

## PRESS RELEASE

**Kunsthall Charlottenborg has invited Malene Landgreen to use six exhibition rooms for a combined total installation. Landgreen paints directly on the walls in an energy-filled, colour-intense sequence of installations that unfold in different ways from room to room, thus transforming the architecture and our experience of the body in space.**

*"Proportions are crucial both in our minds and in our surroundings, where as visual or mental presences they establish harmonies and connections that involve both thoughts and feelings. Art allows complete idealism and can suggest what life could be like as opposed to what it is. Proportions are specific and identifiable – they accentuate time and space. Forms and colours capture our attention and take hold of us. And they can do something special in relation to each other. In their simplest form colours are infinite quantities."*

Malene Landgreen

## COLOR STATE

Malene Landgreen

5 December 2009 – 21 February 2010



Model photo Color State. Photo and picture production: Katrine Høyberg

COLOR STATE is a total installation that moves through six rooms in Kunsthall Charlottenborg's north wing as an integrated sequence.

Malene Landgreen has moved far beyond the conventional frames of painting. We witnessed this most recently in the *to the wall* exhibition in Kunsthall Charlottenborg and at *Arena* in Århus Kunstbygning, where Landgreen's work unfolded over several walls. With her enduring, site-specific projects at places such as Ålborg Airport, Novo Nordisk, Frederiksberg Gymnasium and Danmarks Radio City in Ørestaden, Landgreen has painted on the grand scale and established herself as one of the most sought-after artists in Denmark when it comes to focussing on our everyday surroundings.

Colours are Malene Landgreen's vocabulary, and it is through their relations to volume that she 'speaks out'. She invites us to a dialogue in potential mental spaces where there is room for the spectator. In Kunsthall Charlottenborg, too, her art sets up an interplay between the architecture, the space and the light. Here the space, the building and the art are unfolded and new abstract stories told that enclose the body as if one had entered an enormous book about the artist.

*" My work derives meaning from the fact that the uncertain, abstract, unformulated, chaotic and inharmonic, no less than the well-ordered, well-considered and flawless, always relates proportionally to something else. No matter how incomprehensible and ungraspable it might*

*be, indeed precisely because it is. It's all about relations and proportions. That applies in art, in architecture and in life", says Malene Landgreen.*

### **Catalogue**

The project is accompanied by a publication in Danish and English with texts by Vibeke Petersen M.A. and Lars Bent Petersen, painter and lecturer at the Royal Danish Academy of Art. Photos by Anders Sune Berg. The catalogue will come out slightly after the exhibition opening since it will present the finished installation at Kunsthal Charlottenborg.

### **Opening hours**

Extended opening hours from 7 to 18 December:

Tuesday to Sunday 12 pm to 9 pm. Closed Mondays

From 19 December 2009 to 21 February 2010:

Tuesday to Friday 12 pm to 8 pm. Saturday and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm. Closed Mondays.

### **Pictures for downloading**

<http://www.kunsthalcharlottenborg.dk/exhibition/press/61>

See also Malene Landgreen's new website: [www.malenelandgreen.dk](http://www.malenelandgreen.dk)

**Opening:** Friday 4 December 8 – 11 pm.

### **Press conference**

A press conference will be held in Kunsthal Charlottenborg on Thursday 3 December at 11 am. An invitation and programme will follow in week 46.

**Malene Landgreen:** Born in Copenhagen in 1962. Lives and works in Berlin and Copenhagen. Educated at the Royal Danish Academy of Art 1984-1991. M.A. at the RDAA 1992-1994.

New and ongoing in situ projects:

2009: New post office sorting house in Oslo, Norway

2009: VM pavilion 2011, Oslo, Norway

2008 – 2010 Total decoration of Ballerup Town Hall

2008 Vestforbrændingen

**Kurator:** Maria Gadegaard, Acting Director, Kunsthal Charlottenborg

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