

Charlottenborg

PRESS RELEASE

27 March 2013

Toves Salon

Nils Viga Hausken (NO/DK), *Running Lemon*
Vernissage Friday 5 April, 17-20.00
Exhibition period 6-26 April 2013

Kunsthal Charlottenborg is the temporary home of Toves Galleri, which on this occasion has changed its name to Toves Salon - Charlottenborg Temporary Exhibition Space.

Friday 5 April Toves Salon presents an exhibition with the Danish-Norwegian artist Nils Viga Hausken, who specializes in cross-stitching.

Background

The artist – and curator run exhibition space Toves Galleri – Vesterbro contemporary Workout Space was until recently located in a shopping arcade by (almost) the same name. During the past 2,5 years the group has organized exhibitions with a focus on contemporary art by younger artists and with an interest in curatorial experiments.

As of February 2013 it was clear that Toves Galleri could not keep the space in the shopping arcade, and as a consequence Toves was offered the Salon of Charlottenborg for a limited period of 3 months for the realisation of their already planned exhibitions. In that context Toves Galleri changed its name to Toves Salon – Charlottenborg Temporary Exhibition Space.

Running Lemon

Running Lemon is a curated solo exhibition with a selection of works by Niels Viga Hausken, that spans a period of more than 20 years, of which some are shown in a Danish context for the very first time. Viga Hausken is especially focused on the concept of slow-time, as an opposition to the high pace life in our society today, and has been actively defying that pace in his practice by during the last 12 years solely having worked with cross-stitching. A certain tension between pop and existence, between the digital and the analogue comes to mind when the unsharp depiction of a photographed and highly pixelated lemon is invoked; giga-pixel by giga-pixel, on a grand scale and each pixel in hundreds of cross-stiches.

Along with the embroideries the sculpture *Runner* is shown – an earlier work in Viga Hausken's career – featuring a beheaded and one-legged athlete, an amputee, dressed in an ergonomic harness and frozen in time on the verge of disaster. The next step is a mythological fall into the abyss.

Niels Viga Hauskens physical works in the exhibition *Running Lemon* are accompanied and augmented by a virtual reflection of the exhibition space, a kind of digital comment - or footnote device, where reality is referenced and interconnected in a subjective layer produced by Toves Salon. By furthering associations and connotations from the specific works - their context and their inherent chronology - a flow of information is formed marked by a pinpoint in contemporary times, spirit and technology.

The exhibition is presented by Toves Salon - Charlottenborg Temporary Exhibition Space

Toves is run by:

Simon Damkjær, Anna Frost, Hannah Heilmann, Honza Hoeck, Uffe Isolotto, Christian Jeppsson, Jacob Jessen, Rasmus Høj Mygind, Sandra Vaka Olsen and Pind

The exhibition programme is supported by The Danish Arts Council

Press

For press enquiries please contact:

Toves Salon: mail@tovesgalleri.net

or

Helle Bøgelund: +45 33 36 90 42 / helleh@kunsthalcharlottenborg.dk

Press images can be downloaded from the website

www.kunsthalcharlottenborg.dk

Other exhibitions at Kunsthal Charlottenborg

Leigh Ledare, until 12 May 2013

The Spring Exhibition 2013, until 12 May 2013

POST – changing artist every month until 31 January 2014

Opening hours and admission

Tuesday to Sunday 11am-5pm, Wednesday 11am-8pm Admission to the exhibition is free 18 January – 28 February From 1 March 2013: Adults 60 kr. / Students 40 kr. / Seniors 40 kr. / Group 40 kr.

Address

Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Nyhavn 2, 1051 Copenhagen K, Denmark

Information: + 45 33 36 90 50

www.kunsthalcharlottenborg.dk