

EXPOSITION "LATVIAN DESIGNERS AGAINST HIV/AIDS"

AmArt Gallery, November 6th 2006

Brussels



A piece by Inguna Elere, one of the "Brussels 10" artists.

The exposition is fundraising event devoted to the fight against HIV/AIDS. This contribution is extremely important at a time when alarming figures reveal increasing infections rates within the EU as well as in Latvia.

Contributing to this exhibit is a designer group from Latvia that includes, Valters Kiršsteins, Egils Mednis, Gints Zibalodis, Māris M. Gailis, Holgers Elers, Iguna Elere, Sabīne Leipiņa, Lauris Rutkis, Didzis Jurkovskis, Modris Svilāns, and Māris Skanis, all students of the Latvian Art Academy. The group has held joint exhibitions since 1995 in galleries throughout Europe. The "10 in Brussels" will be a collection of their individual works, which range from traditional art pieces to contemporary sculpture. More information on the exhibit can be found on the Amart Gallery's website (<http://www.amartgallery.be/>).

This event is meant to spread information about the disease and to raise awareness about living conditions and life quality of those affected by HIV/AIDS.

In this occasion we are collecting money to donate to DIA+LOGS, a Latvian NGO that created in 2002 the first Centre for Support to HIV infected individuals in Latvia. For the past five years DIA+LOGS spread information on HIV prevention, led education and harm reduction initiatives, launched campaigns and projects for re-socialization of HIV infected. Further information about DIA+LOGS, can be found on their website (<http://www.diacentrs.lv/>).

Prof. Georgs Andrejevs, Member of the European Parliament and Vice Chairman of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety is the Rapporteur on the EU strategy on combating HIV/AIDS. As a Medical Doctor and politician, Prof. Andrejevs dedicates most of his work to combat health threats.

DIA+LOGS has made a visible difference in the fight against HIV Aids and with this charity event we want to contribute to their successful and very much needed effort.