

PRESS RELEASE

Until this year, the degree show of The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts was called EXIT, but the exhibition is now presented in a new setting, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, and is called MFA Degree Show.

Press preview at Kunsthal Charlottenborg on Thursday 27 May, 1-2 pm.

MFA Degree Show 2010

"It feels absolutely right! As when someone returns home, or something falls into place".

Maria Gadegaard, Acting Director, Kunsthal Charlottenborg

With the MFA Degree Show 2010 where graduating students from The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts' Schools of Visual Arts exhibit their final projects after six years of studies, a historical potential has been released: For the first time the degree show of the graduating art students is presented in Kunsthal Charlottenborg, and for the first time the exhibition venue and the Academy of Fine Arts have established close collaborative ties. Since its start in 1997, the degree show has, under the title of EXIT, gradually become an institution in its own right and a Copenhagen event associated with the Kunstforeningen GI Strand. With its new location in the city's largest centre for contemporary art a new chapter has opened, and EXIT has been renamed to Afgang (MFA Degree Show). Moreover, the event marks the revival of the old alliance between The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts and The Exhibition Building at Charlottenborg or Kunsthal Charlottenborg, as the art venue was named in 2008.

MFA Degree Show 2010 is an exhibition showcasing new works created by the youngest generation of contemporary artists who are now ready to meet the public in the very house whose main object right from the start has been to present the new art to an art-loving audience. When a new class of graduating students from The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts' Schools of Visual Arts finishes six years of studies, it will be just as difficult to map out a common trend in this year's show as it was in previous years. 34 individual projects are on display, and 34 arrows are sent off into space in different directions in the form of, for instance, installation, painting, photography, sculpture, audio, film, video works etc. Some years from now we will probably be able to discern a range of interconnections between the exhibited projects. These common features suggest that, despite the diversity of subject matter, artists are concerned with a limited number of themes, and that certain universal issues are treated from different angles.

"Although a result of the working practice of the individual, artistic knowledge, insight and orientation point beyond the artwork itself and towards a world and a space that we all share."

Mikkel Bogh, Rector, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts' Schools of Visual Arts

THE 34 GRADUATING STUDENTS:

Sonja Cicilie Rendtorff Akulinin, Søren Assenholt, Berit Basten, Delphine Bechard, Julie Bitsch, Sofia Burchardi, Michala Bartholdy Clemmensen, Suada Demirovic, Signe Falch Diederichs, Lasse Ejersted, Jan S. Hansen, Ask Hasselbalch, Inuk Silis Høegh, Morten Jacobsen, Christian Jeppsson, Bjørn Tonny Jørgensen, Sebastian T. W. Kristiansen, Rusudan Melikishvili, Lui Mokrzycki, Jette Hye Jin Mortensen, Trine Vive Munk, Rasmus Høj Mygind, Saskia Te Nicklin, Adam Olsson, Rasmus Brink Pedersen, Marie Edinger Plum, Lea Porsager, Aliona Sazonova, Sarah Sillehoved-Allagui, Jeanette Sætre, Javier Tapia, Alexander Tovborg, Jurij Vinogradskij and Thomas Bo Østergaard.

EXHIBITION COORDINATOR:

Christina Stenka Hellfach, MA

CATALOGUE:

MFA Degree Show 2010 is accompanied by a 320-page catalogue. Price: DKK 25. The students are responsible for the content and layout of their individual pages. Rasmus Koch Studio has created the overall graphical layout.

PRESS PREVIEW:

On Thursday 27 May, 1-2 pm journalists are cordially invited to take a tour of the two exhibitions on their own. Many of the artists will be present. On presentation of a valid press ID you may enjoy a free lunch of your choice in the café.

EXHIBITION PERIOD:

29 May to 15 August 2010

PRESS IMAGES:

Can be downloaded from: www.kunsthallcharlottenborg.dk/presse

OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday, 12-8 pm. Saturday and Sunday 12-5 pm. Monday closed.

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