

NORTH BY NORTHEAST. THE DECONSTRUCTION OF THE PAVILION

The Riga version of The Pavilion of Latvia at the 55th International Art Exhibition – la Biennale di Venezia

1st floor

Krišs Salmanis

Mutoscope (2013-2014)

installation

When I invented this animation machine, it turned out that Herman Casler had already patented a similar device 120 years ago. Nevertheless, it is good for recalling recent memories.

Balcony (2014)

installation

Masses of winter air were audibly being pressed through the branches of the tree on the right, and I started thinking of a piece I would make when I am old and well-off. Should I build a giant ventilator that would push air against the tree, or should I get the tree to move through the air? I had no inkling of Venice at the time.

Technical drawing by constructor Jānis Straumēns (2013)

paper, pencil

I visited Straumēns and said his help would be needed again. Only this time the task would be simple: to swing a tree through the air. He burst out laughing. Since receiving his initial drawings, I have stopped using the word "simple".

Selection of technical drawings (2013)

print, paper

I regularly forget the promise to myself – to only make works that I can execute myself.

Selection of trees (2013)

50 photos

I searched numerous forests, photographed a lot of trees, met various people. Most of them were unexpectedly inspiring and interesting characters. But one of them decided to release a dog on me. I had had shots and had to stick to drinking water during the opening.

Rowan blossom (2013)

polaroid

Sometime between chopping it down in Latvia and installing in Italy, the tree had produced this bloom.

2nd floor

Kaspars Podnieks

10 photographs and video *Rommel's Dairy* (2013)

Ilze

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Ivans

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Druvis

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Edgars

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Jānis

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Dairis

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Rommels

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Aiga

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Jānis S.

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Ināra

photograph C print, 200 x 140 cm

Video loop