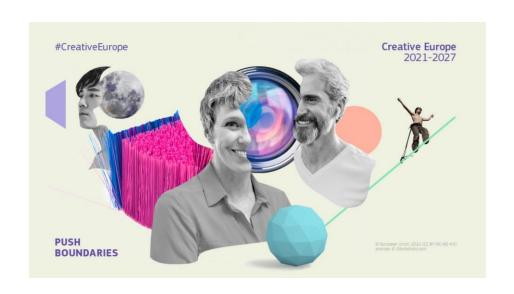
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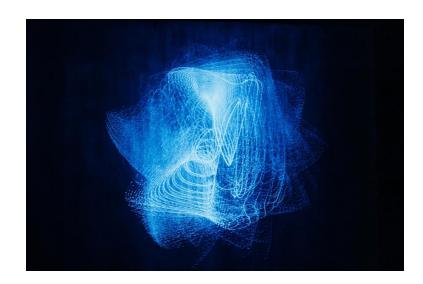


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Audio-visual aesthetics of the 21st century

Ideological context



Serious art game projects: concepts and trends

+ Discussion, interpretations
Culture today: an open text (Umberto Eco)



Latvia



New media art projects

Down to earth, applied arts

Pragmatic world Why do I have to learn?

Not any more *Art for art's sake* (Ad Reinhardt & co) *L'art pour l'art – isolated, self-referencing*

Educative, informative learning
Communication of ideas
The main goal: understanding of the world today



Educational, artistic VR environments with gaming elements



Aims:

- to invite users to <u>experience</u> contemporary aesthetics
- representation of messages

Study on weirdness

Punks
freaky
uncanny
«not at home» (unheimlich)

Kitsch
anti-mainstream
beauty? ugliness
funny

Fafi, a street artist, France





Recalls the trend of punk (emerged in the 70ies)

ripped clothing eerie hairdo and piercing

Rebel against conservative values
Sexual freedom
Liberative worldview





Édouard Manet. Le déjeuner sur l'herbe (1863) Pablo Picasso. From the series *Luncheon on the Grass* (the 1960ies)

Art is not always about beauty









Transfungus by Gints Gabrāns, 2023 Shark bag by Lily Chen, 2023

A Pandora's box tradition: funky creatures

The aim?

Lady Gaga **Bad romance**

creepiness

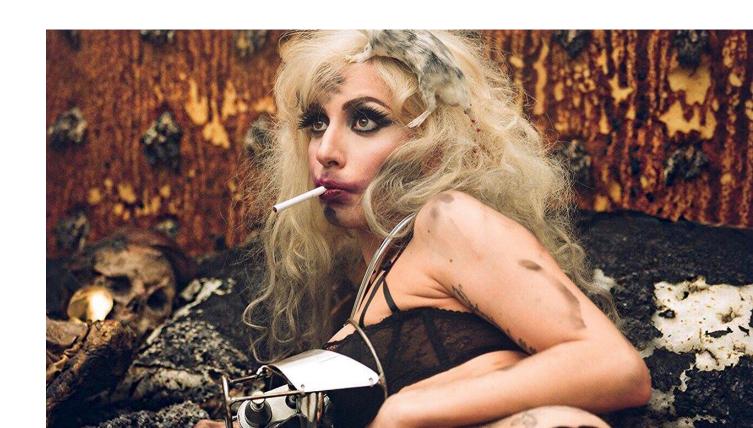
stylistic bizarreness (a puffy and luminous dress, lobster claw-life shoes), latex costumes

female's power, self-liberation capability to destroy the oppressing force a strong personality with an intention to break the system





A previous slave, lies in bed next to a skeleton (most likely her master) after a combat



Thank you!