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Estonian Embassy Presents Pusa

**at the SU Art Galleries, Downtown Campus
February 28–April 18, 2014**

**SU's Downtown Art Gallery Puts the Spotlight on One of Estonia's
Most Unique Artists**

Experience the Spirit of Pusa

Salisbury (February 26, 2013)—Artist Pusa (Piret Bergmann [Torim], born 1979) of Estonia shows her quirky artistic talents in a wide array of mediums including painting, drawing, illustrating children's books, and writing. She describes herself as follows: «Mostly I paint and draw, sometimes I also write. I like little things in between big things, for example a small crack in a skyscraper's fundament or the inside of a lemon peep or of bubble in the boiling porridge. I like to imagine life inside tiny things. I believe that there is brisk and colorful life inside those things. Roughly as I'm painting it».

She graduated from the Pärnu College of Estonian Academy of Arts, which is now known as Academia Non Grata. Pusa is mostly active as a painter, exhibiting her works in many solo and group shows in countries spanning Sweden, Estonia, Russia, France, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland, and Finland. She is fluent in Estonian, Swedish, English, and Russian. Throughout the years she has also illustrated and written several children's books. She is currently living and working in Pärnu where she received the Pärnu County yearly cultural award in 2008.

From Saturday, February 28 to April 18, 2014, **SU Art Galleries** presents the first overview of her rich artistic talents. A meet-the-artist reception with Pusa starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. A closing reception for the exhibit begins at 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, during the Salisbury Arts & Entertainment District's monthly Third Friday celebration. On Monday, March 3 a dinner will be held by Sister Cities for Pusa at Market Street Inn at 6 p.m.

Information on SU Galleries:

The Salisbury University Galleries' mission is to enrich the cultural environment of Salisbury University, the city of Salisbury, and of Maryland's Eastern Shore. <<Our purpose is to provide meaningful educational experiences and encounters with the visual arts not found anywhere else in the area.>> To sustain the Galleries' mission, eight to twelve exhibitions are held in the Galleries each year. These exhibitions are supplemented by interrelated cultural events each

semester that include gallery tours for small groups; lectures by artists, curators, and art historians; panel discussions; music in the galleries and film screenings.

Information on Sister Cities:

Sister Cities Salisbury/ Wicomico County began in 2006 where a formal relationship with Salisbury, England was formed. Their mission is to better an international exchange that creates lasting friendships through cultural understanding, economic development, and education. Their vision: <<Global peace through mutual understanding>>.

Sponsorship:

The Estonian Embassy in Washington, D.C., World Artists Experiences, Inc. and the SU Cultural Affairs Office

Dinner sponsored by Sister Cities at Market Street- 6 p.m.

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Hours: Wed. - Fri.: 12pm to 6pm

Sat.: 12pm to 4pm

FreeAdmission

Sister Cities Salisbury

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Market Street Inn

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