

# NILS STÆRK

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Born in Frederikssund, DK, 1981  
Lives and works in Copenhagen, DK

## EDUCATION

2021 PhD, Malmö Art Academy and Lund University, SE  
2010 MFA, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, DK  
2009 MFA, Städelschule, Frankfurt am Main, DE

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

2023 *SNOOZE (90 Seconds to Midnight)*, NILS STÆRK Copenhagen, DK

2021 *STRIPPED*, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK

2020 *STRIPPED*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE  
*Horny Vacuum – Pulsations and appetites*, FuturDome, Milano, IT

2019 *[WEAK] FORCE*, Museet for Samtidskunst, Roskilde, DK

2018 *Gravitational Ripples - The Memorial of the Tsunami Disaster in Southeast Asia in 2004*, Djurgården, Stockholm, Sweden (site specific work)

2016 *Z WAN* (special display - part of the SMK<sup>2</sup> project series), National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK  
*E(AR)THERIC SLIME ~ PRE-OP*, NILS STÆRK, Copenhagen, DK  
*E(AR)THERIC SLIME ~ POST-OP*, Brandts13, Odense, DK  
*Ova Splash - Aftermath w/ delicious raw expansive eggnog served chilled (experiment)*, X and BEYOND, Copenhagen, DK

2015 *Ring-Pass-Not*, Kunstverein Göttingen, Göttingen, DE

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*SPIN*, Overgaden – Institute for Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK  
*ATU XI "LUST"*, NILS STÆRK, Mellemrummet, Copenhagen, DK

- 2014 *FOOD FOR THE MOON – Sluggish and Well-lubricated*, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Høvikodden, NO
- 2013 *A Cosmic Mishap*, The Emily Harvey Foundation, New York, US  
*How to program and use T-F*, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, DK
- 2011 *CELESTIAL BODY – Disrupted Nerve Fluid and Crossed Shock Waves*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
- 2008 *Magnetic Correspondence*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
- 2006 *NAGI – I is Another*, Röda Sten, Gothenburg, SE
- 2005 *It doesn't happen*, Råhuset, Copenhagen, DK
- 2004 *INNOVATOR – reality as idea as idea*, Basement, Copenhagen, DK

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

- 2024 *Capc*, Musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Bourdeaux, FR (upcoming)  
*After the Sun – Forecasts from the North*, Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, NY, USA  
*Naboplanter*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
- 2023 *There Should Have Been Roses*, HFKD, Huset for Kunst & Design, Holstebro, DK  
*TEKNOKROPPEN, HEART* - Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning, DK  
*Bad Timing – or How to Write History Without Objects*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK  
*TEKNOKROPPEN*, Fuglsang Kunstmuseum, Guldborgsund, DK
- 2022 *BETAMAX*, NILS STÆRK, Copenhagen, DK  
*P for Perspective*, Simian, Copenhagen, DK

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VÆSEN [CRITTER], Ebeltoft Kunsthall, Ebeltoft, DK  
*Jeg står op med jordens mylder*, Kunstø, Samsø, DK

2021 *At the end of the rainbow*, ARKEN, Ishøj, DK  
*The Chengdu Biennale*, the Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, CN  
*Shedhalle*, Zürich, CH  
*Cosmos Emma Kunz - A visionary in dialogue with contemporary art*,  
Aargauer Kunsthhaus, Aarau, CH  
*Performa 2021 Biennial*, New York City, NY, US  
*Into The Wild*, Huset for Kunst og Design, Holstebro, DK

2020 *Not Without My Ghosts*, Blackpool, UK  
*Den Frie Udstilling*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK  
*Not Without My Ghosts*, London, UK  
*Broken Symmetries / Quantica*, KUMU, Tallinn, Estonia  
*Friheden er uden for Huden*, Kunsthall44Møen, DK  
*Broken Symmetries*, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, RC  
*Quantum*, iMal, Brussels, BE

2019 *Cosmic Excistance*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK  
*Cosmological Arrows*, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, SE  
*BLOOM – Festival om natur & videnskab*, Copenhagen, DK  
*Situated World*, 14th Medial Arts Biennial, Santiago, Chile  
*Quantum*, CCCB, Barcelona, ES  
*Suspended Power*, Hervisions, London, UK

2018 *Broken Symmetries*, FACT, Liverpool, UK  
*Almende*, *The Second Triennial of Beetsterzwaag*, Beetsterzwaag, NL  
*Holbæk Art 2018*, Holbæk, DK  
*Starry Nights*, ARKEN, Ishøj, DK  
*Vibrant Matter*, SAK, Svendborg, DK

2017 *Cool, Calm and Collected*, Aros Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK  
*Synthetics*, Primer, Kgs. Lyngby, DK  
*Erotik*, Overgaden – Institute of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK  
*Ovartaci*, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK  
*Lea Porsager*, *Gizela Mickiewicz*, *Nicola Martini*, *Rolando Anselmi*,  
Berlin, DE

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*Colori, GAM, Castello di Rivoli Museum of Contemporary Art, Torino, IT*

- 2016 *Sketch for a new world, Sorø Art Museum, Sorø, DK*  
*Experiment 111, KØS - Museum of Art in Public Spaces, Køge, DK*  
*Artists' Books, Growing Wildly, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK*  
*The Spring Exhibition, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK*  
*Via Além - técnicas e visões, Pivô, São Paulo, BR*  
*Survival Kit, Annual Contemporary Art Festival, Riga, LV*  
*Roll over spin forward, SixtyEight Art Institute, Copenhagen, DK*  
*OPSLAG NEDSLAG - Danish Artists' Books, The Black Diamond - The Royal Library, Copenhagen, DK*
- 2015 *Intention to Know: The Thought Forms of Annie Besant, Stony Island Arts Bank, Chicago, IL, US*  
*14th Istanbul Biennial, SALTWATER: A Theory of Thought Forms as Annie Besant's "medium", Istanbul, TU*  
*Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, MUMA - Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, AU*  
*Axis Mundi - Art as a healing tool, Le Moinsun, Paris, FR*  
*Too much of a good thing, NORDIC CONTEMPORARY, Paris, FR*
- 2014 *SYSTEMICS #4: Aarhus Rapport - Avantgarde as network (or, the politics of the ultralocal), Kunsthall Aarhus, Aarhus, DK*  
*The Moderna Exhibition, Society Acts, Moderna Museet, Malmö, SE*  
*post-excavation, ELASTIC Gallery, Stockholm, SE*  
*The Biennial Summer Sculpture, Soeby, DK*  
*Framework 1: Extrasensory Bonds - insitu, Berlin, DE*  
*Im-Materialitet (bevidsthed) no. 3, Sorø Art Museum, Sorø, DK*  
*16th Tallinn Print Triennial, LITERACY - ILLITERACY, Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn, EST*
- 2013 *Shapes in the Making, Lunds konsthall, Lund, SE*  
*It is only a state of Mind, Heidelberg Kunstverein, Heidelberg, DE*  
*Urschleim, Fauna, Copenhagen, DK*  
*Interrelations, Titanikas Exhibition Halls, Vilnius, LT*  
*ROOM 1, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK*

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ROOM 0, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK  
*Inner/Outer Realms*, Galleri Rotor, Gothenburg, S  
UNTEN-AM-HAVN-FESTIVAL: COPENHAGEN MEETS HAMBURG,  
Hamburg, DE  
*24 Spaces*, Koh-i-noor, Malmö Kunsthall, Malmö, SE  
*Open Studio*, ISCP, New York, US  
*Ritual Room*, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT  
*Distinguished from the melee of user comments and structurally  
misogynist chatrooms harbouring rapid-fire trolls*, Skt. Gertruds, Malmö,  
SE  
*Female Power*, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnhem, NL  
*Believers*, Varbergs Konsthall, Varberg, SE  
*Encore! After the cathastrophy*, Bonniers Konsthall/ Biografen Sture,  
Stockholm, SE  
*It is only a state of Mind*, Neue Gesellschaft für bildende Kunst, Berlin, DE  
*Systemics #1 – Certain peculiar things and ideas, often failed*, Kunsthall  
Aarhus, Aarhus, DK

- 2012 *dOCUMENTA(13)*, Kassel, DE  
*Copenhagen Art Festival*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary Art,  
Copenhagen, DK  
*Spatium – Danish Contemporary Art*, Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn, EST
- 2011 *Con Amore - Leif Djurhuus Samling*, Aros Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus,  
DK  
*Veninder*, Beaver Project, Copenhagen, DK  
*Thisted Biennalen*, Thisted, DK  
*KOH-I-NOOR*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
- 2010 *Et Forsøgs Teater*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK  
*Faint to Black*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK  
*Sea and Space Explorations*, Los Angeles, US  
*AFGANG 2010*, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK  
*Anstrøg*, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, DK  
*I KNOW WHAT EVERYBODY DID...* Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen,  
DK
- 2009 *AM I*, Møstings Hus, Copenhagen, DK

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*Real/Fiction*, Gallery Clifford, Vejle, DK  
*KÅT*, Galleri Box, Gothenburg, SE  
*Rundgang*, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, DK  
*Ung Dansk Fotografi '09*, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, DK  
*Rundgang*, Städelschule, Frankfurt am Main, DE  
*Springtime 2*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK

2008 *50 x 50 x 5*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK  
*ENTER*, Brandts Art Museum, Odense, DK  
*They have overcome death and return to share our life*, Koh-i-noor, Copenhagen, DK  
*Rundgang*, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, DK  
*Spring Exhibition*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK

2007 *Invited to Invite*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK  
*Karriere*, Karriere Bar, Copenhagen, DK  
*Maskinkraft*, Roskilde Museum, Roskilde, DK  
*Maskinkraft*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Roskilde, DK  
*Rundgang*, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, DK

2006 *Åbnings Udstilling*, Henningsen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK  
*Dynamo-Art Academy*, Kulturvet, Copenhagen, DK  
*Futureshorts*, Gloria, Copenhagen, DK  
*Rundgang*, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, DK  
*FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER*, Gallery Q, Copenhagen, DK

## PRIZES & GRANTS

2023 Danish Arts Foundation's work grant  
Eckersberg Medal

2021 Danish Arts Foundation's work grant

2022 New Carlsberg Foundation Artist Award

2020 Prins Eugen Medal  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grant

2019 Gravitational Ripples was nominated for Best Landscape Architecture

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- John and Margaretha Aspegren's Scholarship, The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, IVA's 100th anniversary  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grants
- 2018 CERN Honorary Mentions for the Collide International Award  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grant
- 2016 Danish Arts Foundation's production grant
- 2015 Danish Arts Foundation's production grants
- 2014 Carl Nielsen & Anne Marie Niensens Grant  
Danish Arts Foundation's three-year work-grant  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grants
- 2013 Danish Arts Foundation's work grant  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grant
- 2012 Aage & Yelva Nimb's Grant  
Malerne Else og Henning Jensen's Grant  
Danish Arts Foundation's work grant  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grants
- 2011 Danish Arts Foundation's work grant  
Danish Arts Foundation's production grant
- 2010 Danish Arts Foundation's production grants
- 2008 The Montana ENTER Prize

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE  
Statens Museum for Kunst / The National Gallery of Denmark, DK  
Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo, NO  
ARKEN, Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, DK  
Sorø Art Museum, Sorø, DK  
Malmø Art Museum, Malmø, SE  
Museet for Samtidskunst, Roskilde, DK  
Skissernas Museum, SE  
Fuglsang Kunstmuseum, DK  
Museet for Religiøs Kunst, DK

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## PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

*Gravitational Ripples*, Stockholm, SE

*Exaggerated Gravity*, Holbæk Art, DK

*Repulsive Enchantment*, Aarhus School of Architecture, Aarhus, DK

KLIT, Odense, DK

*Palm\_Reading\_Touch\_Swipe*, Prästängsskolan Stångby, SE

*Chthonic Buds / Subterranean Suckers / Chthonic Mother Tongues / Equinoctial*

*Fields* Livsvitenskap, UiO - University of Oslo, KORO, NO

*Exhumed Limy Pool*, Fuglsang Kunstmuseum, Guldborgsund, DK