

Hot Blood, 2024, Gouache and Ink on paper 40.5x50cm

Visual Components to go with my essay "You did WHAT? And posted it WHERE?: Personal analysis of the cult obsession of depictions of blood, gore and violence, its potential origins and roots in 2010 internet culture"



That Hurt (No Pity) 2024 Gouache 21x25cm



Come and See, 2025, acrylic on paper 70x50cm

## "WHO'S BODY IS IT ANYWAYS?"

As the title implies, there's a standoffish attitude that I display when I paint myself. There's a line that I often cross, that makes it seem like the subject is no longer me, but an amorphous vessel for my ideas. My face begins to disappear, my scars and tattoos fade away.



There's a Cure Out There, 2025, acrylic on paper, 100x80cm

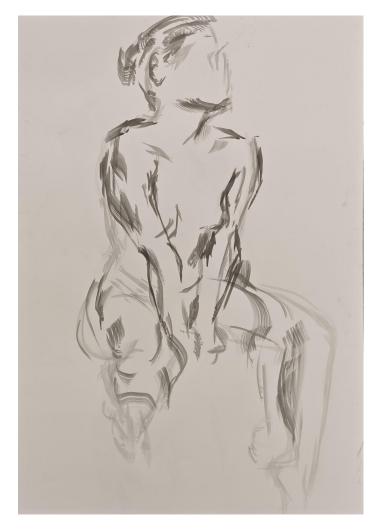


Emerging, 2025, acrylic on paper 70x50cm

These 3 paintings are my first attempts to start leaning into this concept, to see how much I can bend and break it. How much of myself should really remain in the work? How far can I detach from my own body by working in this way?



Figure Drawings from Live Model, 2024, ink on paper, A2





Figurative sketches, 2022, pencil on paper, A4 and A3 Questioning which positioning and posture convey vulnerability and timidity. How do I need to contort to portray this?





Space to exist, 2022, ink and acrylic ink, A2 Composition pushing for space to exist in society as a queer and trans person. Do I shrink and hope I'm not noticed, or do I push for the space I deserve?



Space to Exist, 2023, oil on board, 1x1.36m
Translation of previous work into oil on a bigger scale, portraying a softer and more vulnerable surface of the body.



Cautioned call, 2022, acrylic on canvas, A3 (left)
Supporting Sketches on the right, exploring what makes a body look inviting or nauseating and unappealing. How do I make a body yell "don't touch me" without writing a single word on the canvas?







Are my features me or am I my features? What do I say by separating them from each other or portraying myself from a different angle?







## HOMESICKNESS IN JPEGS AND CHAT MESSAGES - Arlo Babenko, Nov 2023

How do you keep in touch with your loved ones?
Most of the time we only have the ability to do so by phone.

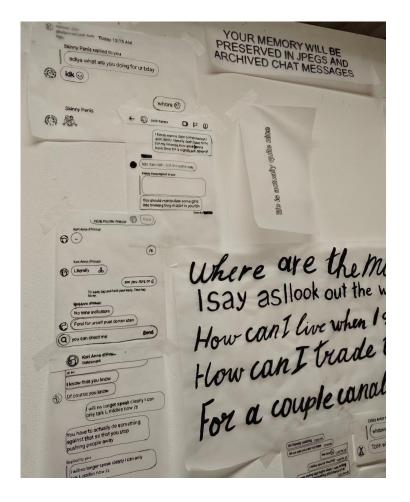
My current only point of contact to people that matter to me most is by phone. It's all digital. I am grateful to at least nave that.

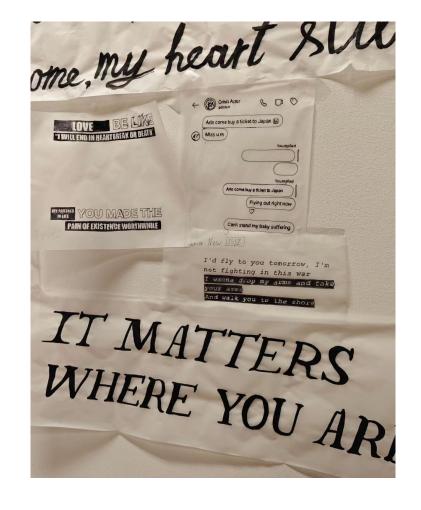
With this work I invite you to have a look into my digital love, specifically between me and my best friend, having a look at how much differently we communicate anline.

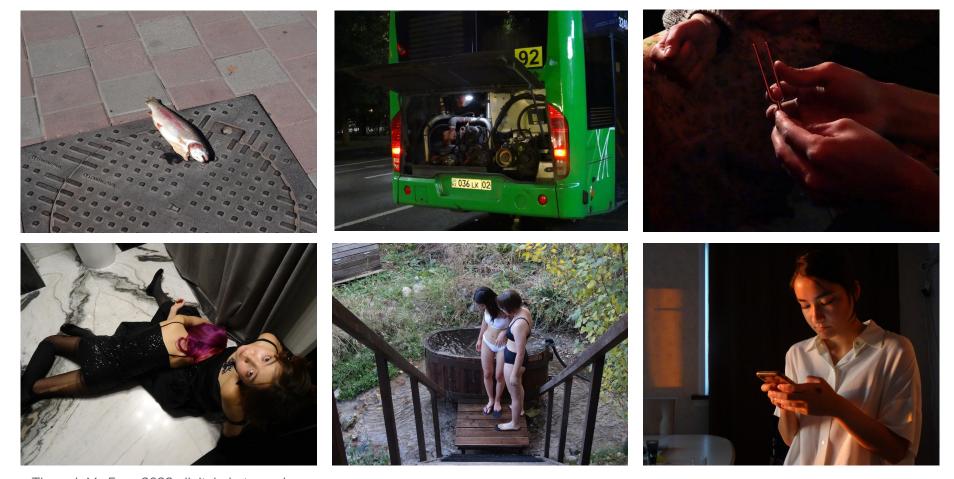
As the years go by, our communication changes, and so do we. Along with what music shapes our relationship, and reminds us of each other. How the lyrics of others, reflect our own thoughts. Reminds us how much it hurts to be apart. I also want to highlight the cursive writing as my own writing, as well as being my original handwriting.

This timeline is partially based on technology based spirituality and existentialism. Long in the future when both me and my best friend are gone, what remains of our love for eachother may only be our text messages.

HOMESICKNESS IN JPEGS AND CHAT MESSAGES, size varies, 2023, vellum paper, permanent marker, ink pen, ink.







Through My Eyes, 2022, digital photography
Taking a camera with me everywhere I go and seeing what catches my eye. How does my view of objects differ from how I view people?









Selection of B&W Photography, 2025, Digital Photography
Observations and capturing of day to day composition though the help of black and white photography







TOURISM IS DEAD - Paris edition, 2025, Digital photography Satirical exploration of tourist culture through photography Concept and modeling by Arlo Babenko Shot on Iphone by Charlie Bate Spronsen





Bathroom Break, Say Tile! 2024, Performance and Polaroid Film

How do you look in a moment of weakness? What if it's immortalised forever in a bathroom?

Performance set in the bathroom of Wijkpaleis for "Notes in Tandem". the event organized by our DeFine Art year group.

A polaroid was taken everytime a new person walked into the bathroom, surprising most. Permission was asked to take people's picture. Creating a tile structure, which was lacking in the bathroom, through sticking the photos to the wall

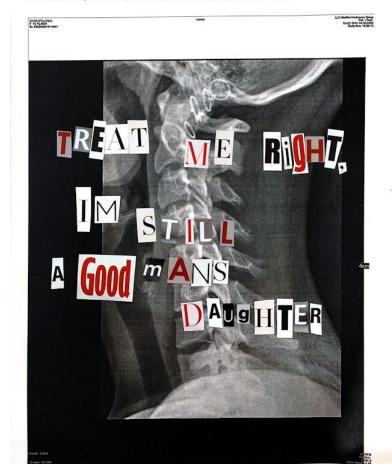






Ransom letters, 2022, multimedia collage, A4, 11x9, A5, A4 Vulnerable thoughts expressed in an anonymous way, similar to ransom letters sent by people who don't want their identity revealed. "The term ransom comes from the French word rançon, meaning redemption."

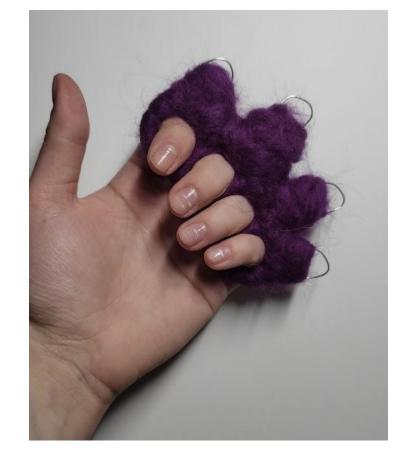
## BABENKO, ARINA, 14.10.2004: CR from 24.02.2022











The Crinkler (top left), 2023, wire, alumnus and modeling clay
The Softener (right), 2023, wire, felt, needle felted
How can I transform an object which is typical violent into something soft and almost childish? Something incapable of causing harm unless you put your mind to it.





Vert Hand, 2023, black and green ink, A3 What happens when a body part is isolated or a piece of a photograph is taken out of context? How can I make the body nauseating? Explorations into horror narratives in painting and drawing with paint.





Vert Hand cont. 2023, black and green Ink, A3 Exploring other compositions and how they can project a different atmosphere and meaning into the limbs.





Bras and Binders, 2023, oil on cardboard, 24x16 Turning intimate objects into spectacles, using the zorn palette to mix skin like colors to portray the owner.

Mouth Surgery, A3, watered down acrylic paint, 2022 Study of my mouth after getting stitches. How can I portray the pain that I felt through colors and lines?





