

Charlottenborg



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AFGANG 2014 / MFA Degree Show 2014

South Galleries, Mezzanine, and Upper and Lower Foyer
24 May – 17 August 2014
Press view: 23 May at 11.00
Vernissage: 23 May at 19.00 – 22.00

Kunsthal Charlottenborg and the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts' Schools of Visual Art are proud to present AFGANG 2014 / MFA Degree Show 2014. The exhibition presents 35 graduating artists from the Schools of Visual Art at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, showcasing work that spans a wide range of media and modes of expression from the classic to the contemporary.

A degree show can be regarded as a presentation of the most recent emerging talents to grace the art scene, but it may equally well be regarded as a retrospective look at the processes of education and evolution that preceded their graduation. AFGANG is very much a reflection on years of study where the artistic end product was rarely the main objective. Some use their graduation from the Academy as an occasion for returning to their fundamental artistic point of departure, reflecting on it in light of what they have learned. Others seek to identify and define the artistic method they have developed through the years, and how it may be used as a tool for knowledge and understanding in many contexts outside the actual production of artworks. To many, the notion of an "artistic practice" will only really take shape after they have left the Academy.

Acting Rector of the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts' Schools of Visual Art, Lars Bent Pedersen, says: "I know that when I explore the rooms at Kunsthal Charlottenborg at this year's MFA Degree Show I will be reminded of the late professor Albert Mertz's wise words: that new art should be experienced and assessed as what it is, new. Can a new year of artists graduating after six years of studying do anything but show us the very latest, newest art? I don't think so, and that opportunity to come face to face with the very latest art is what makes AFGANG the highlight of the year to me. Regardless of whether I am visiting the degree show in my capacity as acting rector, director of studies, artist, or visitor of the general public."

About the MFA Degree Show / AFGANG 2014

The graduates come from the seven departments at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts: The Painting School / professor Anette Abrahamsson, The Sculpture School Charlottenborg / professor Martin Erik Andersen, The Graphic School / professor Thomas Locher, The School of Language, Space, and Scale / professor Katya Sander, The School of Media Art / professor Angela Melitopoulos, The School of Walls and Space / professor Nils Norman, and the School of Time-Based Media / professor Gerard Byrne.

The 35 graduates are: Ahmad Siyar Qasimi, Amitai Romm, Ana Pavlovic, Anders Bøge Henriksen with others, Annarosa Krøyer Holm, Anne Mette Schultz, Arendse Krabbe, Benny Henningsen, Birk Bjørlo,

Carolina Wiehe Welroos, claus haxholm, Damir Avdagic, Emile Sadria, Emilie Kjær, Gisa Pantel, Jon Erik Nyholm, Jonas Frederiksen, Kari Storø, Maja Moesgaard, Malwina Magacz, Markus von Platen, Martin Enggaard Pedersen, Matilde Duus, Morten B. Masri, Morten Modin, Pia Eikaas, Samina Bazai, Sarah Rathje, Selini Halvadaki, Sif Itona Westerberg, Sofie Hertz, Sylvester Hegner, Thea von der Masse, Vigga Vangsgaard

Catalogue

The AFGANG 2014/ MFA Degree Show is accompanied by a catalogue featuring contributions from all graduates of 2014. The catalogue is edited by the graduates and designed by Pulsk Ravn. The catalogue is available from Kunsthall Charlottenborg's bookshop Motto. Price: 50 DKR.

Performance programme for the AFGANG 2014 show:

Vernissage, 23 May 2014.

19.00: Performance by claus haxholm

19.37 - 19.42: Performance by Jonas Frederiksen

20.00: Speeches

20.30: Performance by Arendse Krabbe in co-operation with Lav

Performances will be arranged regularly throughout the exhibition period – visit our websites for details.

Invitation – press view

Charlottenborg invites all members of the press to a press view on Friday 23 May at 11:00. Several of the artists will be present, as will the director of Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Jacob Fabricius, exhibition co-ordinator Jacob Lillemose, and acting director of the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Lars Bent Pedersen

Press

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Press images are available for download from the website www.kunsthallcharlottenborg.dk from 22 May onwards

Opening hours and admission charges

Tuesdays – Sundays 11 -17 Wednesdays 11 - 20

Adults DKK 60 / Students DKK 40 / OAPs DKK 40 / Groups DKK 40. Admission is free on Wednesdays 17 - 20

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