

Quarantine application — INTERZONE

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| 2☐ Second choice | Gary Baseman |
| 3☐ Third choice | Henrik Uldalen |
| ☐☐ Another option that might interest you | Yuko Shimizu |
| Introduce yourself | Romas Viesulas the Younger, son of Romas Viesulas the Elder (a famed graphic artist) my middle name Tauras is my creative alias. I'm a former investment banker, now a painter, with the ambition of becoming an artist. The latter title I believe is bestowed upon one by others. I work in the studio with the hope of earning it. |

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| Do you have a project in mind at this time? | A cycle of paintings on Wittgenstein's idea of 'Family Resemblance', arguing that words/ concepts are connected not by one essential common feature but a series of overlapping similarities. What are the overlapping similarities that communicate the critical information to make a portrait intelligible as a recognizable person? |
| Tell us why you want to join Quarantine | Minimalism in Menorca! A monastic tradition runs in my family - a Franciscan friar and Trappist monk among my uncles. Throughout my studies I've been drawn to environments that encourage purposeful reflection by stripping away all extraneous elements. |
| Briefly describe your Artistic and Creative difficulties | Although my father was a renowned graphic artist, I chose a different professional path early in life, and have no formal art education. In pursuing a disciplined studio practice, I now find myself hampered by a self-consciousness and above all lack of peer assessment in a truly critical environment. Plenty of classes, critiques nowhere to be seen. |
| What are your inner demons? | Inconsistency |
| Anything else you want us to know? | I've been daydreaming about Menorca, Pulsar, and now Quarantine for several years now, and waiting for the stars to align. In the meantime, creative life on the island has flourished, and I long to feed my head and heart, and to train my eye and hand in the island light. |
| Fluency in English | Poet |

✓I have read the Quarantine "INTERZONE" program and understand the basic concept and format of the event, and I am aware that only a very small number of applicants are selected and I wish to apply.

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