

# Tanya Leighton

## LUNITA-JULY DORN

Lunita-July Dorn (born 1999, lives and works in Berlin) studies at the Kunsthochschule Weißensee under Friederike Feldmann. She is one of the five finalists of the Young Generation Art Award 2025. The winner will be announced in February 2026.

In her large-scale acrylic paintings, Lunita-July Dorn creates dynamic visual worlds that oscillate between surreal narrative and personal reflection. Her works are poetic intertwinings of personal memories and artistic expression, revealing a haunting, almost tangible intimacy. Dorn seduces with an unmistakably free painting style: broad, energetic brushstrokes and expressive gestures meet subtle details. Her process is radically intuitive—figures emerge spontaneously, without preliminary sketches, flowing directly from her imagination onto the canvas. Layers of overpainting and correction remain visible, lending her works their distinctive, pulsating vitality. The only elements rendered in clear, precise detail are the faces of the protagonists—self-portraits that return our gaze again and again. The self-portrait has become Dorn's signature. With unflinching clarity, she places herself at the center of her practice, using her own image as a compass for emotional and intellectual exploration. Through subtle gestures, shifting expressions, and immersive settings, she captures the complexity of a young woman seeking her place in the world.

### Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Wenn man Musik malen könnte, wär die Welt ne schönere*, Tanya Leighton, Berlin  
*Wer passt schon ganz in diese Welt?*, Elektrohalle Romberg, Salzburg  
+ *am Ende nichts vermissen*, Galerie Judith Andreeae, Bonn

### Group Exhibitions

2025 *Young Generation Art Award*, Degussa, Berlin  
*Gegen den Strich*, Schloss Sacrow, Potsdam  
*Unapologetic WomXn*, Palazzo Bembo, Venice  
2024 *Gegen den Strich*, Schloss Sacrow, Potsdam  
*Unapologetic WomXn*, Palazzo Bembo, Venice  
2023 *Sonderausstellung*, Winzstraße 58, Berlin  
*Underground MoMA*, U-Bahnhof Bundesplatz, Berlin  
*CHERRIES ON TOP*, Galerie Judith Andreeae, Bonn  
*Big City Baby*, ZAK Zentrum für aktuelle Kunst, Zitadelle Spandau, Berlin

### Permanent Collections

Miettinen Collection, Berlin  
Ekaf Collection, Dubai  
Artistic Museum of Contemporary Art, Cardiff