# VIOLAKUNST

PORTFOLIO

Viola Kunst was born in 1981.

In 2005 she graduated magna cum laude at the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome with a Thesis about Videoclip as a form of contemporary art.

In 2006 she started studying as Contemporary Art Curator at the University "La Sapienza" in Rome where she graduated in 2010 with a Thesis on Janet Cardiff.

In 2007 she moved to Berlin, where she's still living and working.

She took part in several collective and solo exhibitions and art competitions in Italy, Germany and UK.

## **Artist'Statement:**

My works leads to a exploration of the feminine body and feelings and to a look at the feminine itself.

The person I paint are soulfully very close to me. They have a story, feelings, and fears inside of them. I try to take all these nuances out on the surface mixing them to my own feelings, and trying to let the canvas charged of emotions, trying at the same time to stay as realistic as possible.

In my nudes the bodies dissolve into colorful vibrations of flesh, in which nuances play across the surface of the skin. Lately I am deepening an interest in face's expressions, working mainly on portrait. Some of them are given as a light trace of a complex inner world. Some of them are extrem. The beauty of the happiness, the beauty of the pain.

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#### **EXHIBITIONS**

2013

WOW TALK - Art + Culture, group show/interview, Applestore Berlin (Germany)

2012

48 Stunde Neukölln, group exhibition c/o Transformationsalon, Berlin (Germany)

2011

Group exhibition "Welten Daneben/Highway Europa", Cologne (Germany) Group exhibition "Star(t)dust" by Plasticine Factory, Acquire Art Gallery, London (UK)

2010

Group exhibition "Girls, Girls, Girls", Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

Group exhibition "The Dream Machine –chapter 1: diary of a dna", by Plasticine Factory, Acquire Art Gallery London (UK)

Group exhibition "Polymorphoenix: 1.transformance festival" Alte Post, Berlin Neukölln, (Germany) Solo exhibition "Essere è solo un ruolo", Sala degli almadiani, Viterbo (Italy)

2009

Group exhibition "Look at me", Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

Group exhibition "I'm Blue", Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

Solo exhibition "Eros e dintorni", Caffè Letterario La Galleria, Cefalù, Palermo (Italy)

Group exhibition Humans & Gods, Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

Group exhibition "Strange Things", Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

Group exhibition "Highway to Berlin", Caffè Letterario La Galleria, Cefalù, Pa (Italy)

Group exhibition "One World", Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

2008

Group exhibition (with Fortner Anderson and Lee Salomone), Galerie -december-, Berlin (Germany) Group exhibition "Italians do it 2", Infantellina Contemporary, Berlin (Germany)

### 2007

Solo exhibition "Gloss", Art'n'Beat. Rome (Italy)

Group exhibition NUA: New Unknown Artists, Circolo degli Artisti, Rome (Italy)

Group exhibition for "La Notte Bianca 2007", Stardust Village, Rome (Italy)

### 2006

Solo exhibition "Gloss", Rome (Italy)

Solo exhibition, Casc Banca d'Italia, Rome (Italy)

## 2005

Solo exhibition, "Beba do Samba", Rome (Italy)

### 2004

Group exhibition, M-Arte Live 2004, Alpheus, Rome (Italy)

## 2003

Exhibition, Galleria S. Pellegrino, Viterbo (Italy)

Ex-tempore and exhibition for M-Arte Live 2003, Alpheus, Rome (Italy)

Gravures group exhibition, Centro per l'Incisione e la Grafica d'Arte, Formello, Rome (Italy)

## **ARTPRICES**

2008

Celeste Kunstpreis 2008(Germany) - Artwork chosen for the catalogue Talent Prize 2008 (Italy)

2007

Genovarte, 2 Biennale d'Arte Contemporanea di Genova (Italy) Artwork chosen for the final exhibition and the catalogue

2006

III Premio Celeste(Italy) Artwork chosen for the catalogue
IV Premio Bellini Arte (Italy): final group exhibition, Galleria Bellini, Cascina

2002

III Concorso d'Arte Sacra "S. Giuseppe artigiano", Rome

# **PUBLICATIONS**

2014 International Contemporary Artist Vol VIII, I.C.A. Publishing, New York

2010 Sand Magazine Berlin

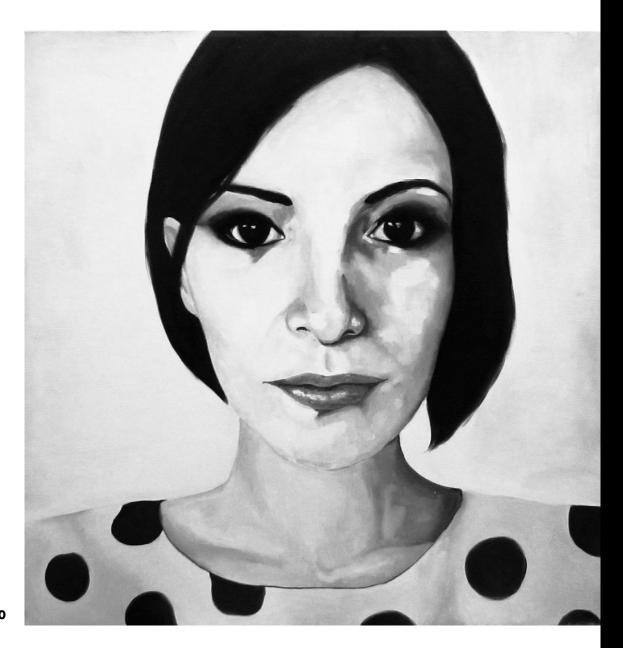
2008 Celeste Kunstpreis Catalogue

2006 III Premio Celeste Catalogue

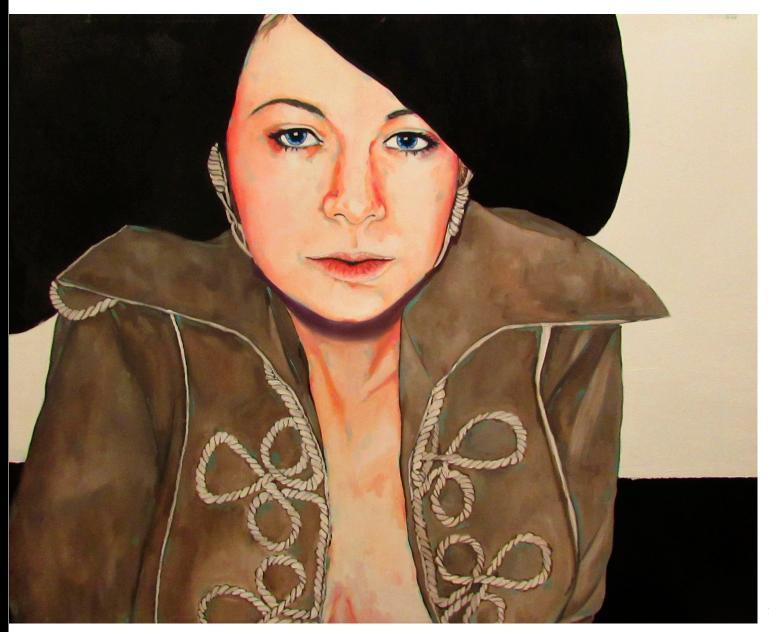
Il Biennale d'arte contemporanea di Genova Catalogue



"The laughing Mankind – I" Oil on canvas, 80x80 cm, 2011



"The other side" Oil on canvas, 80x80 cm, 2010



"Linda" oil on canvas, 100x80 cm, 2010



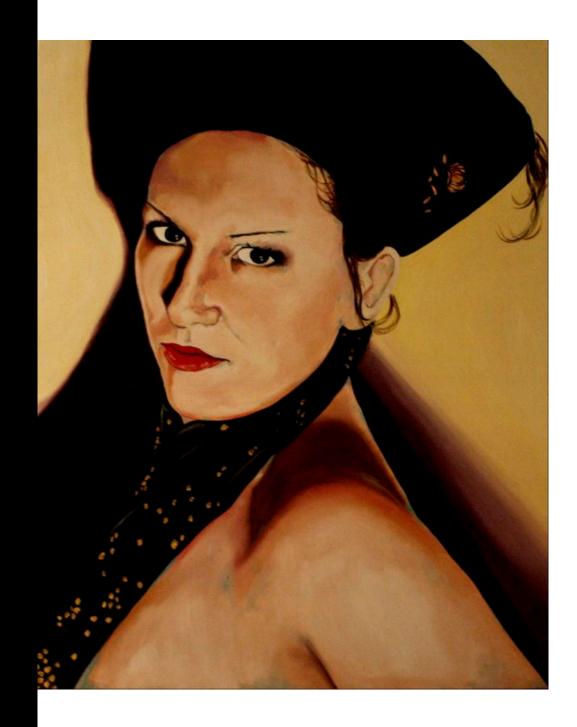
"The laughing Mankind II" oil on canvas, 80x80 cm, 2012



"The charming Mankind " oil on canvas, 80x80 cm, 2012



"The gazing Mankind" oil on canvas, 80x80 cm, 2013



"Lady Ballooon " oil on canvas, 80x100 cm, 2011



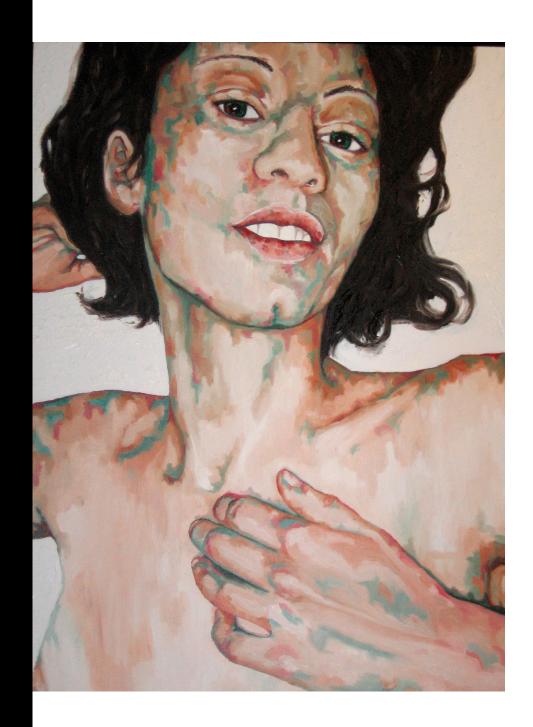
"Cherine" oil on canvas, 80x100 cm, 2014



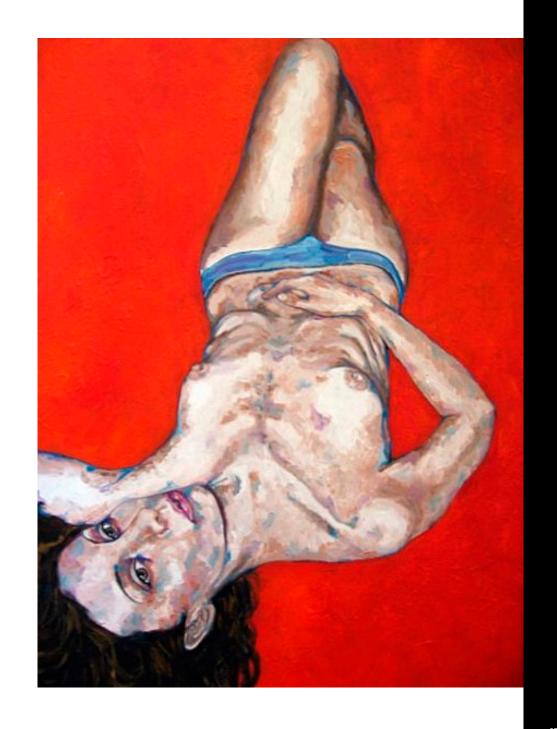
"Selfportrait", oil on canvas, 100x70 cm, 2007



"Aurora I", oil on canvas, 100x100 cm, 2005



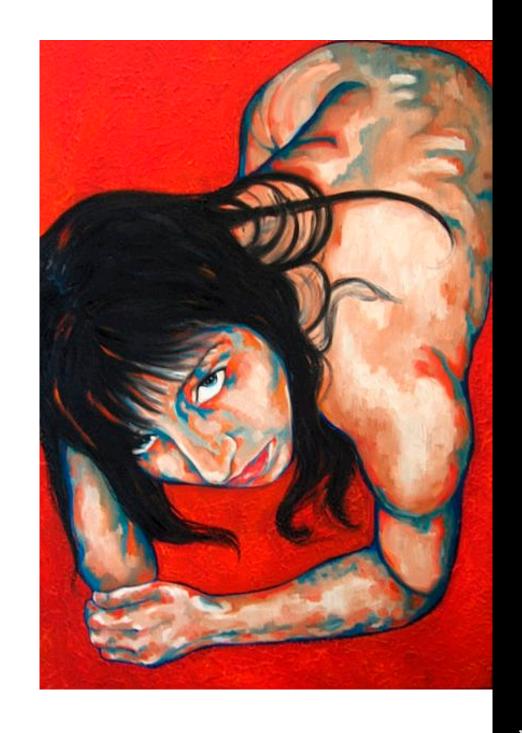
"Aurora III", oil on canvas, 100x70 cm, 2005



"Aurora II", oil on canvas, 70x100 cm, 2005



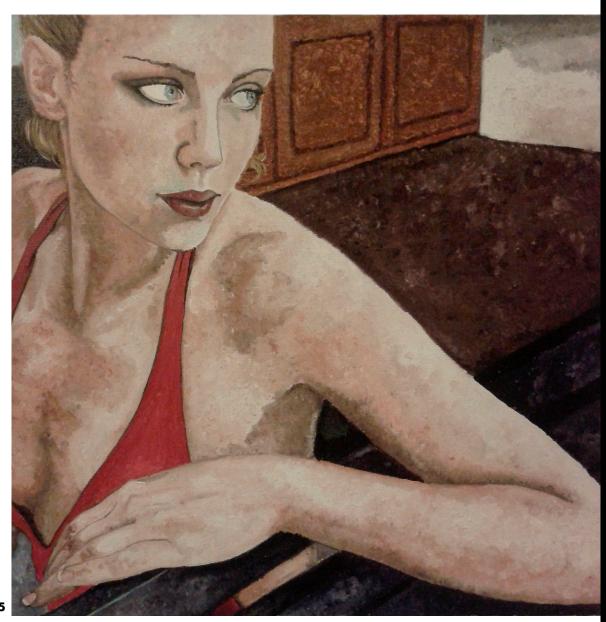
"Valeria II", oil on canvas, 70x100 cm, 2007



"Valeria I", oil on canvas, 70x100 cm, 2007



" Aurora V", oil on canvas, 50x100 cm, 2006



"Untitled", oil on canvas, 40x40 cm, 2005