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Born in Estonia to the family where both parents were school teachers. My mother taught literature and my father chemistry. Attended art school in Saint-Petersburg and finished it with diploma of an Interior Designer. Worked as a designer for state owned Enterprises and performed contractual work for different publishers and newspapers. From 1993 to 1999 taught art at specialized Art Schools .

BATIK (painting on canvas) came to my life in 2000. Its nature and distinctive painting technique are very close to my personality and spirit. BATIK is “a wonderfully creative medium” and for me it is always like an experiment or a trip with revelation at the end. It is my way of life.

My paintings are symbolic. They show reflections of my dreams, experience and emotions through color and images of primal nature. Behind trees and stones I see real people with their feelings. The tree is a symbol of energy. It connects three levels of nature the Underworld, the Earth's surface, and the Heavens. It resembles human life cycle: Birth, Life and Death. Human and Nature are interdependent and I see it as an essence of my art.

1999 - 2000 - camp of the artists Outokumpu (Finland) and Ida-Viruma (Estonia)

1999 - teachers of Johvi Art school, exhibition Hall Sillamae

2000 - spring exhibition of the artists Ida-Virumaa, Johvi Cultural Centre

2000 - festival Gen 2000, exhibition and "Body Art Performace", Johvi Cultural Centre

2000 - personal exhibition Johvi Shopping Centre

2000 - teachers Ida-Virumaa, gallery of children's creativity "KULLO", Tallinn

2000 - personal exhibition - Kohtla-Jarve Cultural Centere

2001 - personal exhibition - Kohtla-Jarve city Gallery "White Hall"

2001 - personal exhibition - Tallinn city hall gallery "Raekoda Gallery"

2003 - personal exhibition - "36 Gallery" Tallinn

2003 - personal exhibition - "DRAGON Gallery" Tallinn

2004 - personal exhibition - "Outokummun Taidetiloisssa", Finland

2004 - 2005 - personal exhibitions - "DominiCanec Gallery", Tallinn

2004 - 2005 - personal exhibition - "DRAGON Gallery", Tallinn

2005 - personal exhibition - "National Library of Estonia", Tallinn

2005 - exhibition - "Kunst & Disain Gallery", Tallinn

2005 - exhibition - "Art Domain Gallery", Leipzig

2005 - personal exhibition - "Cafe Rix", Berlin

2006 - personal exhibition - "Red Tower", Parnu

2007 - exhibition - "Cafe Peterson", Tallinn

2001 - 2008- personal exhibition - "Domini Canec Gallery", Tallinn

2008 - personal exhibition - "36 Gallery", Tallinn

2009 - personal exhibition - Võru City "Art Gallery"

2010 - exhibition - Cultural Centere "Lindakivi", Tallinn

2011 - personal exhibition - Art school, Kohtla-Jarve

2012 - personal exhibition "Vene Teater", Tallinn

2013 - personal exhibition Baltic Hotel Vana Wiru

A resident of Estonia, she teaches workshops and paints in her home studio in Tallinn. The winner of the premium of culture Ida-Virumaa 2000, Estonia