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## Curriculum vitae

Kamilija Tekle Cizaite is a filmmaker, photographer and musician currently based in Berlin. She is experienced in different aspects of filmmaking and has participated in many film and video shootings, theatre performances, events organization. She has experience in playing with various orchestras, music ensembles and bands, creating music.

## Education:

- from September, 2018 - Film Production BA in *Catalyst Institute for Creative Arts and Technology* in Berlin, Germany (ongoing bachelor, 3<sup>rd</sup> year);
- 2017-2018 – one year in *Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre*, class of jazz music and screenwriting;
- 2017 – graduated from *Lithuanian National M. K. Ciurlionis School of Art*, class of flute, classical music and theory (upper secondary education).

## Courses:

- June-August, 2020 – certificate in *Being a Leader and The Effective Exercise of Leadership* by *Being a Leader XYZ*, Berlin (online);
- March-April, 2020 – online graphic design and photography courses;
- June, 2019 – various filmmaking classes in FEST film festival in Espinho, Portugal;
- December, 2017 - 3 days filmmaking class with Stanley Kubrick's producer Jan Harlan;
- 2017 - IELTS English classes;
- August, 2013 - international young artists creative program in Spain;
- Screenwriting and directing classes;
- Drawing and painting classes;
- Dance and martial arts classes.

## Filmmaking experience:

- September, 2019 – Production Assistant (PA) in a German-Lithuanian film production *MEERESLEUCHTEN* written and directed by Wolfgang Panzer;
- May, 2019 – accreditation in Cannes film festival;
- February, 2019 – accreditation in Berlinale film festival;
- August, 2016 and 2017 – making films in WIFF Film Summer Camp in Lithuania;
- 2015 – played a role in BBC TV Mini-Series *War & Peace* (2016).

**Freelance:**

- March, 2021 - fashion photo shoot for clothing brand *Gemme Atelier* in Berlin, Germany;
- December, 2020 - fashion photo shoot and video editorial in Berlin, Germany (published in *Purple Haze* magazine)
- September, 2020 - organizing and promoting exhibition "Portraits" of Zac Roger Yeates in Vilnius, Lithuania;
- September, 2019 - August 2020 - shooting and editing various testimonial and product presentation videos for yeast counting company *Oculyze*;
- 2020 - Editing a promotional video for *Aesthetic Matters*;
- July-September, 2020 - shooting and editing an experimental poetry film/performance;
- Producer, director, camera operator, set designer, editor for various student short films;

**Film festivals and screenings:**

- October, 2020 – *Signals Festival* in Berlin, Germany – short films "Egg Shell" and "Words for Breakfast";
- February, 2020 – *Dunedin International Film Festival* in Florida, USA – short film "Shadow of the Sun";
- May, 2019 – *Poetry Festival* in Berlin, Germany – short film "Shadow of the Sun";
- May, 2019 – *Students Film Festival "STOP"* in Kaunas, Lithuania – Audience Award for a short film "Shadow of the Sun";
- February, 2019 – *Kino Berlino* screening at *Movimento* in Berlin, Germany – short film "Song of Myself";
- August, 2017 - *Film Summer Camp and Wolves Independent International Film Festival* - diploma for a short film "The Upside Down";
- August, 2016 – *Film Summer Camp and Wolves Independent International Film Festival* - prize for the best film of youth in workshop "Nature Days" for a short film "The Circle of the Universe".

**Exhibitions/Publications:**

- April, 2021 - selected pictures from a fashion editorial published in *Original Magazine*;
- February, 2021 - fashion editorial "Conte d'automne" published in *Purple Haze* magazine;
- October, 2020 – interactive video art/soundscape piece "Caged Freedom" in "Sound Circuits" Berlin, organized by *Eufonia Festival*.

**Key skills:**

- Familiar with software like Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, Adobe After Effects, DaVinci, ProTools, Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom;
- Cinematography, photography;
- Editing video, pictures and sound, sound design;
- Producing, directing;
- Communicating, organizing;
- Creative and informative writing;
- Content creating;
- Playing the flute, the piano.

**Other job experience:**

- October, 2019 – March, 2020 – internship at “Cinema for Peace Foundation” in Berlin, Germany (planning events; solving problems under stressful situations; office work; logistics; social media – Instagram, Facebook; etc.);
- February, 2020 - Personal assistant of Vanessa Redgrave and Franko Nero family during the weekend of Cinema for Peace Gala 2020;
- August, 2019 - stage manager at city festival “Capital Days” in Vilnius, Lithuania;
- August, 2018 - stage manager at city festival “Capital Days” in Vilnius, Lithuania.

**Written/Directed/Produced films:**

- “Egg Shell” 2020;
- “Words for Breakfast” (director/editor only) 2019;
- “Letter to the Idol” 2019;
- “Shadow of the Sun” 2019;
- “Song of Myself” 2018;
- “A Dance with Yourself” 2018;
- “The Upside Down” 2017;
- “Circle of the Universe” 2016.

**Video art:**

- “Interwater” 2020 (short mood piece);
- “Reflected Truth” 2020 (conceptual video art piece);
- “Caged Freedom” 2020 (interactive video art/soundscape piece).

**Volunteering experience:**

- 2018 - Hybrid Music Conference “Most Wanted: Music” in Berlin;
- 2018 - Lithuanian Film Festival “LT kino goes Berlin” in Berlin;
- 2018 - Vilnius International Film Festival (working with statistics and data);
- 2017 - Contemporary Music Festival “Gaida” in Vilnius.

**Music experience:**

- 2017 - three concerts performing Carl Reinecke's Ballade for solo flute and orchestra;
- 2016 – composing a music number and libretto for school opera;
- April, 2016 - Karlis Strals XVII International Young Flutist Competition, Riga, Latvia;
- March, 2015 - J. Pakalnis Young Performers competition in Kaunas, Lithuania;
- April, 2014 - Karlis Strals XV International Young Flutist Competition (granted with diploma) Riga, Latvia.

**Languages:**

- Lithuanian (native);
- English (fluent);
- French, Italian, German (basics).