

# Janno Bergmann | Curriculum Vitae

## Studies

2002–2004 German Technological School, studies of databases & computer networks, Pärnu, Estonia

2002 Academia Grata, Pärnu, Estonia

2000–2001 Ilya Kabakov's Studio, New York, USA

1998–2000 Academia Non Grata, art studies, Pärnu, Estonia

1994–1998 Art Department of the Pärnu Sütevaka Gymnasium of Humanities, art studies, Pärnu, Estonia

## Short Biography

Janno Bergmann was born in 1975 in Pärnu, Estonia. He began his art studies in 1994 at the Art Department of the Pärnu Sütevaka Gymnasium of Humanities and has been an active figure in the art world since 1996.

His creative output spans a wide range of mediums, including painting, printmaking, performance art, video art, conceptual art, sculpture, installation, and photography. Bergmann is a founding member of the performance group Non Grata. Between 2000 and 2001, he worked in New York as an assistant to the world-renowned artist Ilya Kabakov. Since 2009, he has been associated with the Kunstikonteiner (Art Container) group.

Since 2014, Bergmann has been active as a freelance curator. From 2017 to 2023, he served as the coordinator for the Copper Leg Art Residency, and as of 2025, he coordinates the residency program at the Pärnu Artists' House. His work has been recognized with the Pärnu Art Annual Award (2013) and the Pärnu County Cultural Pearl (2025) title.

Internationally, his work has been exhibited in Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Australia, Norway, Georgia, Finland, Japan, and Belgium. In his personal projects, Bergmann explores themes of art, culture, and communication, reinterpreting myths of contemporary art history while seeking poetic imagery within visual art.

## Selected Group Exhibitions / Shows / Activities

2026 Exhibition "Perceptual Fields", Janno Bergmann & Leho Rubis, Contemporary Art Center of Rapla County, Rapla, Estonia

2025 Exhibition "Evil Chickens and Fading Flowers", Gallery 1826, Tallinn, Estonia

2025 Exhibition "Triologue - B3", "Flowers of Evil" series (photo, 3D print, installation), Šiauliai, Lithuania

2025 Analog photo camp, Muhu Art Residency (experimental pinhole and lumen prints), Muhu, Estonia

2025 Exhibition "Wild Garden", Voronja Gallery (photo, digital prints), Varnja, Estonia

2025 Exhibition "Still in Motion", Baxton Gallery (video), Brussels, Belgium

2024 Exhibition "Muhu Foto" (photography, photograms, pinhole, lumen prints, chemigrams), Endla Theatre, Pärnu, Estonia

2024 Analog photo camp, Muhu Art Residency (experimental pinhole and lumen prints), Muhu, Estonia

2024 "Monument to Europe", Copper Leg Art Residency (object), Vaskjala, Estonia

2024 Exhibition "Cosmic Kitchen / Random Light Orchestra", Janno Bergmann & Erik Alalooga, Kuidu Seltsimaja, Viljandi, Estonia

2024 Exhibition "The Last Supper" (photograms), Piilurgalerii / FotoFest, Pärnu, Estonia

2023 Pärnu Annual Art Exhibition, Pärnu City Gallery Town Hall (photo), Pärnu, Estonia

2023 AI Series "Flowers of Evil", Guelman and Unbekannt Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2023 Analog photo camp, Muhu Art Residency, "The Last Supper" (photos and photograms), Muhu, Estonia

2023 "Cleaning Voice" (installation in collaboration with Erik Alalooga), Copper Leg Art Residency, Vaskjala, Estonia

2023 "The Walls Have Ears" festival, ARS Art Factory, "Cleaning Voice" (installation in collaboration with Erik Alalooga), Tallinn, Estonia

2022 Photo series "Les Fleurs du mal", Tsukuba Biennale, Tsukuba Art Museum (photo), Tsukuba, Japan

2022 "F8/11: Architecture", UKM (photos), Pärnu, Estonia

2022 Pärnu Art Week (photos), Pärnu, Estonia

2022 "Estomania 3", Haihatus, "Cosmic Kitchen" (photo, installation in collaboration with Erik Alalooga), Joutsa, Finland

2022 "Aledoia Forever", Andrus Joonas memorial exhibition, Metropol Gallery 6m<sup>2</sup>, Tallinn, Estonia

2022 Art group Vedelik Winter Exhibition, Café Tuum (photo), Tallinn, Estonia

2021 Art group Vedelik Spring Exhibition, Gallery Metropol 6m<sup>2</sup> (photo), Tallinn, Estonia

2021 "F8/10 FotoFest", Sammassaal of Endla Theater (photos), Pärnu, Estonia

2021 Exhibition "Savages", Tartu Art Museum (graphics, installation), Tartu, Estonia

2020 Art group Vedelik Autumn Exhibition, Kuku Club (photo), Tallinn, Estonia

2020 Art group Vedelik Spring Exhibition, Gallery Metropol 6m<sup>2</sup> (photo), Tallinn, Estonia

2019 Üle Heli festival, Kopli ULM (videos), Tallinn, Estonia

2019 New World Spectacle Festival, Exhibition "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (photos, videos, curation, installation), Pispala Contemporary Art Center, Tampere, Finland

2019 Art group Vedelik Spring Exhibition, Rae Schoolhouse, Vaskjala, Estonia

2018 Exhibition "Textur(ə)ality", Gallery Moodne Valgus (photos), Tallinn, Estonia

2018 "Kõva Karneval 2018", Balti Jaam (video), Tallinn, Estonia

2018 "People from the Other Side", Polymer, Tallinn Art Week (video), Tallinn, Estonia

2018 "ART by Sveta", Sveta Baar (installation), Tallinn, Estonia

2018 "F8/8" (photos), Museum Kiek in de Kök, Tallinn, Estonia

2018 Cinema Camp (video), Lāsma, Lithuania

2018 Experimental Film Festival Process (video), Riga, Latvia

2018 "F8/7" (photos), Pärnu FotoFest, Endla Theater, Pärnu, Estonia

2017 "F8/5" (photos), Vaasa City Library Gallery, Vaasa, Finland

2017 Rae Municipality Overview Exhibition (photos), Rae Kunsti Plats, Jüri, Estonia

2017 Art group Vedelik Spring Exhibition (photo), Tallinn Mental Health Center, Tallinn, Estonia

2017 Pärnu (M)Modern Art Exhibition "Windows" (photo, painting), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2017 "F8/4" (photos and video), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2017 Pärnu County Photo (photos), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2016 Fonlad Digital Arts Festival, Water Museum (video), Coimbra, Portugal

2016 Sandra Jõgeva curated exhibition "Matter of Faith" (installation), Voronja Gallery, Varnja, Estonia

2016 HANSEartWORKS "Monument to Europe - Euro Rainbow" (public object), S12 Galleri, Bergen, Norway

2016 "F8/3" (photos), Kuressaare Cultural Center, Saaremaa, Estonia

2016 "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (photos, videos, curation), Centre for Contemporary Arts, Kaliningrad, Russia

2016 Exhibition of Modern Art "Patterns of Creation" (installation), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2016 "F8/2" (photos), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2015 "F8/1", Parikas House Gallery (photos, prints), Tallinn, Estonia

2015 B3 "Assemblage" (assemblages), Pärnu, Estonia

2015 Exhibition "Decorative?", Pärnu, Estonia

2015 Exhibition "Metamorphoses of the Black Square. Interpretations of Malevich's Work in Estonian Art", KUMU, Tallinn, Estonia

2015 Exhibition "11,000 Years Later. Contemporary Art from Estonia", Gallery Ljuda (prints, installation, curation), St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 Baltic Biennale, Gallery Bulthaupt / New Museum of Modern Art (object, photo, video program), St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 "Sichtbetonung 9.2" festival (installations), Dresden, Germany

2014 Exhibition "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (photos, videos, curation), Diaghilev Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 "Back to the Future" HANSEvideoartWORKS (video), Lübeck, Germany

2014 Exhibition "Gypsies are Found Near Heaven" (photos), Pärnu, Estonia

2014 Exhibition "Art Container" (installations, documentation, organizing), Pärnu, Estonia

2014 Year Photo of Pärnu County 2013 (photos), Pärnu, Estonia

2013 Pärnu Art Review Exhibition (photos and videos), Pärnu, Estonia

2013 Dimanche Rouge festival, Culture Factory Polymer (installation), Tallinn, Estonia

2013 Exhibition "Act 777" (objects and video), Šiauliai, Lithuania

2013 Exhibition "The Presence of Absence" (installation), Tartu, Estonia

2013 Culture Factory Polymer Festival (installations), Tallinn, Estonia

2013 International Print Meeting, Kulturmagasinet (prints), Bergkvara, Sweden

2013 Exhibition of Modern Art "Revelation and Illusions" (installation), Pärnu, Estonia

2013 Festival SICHT/BETON/UNG (installations), Dresden, Germany

2013 III International Festival of Contemporary Art "Street as a Museum - Museum as a Street", Samara, Russia

2013 "Grimm 30 & Art Container" (exhibition, installation and objects), Berlin, Germany

2013 "Hybrid Object. Eastern Promises", Kunsthalle am Hamburger Platz, with Art Container (installation), Berlin, Germany

2012 Baltic Biennale, Rizzordi Art Foundation (installation), St. Petersburg, Russia

2012 "Archaeology and the Future of Estonian Art Scenes", KUMU (videos and objects), Tallinn, Estonia

2012 Polymer Festival and Global Container XXV (installation "Art"), Tallinn, Estonia

2012 "Shapes – Face - Form", Hanseartworks exhibition, Lüneburg, Germany

2012 Public-art project P\_STOP, Perm, Russia

2012 SUPERMARKET Art Fair, with Art Container (installation), Stockholm, Sweden

2011 International Contemporary Art Festival "Street as a Museum – Museum as a Street", Ulyanovsk, Russia

2011 VII Shiryaevo Biennale of Contemporary Art (installation, land art), Samara region, Russia

2011 Exhibition "All Images are Illustrative" (photo series), Pärnu, Estonia

2011 GLOBAL CONTAINER XVII: "Ultra White Asylans", Not Quite (performance), Fengersfors, Sweden

2011 Exhibition of Modern Art "Modern Myths" (installation), Pärnu, Estonia

2010 Annual Exhibition of Art (painting and object), Pärnu, Estonia

2010 Art Container "The Bathers", Brisbane Theatre Festival (performance), Brisbane, Australia

2009 "Transient Landscapes" (photo series), Pärnu, Estonia

2008 DADA performance by art-group Vedelik (wedding performance), Manilaid, Estonia

2004 "Plink & Berg", Tallinn City Gallery (exhibition), Tallinn, Estonia

2001 SIE-art project in Iceland "Me-object", Young Art Festival (poster performance), Reykjavik, Iceland

2001 T.S.M Festival "Egg Studies" (performance), Riga / Vilnius

2001 May 12 – August 12: "Kunstplatze UB" (artist-run space, art environment), Pärnu, Estonia

2000, 2001 ART NON GRATA (documentary movie, installations), Pärnu - Pedvale, Estonia - Latvia

2000 Christ exhibition (assemblage), Tartu, Estonia

2000 KREE (sign poetry), Riga, Latvia

1999 "Autumn" exhibition (painting, assemblage, installation), Pärnu, Estonia

1999 Media Non Grata multimedia festival (low-tech films), Tallinn, Estonia

1999 "Books of Colours" (installation) and Performance "The Literary Black Square", Mexico City, Mexico

1999 "Oktava Muestra Internacional de Performance" festival (performance), Mexico City, Mexico

1999 Estonian Printmaking Exhibition (printmaking), Tallinn, Estonia

1999 Sculpture workshop (sculptures), Märjamaa, Estonia

1999 The NON GRATA Presentation (installation), Tallinn, Estonia

1999 Sorge piano concert (performances, organizing), Haljala, Estonia

1999 36 Hours of Performances by NON GRATA (performances and improvisations), Helsinki, Finland

1999 Tudengijazz (The Student Jazz) Five objects, Tallinn, Estonia

1999 The NON GRATA Presentation (performance and sound installation), Paide, Estonia

1999 The Days of Contemporary Music (Interpretation of John Cage "0'00'"), Performance for the Sake of Silence, Pärnu – Kohila, Estonia

1999 Graafika IN (exhibition "Black and White Positions"), Pärnu, Estonia

1998 "Le fin de millénium syndrome" (installation), Pärnu, Estonia

1998 Baltic-French Nordic Film Festival (video art pieces), Tallinn, Estonia

1998 "Artist Kills the Beast" (video art), Tallinn, Estonia

1998–1999 Tammiste Art Summer (painting, performance, organizing), Pärnu, Estonia

1998 Pärnu Jazz (video installation "Lamp"), Pärnu, Estonia

1998–1999 The Great Alternation (paintings, video art), Pärnu, Estonia

1998–2000 Pärnu Film and Video Festival (video, performance, organizing, low-tech films), Pärnu, Estonia

1997 "Alternation" (paintings), Pärnu, Estonia

1997–1999 Time, Space, Movement performance festival (performances), Paide, Estonia

1997 "The Last Exhibition" (paintings), Viljandi, Estonia

1996 Toilet exhibition (linocut), Pärnu, Estonia

## **Personal Exhibitions / Shows**

2026 "Flowers of Evil", Rae Kunstiplats, Jüri, Estonia

2025 "Quintessence Revisited", Pärnu City Gallery Town Hall (installation, photo, video), Pärnu, Estonia

2025 "Flowers of Evil", Umbusi Buddhist Center (photo, AI generations, 3D printed object, installation), Umbusi, Estonia

2025 "Microgenesis", Okapi Gallery (experimental cameraless photography, lumen print and chemigram), Tallinn, Estonia

2025 "Red and Black" & "Cosmic Kitchen", Cultural Club Tempel, Pärnu, Estonia

2024 "Flowers of Evil", Pärnu City Gallery (photo, AI generations, 3D printed object, installation), Pärnu, Estonia

2023 "Les Fleurs du mal" (photo, installation), Piilurgalerii, Pärnu, Estonia

2022 "Les Fleurs du mal" (photo, installation), Pärnu City Gallery Town Hall, Pärnu, Estonia

2022 "Sirakas", installation "Les Fleurs du mal", Vaskjala, Estonia

2022 FotoFest, Piilurgalerii, "Cosmic Kitchen" (photo, installation), Pärnu, Estonia

2020 "Cosmic Kitchen", End of Summer MiNiFEST, Copper Leg Art Residency (photo, video, installation), Vaskjala, Estonia

2019 "Cosmic Kitchen", Gallery Metropol 6m<sup>2</sup> (photo, video, installation, object), Tallinn, Estonia

2018 "RGB House" light installation, Vaskjala, Estonia

2018 Paide Music and Theatre House, "Red and Black" (photo and video), Paide, Estonia

2017 "Cosmic Kitchen" (photo, video, installation), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2017 "The All-Seeing Eye" (installation), Gallery Dver, Pushkinskaya 10 Art Center, St. Petersburg, Russia

2017 "About Red and Black" (photo and video), Rae Kunsti Plats, Jüri, Estonia

2017 "All-Seeing Eye" (installation), Gallery Metropol, Tallinn, Estonia

2015 "Humanity vs. Curiosity" (interactive multimedia installation), Pärnu, Estonia

2013 "Art Makes You (\*) Fly" (installations), Pärnu, Estonia

2010 "Picasso on the Moon" (installation, exhibition), Gallery Metropol, Tallinn, Estonia

2010 "Glass Bead Anxiety" (Glasperlenangst) (exhibition of conceptual art), Pärnu, Estonia

2002 Kunstplatze U.B. Museum (exhibition), Pärnu, Estonia

2000 Graafika IN (exhibition "38 boxes"), Pärnu, Estonia

1999 Exhibition "Black and White Positions" (printmaking), Mexico City, Mexico

1999 Assemblage exhibition, Pärnu, Estonia

1999 Graafika IN (exhibition "Black and White Positions"), Pärnu, Estonia

1998 Graafika IN (exhibition "Bluecut"), Pärnu, Estonia

## **Curatorial Projects and Organizing**

2025 Annual Exhibition of Pärnu Art (exhibition designer), Pärnu City Gallery Town Hall

2025 PAH Residency Program Autumn 2025 (coordinator), Pärnu City Gallery Artists' House, Pärnu, Estonia

2025 Sven-Erik Stamberg "Retrospective" (curator), Pärnu City Gallery Town Hall

2024 Exhibition "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism", Tartu Art House (photos, videos, curation, installation), Tartu, Estonia

2022 Copper Leg Art Residency Exhibition, Pärnu City Gallery Town Hall (curator, compiler, designer), Pärnu, Estonia

2019 New World Spectacle Festival, Exhibition "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (photos, videos, curation, installation), Pispala Contemporary Art Center, Tampere, Finland

2017 Opening of the Copper Leg Art Residency (object, installations, curation), Vaskjala, Estonia

2017–2023 Coordinator of Copper Leg Art Residency, Vaskjala, Estonia

2016 "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (curator and artist), Batumi Contemporary Art Gallery, Batumi, Georgia

2016 Exhibition of St. Petersburg New Art (curator), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2016 Exhibition of St. Petersburg New Art (curator), Tartu Art House, Tartu, Estonia

2016 "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (curator and artist), Centre for Contemporary Arts, Kaliningrad, Russia

2015 "Made in Kaliningrad", contemporary art from Kaliningrad (local coordinator), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2015 "The New Blockheads" Performance Art group from St. Petersburg (curator), Pärnu City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia

2015 Exhibition "11,000 Years Later. Contemporary Art from Estonia" (curator and artist), Gallery Ljuda, St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 Exhibition "Peculiarities of Southwest Estonian Anarchism" (curator and artist), Diaghilev Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 Exhibition of St. Petersburg New Art (curator), Pärnu, Estonia

2001 Artist-run space project "Kunstplatze UB" (founder, curator, artist), Pärnu, Estonia

1998 "Tammiste Art Summer" (curator and artist), Pärnu, Estonia