

## Yiyang Sun

### Frozen Frog, 2025

An immaterial animated sculpture. Drawing from Sun Yiyang's ceramic animation *Frozen Frog*, the work portrays a giant Alaska wood frog hibernating in a state of deep winter freeze. It was created between December 2023 and early January 2024, and the sculptural form remained until April 2024.

The material of the work was falling snow, which gradually melted and returned to the earth as water. At 100 tons, it is the heaviest sculpture Sun has ever made, yet paradoxically the most free. For Sun, it represents an ideal state of animation—one that does not require a museum or gallery, nor a permanent architectural space to ensure longevity, unlike refined materials such as ceramics that can endure for centuries. The work also metaphorically reflects the atmosphere of thawing and reopening in the post-pandemic era.

At the opening, I projected the ceramic animation [Frozen Frog](#) onto the snow sculpture, transforming it into a video installation.



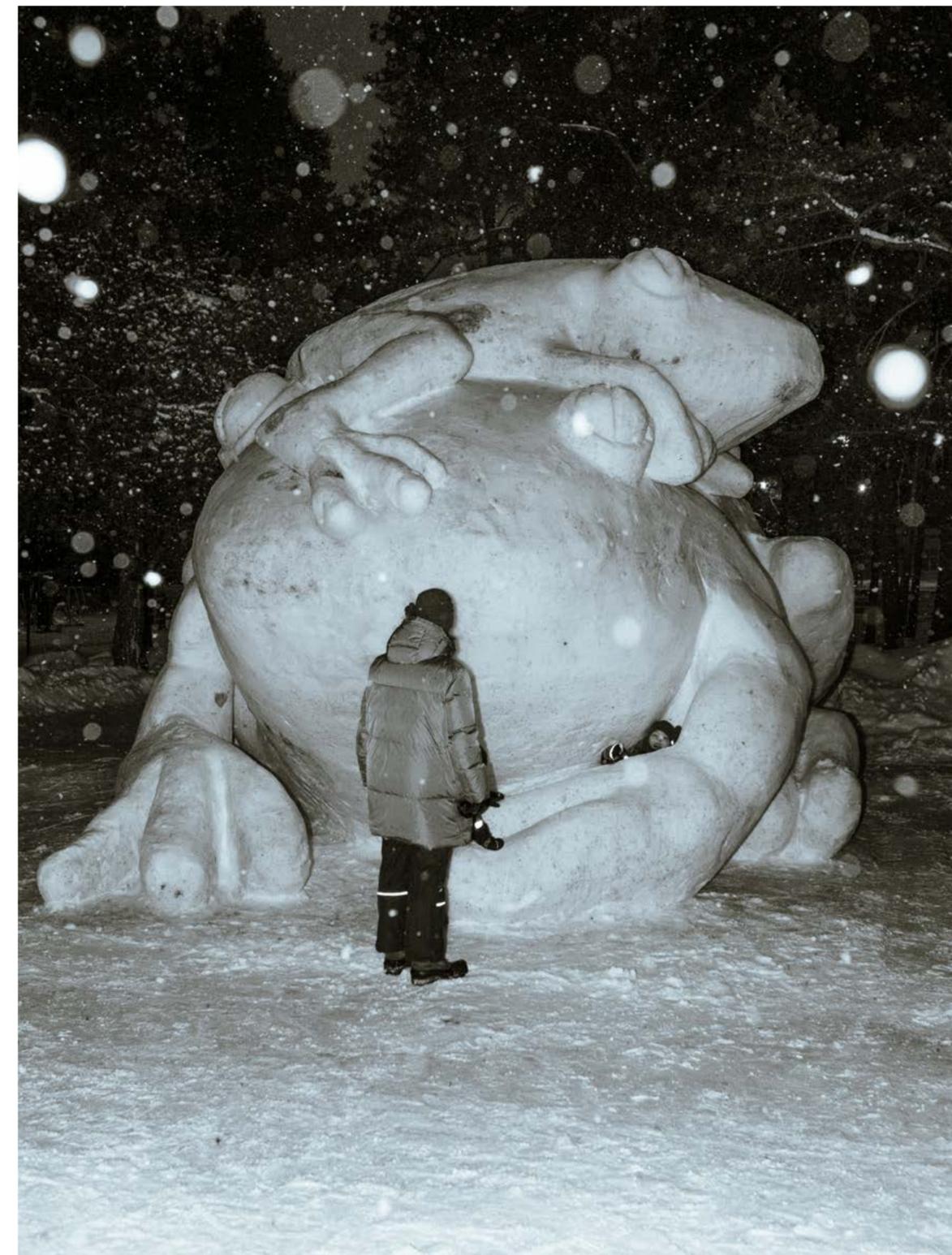
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“Snow sculptures inspired by the Alaskan wildlife have been created at Kadaka Stadium in Tallinn's Mustamäe district. The sculptures were finally built after collecting almost 100 tonnes of snow and battling constant changes in the weather.

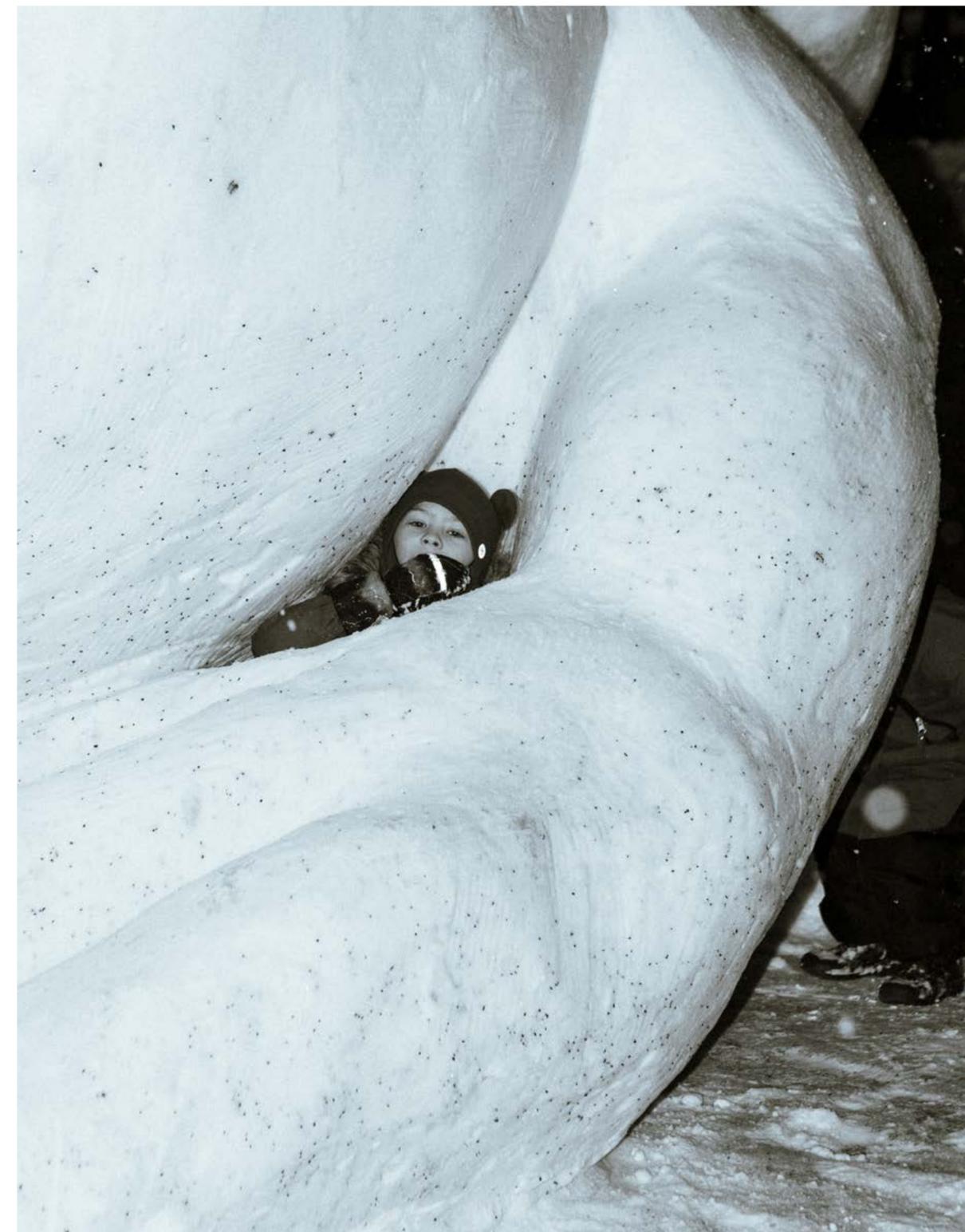
Kadaka Stadium accumulates a lot of snow during the winter, which needs to be removed from the football pitch and running track. In order to avoid having boring snow piles, a decision was made to turn to the students of the Estonian Academy of Arts (EKA) and ask them to create something special for the people of Mustamäe.

Work to create the snow sculptures began before the holidays, when around 100 tonnes of snow were pounded into two huge blocks.”

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