

RASA VALIENE | SYMBIOSIS

A Solo Exhibition Exploring the Complex Relationship Between Nature and Humankind

September 30th to October 29th, 2023

Opening Reception: September 30th, 5:30pm-9:00pm

SLA Art Space, 307 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001

Gallery Hours: Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 2:00pm to 7:00pm



Spring Symphony, 2018, Oil on canvas, 48x36

NEW YORK — SLA Art Space is pleased to present "Symbiosis," a solo exhibition by fine artist Rasa Valiene, curated by Francine Rogers. The exhibition will be on view from September 30st to October 29th, 2023, with an opening reception taking place on September 30th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm.

"Symbiosis" is an evocative examination of the intricate relationship between nature and human consciousness. Influenced by the solitude and reflection found during the pandemic, Valiene crafts an intricate dialogue between vibrant colors, rhythmic lines, and symbolic elements. Works such as "Ode to Spring," "Longing for Cherries," and "Apple Harvest" depict an interplay between the dystopian realities of human existence and the nurturing aspects of nature.

In her own words, Valiene articulates the concept driving the exhibition: "Symbiosis expresses the delicate relationship between humankind and nature, where our existence is being nurtured by nature, and nature's survival is dependent on our actions. With my paintings, I'd love to raise awareness, value, respect for nature, and to stress the importance of preserving the environment, something so vital for our survival."

"Valiene reveals a sort of imaginative reality understood as the scintillating mirage of the soul," writes art critic, Algis Uzdaviny. "She emphasizes the beauty and goodness as the main paradigms of her creative work, therefore sensitive and refined pictures made by R. Valiene reveal her faithfulness regarding the positive human values. The painter regards the world a kind of perpetual miracle."



Moai, 2023, Oil on canvas, 60x48



Left: *Apple Harvest*, 2023, Oil on canvas, 60x48. Right: *Longing for Cherry Pie*, 2021, Oil on canvas, 48x36

About the Artist

Rasa Valiene is a Lithuania-born artist currently residing in Riverhead, NY. She studied Fine Art at the Kaunas School of Art in Kaunas, Lithuania, from 1988 to 1992. Since moving to New York in 2001, she has been a Freelance Artist and Decorative Painter. Valiene's artwork has been featured in both national and international venues, including the National Art League in Douglaston, NY; the Cultural Arts Center in Herbertsville, NJ; and the Alfred Van Loen Gallery in Huntington, NY. For more information, please visit her website at www.rasavaliene.com.

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