

# RUTA PALIONYTE

design – light art - creative concept design

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## WORK

2024 – now Co-founder and creator at studio *Daydreaming Objects*.

2014 – now Individual light art and design practice - [www.rutapalionyte.com](http://www.rutapalionyte.com)

2023 – 2025 Expert in Applied Arts and Design for Lithuanian Council for Culture (remote).

## SELECTED PROJECTS, EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Exhibition *Soft Solids Klaipėda*. Jusionis Art Gallery, Lithuania.
- 2025 Group exhibition *Elevating Objects curated by Deoron*. *Milano Design Week*, Italy.
- 2025 Group exhibition *Tactile Baltics at Milano Design Week*. Palazzo Litta, Milan, Italy.
- 2025 Exhibition design for *Amare džipena\* Stories of Vilnius Roma*. In collaboration with arch. Akvilė Brazauskaitė, Vilnius Museum, Lithuania.
- 2024 *Daydreaming Objects* at exhibition *Transcendence*, Denmark's annual design festival, *3daysofdesign*, Copenhagen.
- 2024 *Collectible* design fair in Brussels. Participation in collaboration with Gallery *Vartai*. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2024 Solo exhibition *Soft Solids* at Gallery *Vartai*. In collaboration with Ieva Baranauskaite. Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2023 *Collectible* design fair in Brussels. In collaboration with Gallery *Vartai*. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2023 Interior lighting design for the private house, Bagenkop, Denmark.
- 2022 Exhibition: light object *Daydreamer* at 'apiece' gallery. Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2022 Exhibition *the Invisibles*. The object *Daydreamer* at National Museum of Applied Arts and Design. Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2022 Installation *Emerging* for Kaunas, European Capital of Culture 2022 opening event, Kaunas, Lithuania.
- 2021 Lighting design for Mette Martinussen food theatre performance *Change Food* at *Tomorrow* festival, Copenhagen.
- 2021 *Travers* interdisciplinary collaboration at Copenhagen Contemporary (CC), Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2021 Installation and visual identity for international Vilnius film festival *Kino pavasaris*, Lithuania.
- 2020 Light installation *For the lonely giant plant*. Copenhagen Light Festival, Denmark.
- 2019 Landscape lighting design for *El Guarapo Apartamentos* hotel garden, Lanzarote, Grand Canaria.
- 2019 *Reflexio* - permanent light art installation at Estonian Museum of Architecture, Tallinn, Estonia.
- 2018 *Travers* interdisciplinary art project at Glyptoteket Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2018 *Yozakura*. Art director and lighting designer for Night Sakura Blooming event, Vilnius Botanical Garden, LT.
- 2017 Installation *Present Perfect*. *List / Ijósi* light art festival, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland.
- 2016 Light art project for Sapieha Palace, Vilnius Capital Days, Lithuania.
- 2015 Installation *Reflexio*, *Lux Matrix* light festival. Tallinn, Estonia.
- 2015 Installation *Reflexio*, *Beepositive* light festival. Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2015 Installation *Reflexio*, *Narracje* festival of artistic visual installations in Gdansk, Poland.
- 2015 Installation *Reimagining of the landscape* for Vilnius Culture Night, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2015 Lighting design for A.Pogrebnojus fashion show, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2014 Kinetic light sculpture *Light catcher*. Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland.

## LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2018 Workshop leader at *TARTU IN LIGHT* cross-disciplinary festival of light art, Estonia.
- 2016 Lighting Design workshop for kids *SUPERHERO*, Užupis Art Incubator, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2015-16 Lighting Design workshops for Interior Design students at Vilnius College of Design, Lithuania.
- 2015-16 Lecturer for Lighting Design at Vilnius College of Design, Vilnius, Lithuania.

## EDUCATION

2014	Master in Arts (Lighting Design). Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland.
2012	Bachelor in Architectural Technology. VIA University College, Horsens, Denmark.
2007	Bachelor in Interior Design. Vilnius College of Technology and Design, Vilnius, Lithuania.
2009	Erasmus exchange programme at ESAD College of Art and Design, Matosinhos, Portugal.

## PUBLICATIONS

- <https://www.designboom.com/design/repurposed-wax-modular-light-tower-sculptures-daydreaming-objects-11-23-2025/>
- <https://materialdistrict.com/article/soft-solids-lighting-design-with-natural-wax/>
- <https://www.yankodesign.com/2025/11/27/these-modular-wax-lights-stack-like-living-totems/>
- <https://echogonewrong.com/photo-reportage-from-the-exhibition-soft-solids-by-ieva-baranauskaite-and-ruta-palionyte-at-the-justionis-art-gallery-in-klaipeda/>
- <https://www.stirpad.com/news/stir-news/soft-solids-by-daydreaming-objects-is-a-symphony-of-light-and-nature/>
- <https://www.deoron.com/magazine/vintage-revival-soft-solids-collection-breathing-new-life-into-old-lamps>
- <https://www.furnitureindia.com/articles/70732/vintage-lamp-bases-meet-natural-wax-shades-in-a-tribute-to-renewability>
- <https://www.elledecoration.vn/trends/new-design/den-soft-solids->
- <https://www.trendhunter.com/trends/soft-solids>
- <https://www.adplusl.com/learning/soft-solids-sustainable-wax-lighting>
- <https://echogonewrong.com/photo-reportage-from-the-exhibition-soft-solids-by-ieva-baranauskaite-ruta-palionyte-at-vartai-gallery/> (2024).
- [d]arc awards lighting design publication (2022):  
<https://darcawards.com/portfolio/daydreamer-ruta-palionyte-ieva-baranauskaite/>
- LYS magazine (Danish Light Center), Nr.3 | December 2022. Daylight issue, featuring the luminaire Daydreamer, p 15.

## INTERVIEWS

- Magazine *Lamy slėnis*, Interior and Design Edition (2025).
- <https://archiveofobjects.net/en/design-culture/daydreaming-objects-interview/> (2025)
- RUM interior and design magazine, interview with *Daydreaming Objects*, RUM I 09/24, p.47 (2024)
- DEZEEN: <https://www.dezeen.com/2024/04/02/daydreaming-objects-soft-solids-wax-lighting/>
- 3d magazine - decorative lighting design directory 2023-2024, full interview on p.34-35:  
[https://issuu.com/mondiale/docs/3d23\\_digital\\_issuu](https://issuu.com/mondiale/docs/3d23_digital_issuu)
- *Echo Gone Wrong* magazine for contemporary art (2022)  
<https://echogonewrong.com/on-light-in-space-architecture-and-art-a-conversation-with-the-artist-ruta-palionyte/>

## AWARDS

- *Soft Solids natural wax- lighting* received the Best of the Best distinction at Seoul Design Award 2025.
- Boligfunden Kuben fund for research: *Natural Wax as a design material*, Copenhagen, DK, 2025.
- Light object *Daydreamer* - 2nd place in the category for the best decorative lighting product at the International Lighting Design awards- DARC AWARDS, London. 2022.
- Light object *Daydreamer* -finalist in Lighting Category at *Isola Design District*. Milan, Italy, 2022.
- Boligfunden Kuben fund for *CREATIVE USE OF DAYLIGHT*, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2022.
- Estonian Annual Museum Prize: Best Permanent Exhibition *EXPLORE THE SPACE*, 2019.