

FOS (Thomas Poulsen)

Born in 1971, Copenhagen, Denmark
Lives and works in Copenhagen, DK and Venice, IT

EDUCATION

1999 MFA, The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, DK

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 ABOGADO, Museo Anahuacalli, Mexico City, MX
Words for Works, NILS STÆRK, Copenhagen, DK
- 2023 WARM LEATHERETTE, Etage projects, Copenhagen, DK
- 2021 SKIN CARPET, Le Bicolore, Paris, FR
- 2019 *Hands worn smooth by coins*, Copenhagen Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
- 2018 /'palɪm(p)ɪsɛst/, NILS STÆRK, Copenhagen, DK
Palimpsest – Hands Worn Smooth by Coins, SCAD Museum of Art,
Savannah, Georgia, US
- 2017 *The Original Designer's Workshop*, Etage Projects, Copenhagen, DK
- 2015 *Maggie Margaret lives*, Fig. 2 week 41 ICA Studio, London, UK
Montana-salen, Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, DK
Porthole, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
- 2012 *Watchmaker*, Max Wigram Gallery, London, UK
Declaration of Unsolid Memories, Camden Arts Centre, London, UK
Bageri, Andersen's Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
- 2011 *One language Traveller*, National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK

NILS STÆRK

- 2010 *Another Place Yet a Place*, Andersen's Contemporary, Berlin, DE
Clutch, Max Wigram Gallery, London, UK
- 2008 *Memory Theatre Twig!*, GAK: Gesellschaft für aktuelle Kunst, Bremen, DE
- 2005 *Social Design #11: You refer to yourself to reduce the message to me*,
Gallery Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, DK
Ovenpå hinanden til du forsvinder, The Showroom, Copenhagen, DK
- 2004 *Social Design #10: You are Moving into me....*, MW Projects, London, UK
- 2003 *Liquid chain into the vapor wall*, Gallery Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, DK
Where Scandinavians Health is Considered, Gustav Vigeland's Museet, Oslo, NO
- 2002 *Sociality as the shell, the people as liquid*, VTO Gallery, London, UK
- 2001 *Inhaling human suffering exhaling well being*, Gallery Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, DK
Between the black house, Gallery oneone, Reykjavik, IC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Nyt Lys 24*, Sophienholm, Kgs. Lyngby, DK
Artificial Optimism, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
Naboplanter, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
- 2023 *Frie hænder*, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
Kunstnerne København, Nikolaj Kunsthal, Copenhagen, DK
- 2022 *Far From Home II*, ARoS: Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK
- 2021 *Den Frie Forårsudstilling*, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
Gravmonumenter, Aarhus Kunsthal, Aarhus, DK
- 2020 *Freedom is outside the skin*, Kunsthal 44, Møn, DK
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie - Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
The Mindcraft Project, Copenhagen, DK

NILS STÆRK

- 2018 *Dansk-Jødisk Kunst*, The Municipality of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, DK
Chair, Chair, Chair, Lamp, Table, Bed, Sofa, David Risley Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
- 2017 *Cool, Calm and Collected*, ARoS: Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK
Ayrton, Museo Tamayo, Mexico City, MX
Paperweight, Fisher Parish Gallery, New York City, New York, US
Carte Blanche, The French Embassy, Copenhagen, DK
- 2016 *In the shadow/ of a spectacle / is the view of the crowd*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, DK
The Plinth project, Etage Projects, Copenhagen, DK
- 2015 *In the shadow/ of a spectacle/is the view of the crowd*, Performa15, New York City, New York, US
Don't Worry, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
Out of use, Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, DK
TRUST-The Salon, Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, DK
- 2014 *You are Welcome*, ApArt, Hotel Kong Arthur, Copenhagen, DK
SKULPTUR ODENSE 14 – Still Water Run Deep, Odense, DK
Drømmeland, Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, DK
Object Matter, Gallery Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, DK
- 2013 *Agora*, Athens Biennale, Athens, GR
Fictional Functions, Etage Project, Copenhagen, DK
- 2012 *Living with Art*, Galerie Reinhardt Hauff, Stuttgart, DE
- 2011 *Speech Matters*, Danish Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Venice, IT
Overlap, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
Re:Constructed Landscapes, National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK
A Million Times, The National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK
- 2010 *Carl Nielsens & Anne Marie Carl-Nielsens Award*, Den Frie – Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
Situation as Object, Gallery D.O.R., Bruxelles, BE
- 2009 *KURS, KØS – Museum of Art in Public Spaces*, Køge, DK
Sculpture by the Sea, ARoS: Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK

- Remap 2, KM: Kerameikos Metaxourgeio, Athens, GR*
- 2008 *ROOMING IN! – Claus Andersen visits Patricia Low, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, CH*
U-TURN, Quadrennial for Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK
Andersen's Wohnung revisited 1996-1999, Andersen's Contemporary, Berlin, DE
*56*N, 10*E, National Museum of San Carlos, Mexico City, MX*
Before the whole story, Skulpturi.dk, Copenhagen, DK
- 2007 *Accessories, Gallery Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, DK*
Blackberrying, Gallery Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, DK
- 2006 *Regarding Denmark, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Centre, Athens, GR*
The system is loose I think I love you, Busan Biennale, Busan, KR
Under.ctrl, FORUM STADTPARK, Graz, AT
Eigenheim, everything but the sink, Kunstverein Göttingen, Göttingen, DE
1st Belgrade Triennial, The Centre for Contemporary Arts, Belgrade, CS
SOCIAL DESIGN – Matthew Brannon, FOS, Laura Horelli, Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe, DE
REALITY, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, DK
Auschwitz, Galleri Weinberger, Copenhagen, DK
Showroom, Kulturfabrikken, Copenhagen, DK
- 2005 *Labyrinth, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK*
Threshold, Max Wigram Gallery, London, UK
Framing the design of the future, Design Museum Denmark, Copenhagen, DK
- 2004 *European Space, Culture Quadrennial Riga, Riga LV*
Posters, video and other stuff, Arts Santa, Barcelona, ES
Invisible Machine, Victoria Miro, London, UK
- 2003 *Future Archive, Rooseum, Malmö, SE*
Temporary Spaces, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
- 2002 *What is Design?, Danish Design Centre, Copenhagen, DK*
The Fall, Gallery Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, DK
Life Policies, ZDB – Ze Dos Bois Galeria, Lisbon, PT
From the 2001 Venice Biennale, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK

Gallery Luhmann, NILS STÆRK, Copenhagen, DK

- 2000 *Social Design vs. The Bitch of Accidents, Art Primeur, Dordrecht, NL*
Ambassaden, Kørners Kontor, Copenhagen, DK
The vessel of Paint I, Gallery Newart, Copenhagen, DK
- 1999 *Cities on the Move, Nasubi Gallery, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, DK*
Hello I'm Your Son, Capital Art, Hamburg, DE
Pizza (street Sharks), Kørners Kontor, Copenhagen, DK
Big Red, Mikael Andersen Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
Opening Show, Gallery Nikolaj Wallner, Copenhagen, DK
Pizza with the Social Design, Gallery 1%, Copenhagen, DK
The Accomplished Consultants, Hallo Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
- 1998 *Flora Fobi, Sophienholm, Lyngby, DK*
Tûmbula Tûmbula, (as part of Pars Electronic), Aarhus Festival, Aarhus, DK
The White Loop, (as part of Pars Electronic), Archipelago, The Maritime Museum, Stockholm, SE
- 1997 *Autumn Exhibition, (as part of Pars Electronic), Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK*
Hurray Artist Party, Torbjørn Beckman Weekend Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
Shop-ping, Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen, DK
Underground, Gallery Asbæk Basement, Copenhagen, DK
- 1996 *Smile Now – Cry Later, The Turbine Halls, Copenhagen, DK*
Update, The Turbine Halls, Copenhagen, DK
The Site of the Crime, The police Yard, Copenhagen, DK
Notes from the Anthropomorphic Figures of the Existence, Forum Gallery, Malmö, SE
- 1994 *Inter Hotel, Inter Hotel, Istanbul, TU; Billund Sculpture Park, Billund, DK*
- 1993 *Autumn Exhibition, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK*

*Pars Electronic was an artist group consisting of Kaspar Bonnén, Tal R and FOS

COMMISSIONS AND PROJECTS

- 2024 *Message above, thoughts on the ground*, OUH, Odense, DK
- 2023 *A.L.T*, Bethaniagade, Herning, DK
Via Bagutta, space #3, Milan, IT
- 2022 *Sweeper*, Risbjerggaard Kulturhus, Hvidovre, DK
Via Bagutta, space #2, Milan, IT
- 2021 *BOYYxFOS*space #1, Milan, IT
- 2020 Interior design, Mads Nørgaard, Copenhagen, DK
Det bortfalder, når vi går, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
Small White Man performance in Church of San Celso in collaboration with Futur Dome and L'art Quotidien, Milan, IT
- 2019 Marienborg, Kgs. Lyngby, DK
- 2018 *New*, Mads Nørgaard, Aarhus, DK
Aur(0)a, Glamsbjerg, DK
Yearly charity poster in support of 'Børnehjælpsdagen'
- 2018 *Leaking Fountain*, Pool Temporary & Etage Projects, Copenhagen, DK
Du rører, hvad du gør, Holbæk Art
"Uden titel", Hus forbi, Vanløse, DK
- 2017 *The Interior of Inés*, Vestre Fjordpark, Aalborg, DK
Value Watchers, ARKEN - Museum of Contemporary Art, Ishøj, DK
- 2016 *Your success is your amnesia*, HF-Centret Efterslægten, Copenhagen, DK
Clutch, Installation and an SWM concert, Kvadrat, Copenhagen, DK
Nothing matters, Absolute Bar, Chart Art fair, Copenhagen, DK
Interior design, Restaurant Ante, Copenhagen, DK
- 2015 *Always happy new year*, The Royal Theatre, Copenhagen, DK
Visuals, interior settings and music, CÉLINE SS16 show
Celebration of the Constitution, DISTORTION, Copenhagen, DK
Small White Man, record
Small White Man, concert, National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK

NILS STÆRK

- Small White Man*, concert, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
- 2012 Interior design, CÉLINE, stores worldwide
Small White Man, concert, Sejerø Festivalen, DK
Small White Man, concert, Roskilde Festival, DK
Small White Man, concert, The Armory Show, New York City, New York, US
- 2010 *Oslo, Social Design #13*, the Copenhagen Harbour with KØS – Museum of Art in Public Spaces, Copenhagen, DK
- 2009 Interior design, the Danish National School of Theatre, Copenhagen, DK
- 2007 *All this noise for nothing, nothing for something*, Art Basel Statement, Basel, CH
- 2006 *Radical Horizontality 'Home for the Men'*, Interior design and reconstruction of a shelter for the homeless in Central Copenhagen, (in collaboration with Kenneth Balfelt), Copenhagen, DK
- 2005 *Every man's house*, 22 brick murals in housing project, Ishøj, DK
- 2004 Performance in co-operation with Tal R, Kulbojnic
- 2002 *Butrunner*, Radar Festival, Music Hall Vega, Copenhagen, DK
Future Archive, Rooseum, Malmö, SE
Social Design #7, Lydeking Advertising Office, Copenhagen, DK
- 2000 *10 minutes later*, in collaboration with Joachim Hamou, video/interior design, Copenhagen, DK
- 2001 Meeting room-design, (in collaboration with Kenneth Balfelt), Communication design and conference interiors, DCA Foundation (Art and Economy), Copenhagen, DK and Brandts Klædefabrik (Art and Reality), Odense, DK
KOM, Butter-sculpture, Copenhagen, DK
Nanny in the hip hop bucket, w. Joachim Hamou, video/interior design/music, Copenhagen, DK
- 1999 *Oslo – A Social Pavilion*, Israels Plads, Copenhagen, DK
- 1997 *Shop-ping, (Pars Electronic)*, record
Social Design#1, Stereo Bar, Copenhagen, DK

Social Design#2, Ideal Bar (Little Vega), Copenhagen, DK

1995-99 *Oslo Bar*, a social club project, (in collaboration with Peter Leth), Malmö, SE;
Royal Park; Le Kitch, Danish National Broadcasting Corporation
Copenhagen, DK

1995 UNICEF's 50-year Anniversary Celebration, Copenhagen, DK

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, DK
ARKEN – Museum of Contemporary Art, Ishøj, DK
The New Carlsberg Foundation, DK
ARoS: Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK
Museo Tamayo, Mexico City, MX

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019 Albertsen Foundation, DK
2018 Aage og Yelva Nimbs honorary scholarship, DK
2018 Thomas Bindesbøll Medal, DK
2017 ARKEN Art Prize, Ishøj, DK
2011 Residency, ISCP: International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York City,
New York, US
2010 Carl Nielsen's & Anne Marie Carl Nielsen's Award, DK
2006 Three year working grant, Danish Arts Foundation, DK
2005 Scholarship of Henry Heerup, Copenhagen, DK
2003 Bisballe Kunstfond, Copenhagen, DK
Niels Wessel Bagges Award, DK