tallinn Winter Festival**, Tallinn Town Hall projection mapping (2017)