



Guna Mikelšone

Sand Animation Artist and Children's Book Illustrator

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Education

2010. – 2015. The Art Academy of Latvia, Department of Visual Art, Art History and Theory, Bachelor's degree
2006. – 2010. Riga School of Design and Art, Form Textile programme
1997. - 2006. Oskars Kalpaks Riga Folk Art Primary School

Languages

Latvian */native/*, English */fluent/*, Russian */basics/*

Art techniques and skills

- Sand animation - storyline creation, composition, live performances
- Classic illustration – watercolor, ink, pencils
- Digital illustration and editing – “Photoshop”, “Krita” and “Pixlr Editor”
- Music editing – “Audacity”
- Video editing – “AVS Video Editor”

Work experience

2011. – 2013. SIA TRAVEL JAM tourism guide
2012. – 2019. SIA DESERTO Sandbox Story */Smilšu kino/*
Sand animation artist,
Creative workshop coach
2019. – continuing Freelance artist

Sand Animation

Concerts
Events
Projects

Since 2012 I have created more than 300 personalized shows for concerts, private celebrations, corporate and charity events, performing not only in my land - Latvia - but also bringing sand shows to USA and several European countries.

- **Internationally known company corporate events:**
L'OREAL, TOYOTA, SAMSUNG, SCANIA, JOHN DEERE, BOSCH, JYSK, AKG and others.

- **Culture and Art events:**

- Musical theatre show for kids "Spriditis"
- Light Festival „Staro Riga"
- City celebrations and Art festivals in Valmiera, Rezekne, Ikskile, Olaine, Daugavpils, Livani, Kuldiga and other cities
- Kokmuiza Manor "Night of Legends" /*Leģendu nakts*/
- Inese Galnte "Summertime 2017" opening concert
- Concerts "Music for You" /*Mūzika Tev*/ together with "Latvian Concerts" /*Latvijas Koncerti*/
- Theatre play „Francis" in Latgale Embassy GORS (Play has received Latgale culture award "**Bonuks**" in Performing arts in 2015)
- Project "Through eyes of a child" /*Ar Bērna acīm*/ working with Museum of the Occupation of Latvia in the cultural event "White Night" /*Baltā Nakts*/
- Latvian poet's Aleksandrs Caks 117. birthday in cooperation with Aleksandrs Caks Memorial Apartment museum
- State Academic Choir "Latvija" concert "Celebrations in Choir Palace" /*Svētki kora pilī*/
- Visualisation of legend "The Rose of Turaida" in cooperation with Turaida Museum Reserve

- **Events of Latvian Corporations and Organisations:**

Maritime Administration of Latvia, Ventspils Freeport Authority, Latvian Railway, Latvian Luge Federation, Food Union, Impro, TILDE, Eco Baltia, Roadex, Tallink Latvia and others.

- **In cooperation of Riga City Council:**

The Tall Ships Races 2013 participant country embassy dinner on Ship „Kruzenstern", Baltic Region Tourism Promotion conference in New York City, USA and others.

- **Charity events:**

SEB bank charity dinner for SOS Children's Villages /*SOS bērnu ciemati*/, palīdzēsim.lv camps for Hard of Hearing, Vilande Church organised dinner for children from disadvantaged families, National Prayer Breakfast of Latvia, Designed to Live concert and others.

Published illustrations

- Monthly illustration for childrens story section in Latvian catholic magazine "Catholic Messenger"/*Katoļu Vēstnesis/* 2017.05. – continuing
- Illustrations for a Childrens book "Stories for Open Hearts" /*Stāsti atvērtām sirdīm/* by Daiga Kaže, Patmos 2020
- Cover illustration for Catholic calendar 2019 /*Katoļu Kalendārs 2019/*, 2018
- Illustrations for a Childrens book "Nine Evenings in Nice Conversations"/*Deviņi vakari jaukās sarunās/* by Daiga Kaže, 2018
- Illustrations for a Childrens book "My Dear Latvia"/*Mana mīļā Latvija/* by Dace Priede, 2016
- Illustrations for a Childrens book "We Have the Same Blood - You and Me"/*Mums vienas asinis – Tev un Man/* by Dace Priede, 2014
- Illustrations and coloring task sheets for a Childrens book "Coloring Task Book"/*Krāsojamā uzdevumu grāmata/*, 2014
- Illustrations for a Childrens book "Hedgehog and Squirrel at a Sunday School"/*Ezītis un vāverēns svētdienas skolā/* by Vita Rudzīte, 2013
- Illustrations for AGAPE Latvia game cards "Perspective cards"/*Perspektīvas kartiņas/*, 2012

