

# ESBEN KLEMANN

Born in 1972 in Denmark

Lives and works in Copenhagen, Denmark



Esben Klemann is an insatiable artist. He experiments, constantly. He tries, models, destroys, reconstructs, works in series until setting up a system. What triggers this creative hyperactivity is a will he brandishes as a manifesto, as an artistic program in itself: escaping boredom, escaping banality. The inoffensive, nice matters that adorn our everyday life, are revolutionized as they pass the Klemann filter. Concrete sensually undulates and then gently collapses. The artist transforms ceramics into a solid cage that subsequently caves in the oven because of the heat or of a small absurd object he placed inside... Esben Klemann talks about "systematic uncertainty". He sets a process in place, that never corresponds to the traditional way of working the matter he choose. He then observes the misused matter respond to his system - each time differently. Thus the incident becomes his artistic language.

## EDUCATION

**1996 - 2002**

Royal Academy of Fine Arts of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark

**1994**

Holbæk kunsthøjskole (Holbaek Art School), Holbaek, Denmark

**1992-1993**

Ny Carlsberg Glyptotekets Tegneskole (Carlsberg Glyptothek New Drawing School), Carlsberg, Denmark

**1990-1992**

Royal Academy of Fine Arts of Jutland, Århus, Denmark

## SOLO AND DUO EXHIBITIONS

**2020**

Exhibition of concrete barriers on Ofelia plads, Copenhagen (with Birthe Lauersen art agency)

**2019**

Ann Linnemann Gallery, Copenhagen

**2017**

*De travers* - with Nicolai Howalt, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris, France

**2016**

*Kant til kant (Edge to Edge)* - with Lisbeth Eugenie Christensen, Kunstpakhuset, Ikast, Denmark

**2015**

With Malene Bach, Galleri Houcon, Frederiksberg, Denmark

**2014**

*Chaotically Yours* - with Pernille Pontoppidan Pedersen, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris, France  
Vejen Kunstmuseum, Vejen, Denmark

**2013**

*Egnsbeton*, 20 concrete artworks dispersed *in situ* in the city, Vejen, Denmark  
Galleri Nordskov, Nordskov, Denmark

**2012**

*Huset i Asnæs*, Asnæs, Denmark

**2011**

concrete artwork settled in the city, Frederiksberg, Denmark

**2010**

Agallery, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Designer zoo*, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2009**

Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Bornholm, Denmark

**2007**

Danmarks Keramikmuseum, Grimmerhus, Denmark

## COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

**2020**

Invited to the Koloristerne group of artists, Copenhagen

**2019**

Migrations – with Nicolai Howalt and Pipaluk Lake, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris

**2017**

Châteauroux Biennale, France  
*Soil*, SixtyEight Art institute, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*ENGROS*, Grøntorvet Valby, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2016**

*Outlining a Shelter*, galerie Maria Lund, Paris, France

**2015**

Art15 London, with galerie Maria Lund, London, United Kingdom

**2013**

Galleri Profilen, Århus, Denmark

Randers Kunstforening, Randers, Denmark

Vestjyllands Kunstpavillion, Denmark

*Koldt Vand / Blodet*, Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Denmark

TERRES – *Copenhagen Ceramics invites*, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris

*Systematic Uncertainty*, Copenhagen Ceramics, Copenhagen, Denmark

*AW!*, Den Fri Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2012**

Multiple, Skulpturi, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Tyngdekraft* (Pesanteur), Ann Linnemann studio gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2011**

Galleri Pagter, Kolding, Denmark

*Sculpture by the sea*, Århus, Denmark

**2010**

TCC gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

Art Copenhagen, Forum, Copenhagen, Denmark

*På Tværs* (À travers), Carlsberg, Denmark

*Tilløb Til Rum*, Clausens Kunsthandel, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Husk Bornholm* (Rappelez-vous Bornholm), Agallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Puls Contemporary Ceramics*, Brussels, Belgium

**2009**

*Venner, Kolleger, Kammerater* (Friends, Colleagues, Companions), Galleri GI, Lejre, Denmark

*Mega Mob*, Ørestad, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Summer In The City*, Martin Asbæk Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Puls Contemporary Ceramics*, Brussels, Belgium

**2008**

*Skulptur i Eventyrhaven*, Odense, Denmark

*Kubik parkere*, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Springtime-1*, Henningsen contemporary, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Kammeraterne*, Den fri udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2007**

*invited to invade*, Henningsen contemporary, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Match Race*, Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Ålborg, Denmark

*Portalen*, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Kammeraterne*, Den fri udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Sommerudstilling*, Henningsen Contemporary, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Kubik flader helt ud*, Galleri Birte Lauersen, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Keramiske værker*, Galleri Christian Dam, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2006**

*Sommerudstilling*, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Ny Duel*, Århus Kunstbygning, Århus, Denmark

*Nu Her Og Aldrig Mer*, Den Frie udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2005**

*Duel*, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Labyrinter-Kunstens Rum*, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Bad Ceramics*, Viborg Kunsthø, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Gæstfrihed*, Den Frie udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark

**2004**

*Asbæk*, Copenhagen, Denmark

**GRANTS**

**2017**

Statens Kunstfond produktionsstøtte

**2016**

Arbejdslegat. Statens Kunstfond.

**2016**

Dansk Tennisfond. Legatbolig i Gudhjem

**2015**

Kunstrådets produktionspulje

**2014**

Nationalbankens Jubilæumslegat af 1998/2014

**2013**

Nationalbankens jubilæumslegat af 1968

Henny og Johan Richters fond

Statens Kunstråd

Gross.L.F. Fogthts Fond

**2012**

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

Nationalbankens Jubilæumslegat af 1998

**2011**

Kunstnerens legat af 1971, Æreslegat

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

Nationalbankens jubilæumslegat af 1968

Nationalbankens Jubilæumslegat af 1968

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

**2009**

Statens Kunstfond

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

**2008**

Niels Bagge Wessels Æresfond

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

Dansk Tennisfond

## 2007

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg  
Brdr. E.S. og A. Larsens Legat  
Arbejdslegat Statens Kunstfond

## 2006

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg  
Arbejdslegat. Statens Kunstfond

## 2005

Præmieret af Statens Kunstfond  
Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

## MUSEUM & COLLECTIONS

Danish Arts Foundation  
Djurhuus Collection

## COMMISSIONS & PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- 2020** Commissioned by the Middelfart billedkunstråd (The regional arts council) to create a sculpture for the Ejby school, Denmark
- 2018** Commissioned by the Statens kunstråd (the national Swedish arts council) to create a sculpture for a military zone *Tofta skyddfelt*, Gotland, Sweden
- 2017** Items installed in Fly, Viborg kunsthø, Denmark
- 2016** Hans Rømer school, Åkirkeby invited by the Statens Kunstfond (Danish Arts Council)
- 2016** Roundabout sculpture, Bornholms Kommune, Denmark  
Bunker sculpture, Odder højskole, Denmark
- 2013** *Egnsbeton (regional concrete)*, 15 concrete sculptures installed in the region of Vejen and the town of Vejen, Denmark
- 2010** Two concrete barriers purchased by Københavns kommunes billedkunstudvalg (city of Copenhagen) and installed in Vanløse kulturhus, Denmark  
Sculpture for the entrance of Paschal – Denmark a/s, Århus, Denmark
- 2009** Concrete elements for Bornholms Art Museum, Denmark

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