

DASHA AFANASEVA

I perceive the world being fluid, manifesting in plural realities. I am interested in noticing how these plural worlds co-exist. Landscape is a coincidence of the worlds. In my work, the landscape is present as a conceptual space only hitting at the actual place. The scene in the painting suggests an infinite field beyond the frame. Ideas about plurality could be discussed in that conceptual space. The vastness of the omnipresent landscape equals the scales of everyday life and world historical events. In landscape, histories and individual narratives converge, while characters become emblematic of communal memory or experience. I often come back to the same subject or source image. It stands for plurality, seasons, migration, tides and strain. Painting allows me to comment in a subtle way on these topics to carry conversations across the time and to express my sensibility and responsiveness not only to personal circumstances but also to the wider context in which work is created. As landscape is something always viable in its re-emergence, rehearsing images on the canvas transcends a kind of 'unresolvence' to where we find ourselves. I collage and reformulate visual and textual references for my paintings. It is a constructed work: the painterly space is invented, the characters are fictional. I like to think of them as enablers. My intention is to stimulate the perceptual drift by showing things beyond their mere description. That is why images shift between being abstract and allegorical. I try to animate ambiguity and plurality in the pictorial space by layering and painting over to suggest something hidden: another life, another place. Even though the paintings stem from observation or personal circumstance, they are not reflective or nostalgic. I want them to be activating and questioning our perception of the world and our relation to it.

WEBSITES

www.afnsva.com

PLATFORM

KABK Alumni

EDUCATION

- 2018 - Bachelor Fine Arts Den Haag,
2023 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende
Kunsten diploma
- 2016 - Orientation course Den Haag,
2017 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende
Kunsten diploma
- 2008 - Master Architecture Ural State
2011 Academy of Architecture and Arts
diploma
- 2004 - Bachelor Architecture Ural State
2008 Academy of Architecture and Arts
diploma

EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Too early Too late Royal Academy of Art
The Hague, Netherlands Graduation show
www.kabk.nl/graduation-show
- 2022 Three Birds, No Stone Verheeskade 323
The Hague, Netherlands Pre Graduation
show
Group
- 2022 To Give A Dog A Name BillyTown The
Hague, Netherlands
Group

PROJECTS

- 2023 Participation in the performance of

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 The KABK Graduation Catalogue 2023

Laure Prouvost Here Her Heart Hovers
Rotterdam, Netherlands
www.kunstinstituutmelly.nl/en/exhibitions/7288-my-oma as a part of curatorial project
My Oma at Kunstinstituut Melly

Catalog KABK The Hague, Netherlands
graduation.kabk.nl/archive/year:2023

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024 Buning Brongers Prize Netherlands
Nomination



Untitled, 2025
oil on board, 30x24



Untitled, 2024
oil on linen, 40x50



Untitled, 2024
oil on linen, 30x40



Cloud wall, 2024
oil on paper, 40x30



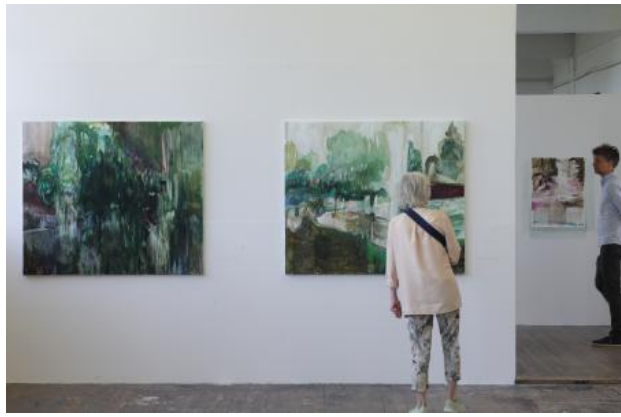
Untitled, 2024
oil on paper, 40x30



Untitled, 2024
oil on paper, 30x20



Untitled, 2024
oil on linen, 135x100



The catcher in the rye 2022, 2022
oil and oil stick on linen, 140x120



Untitled, 2022
oil on paper, 75x55



The catcher in the rye 2022, 2022