

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

2017

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

2016

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

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

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 I Blodet, Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Denmark
TERRES – *Copenhagen Ceramics invites*, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris
Systematic Uncertainty, Copenhagen Ceramics, Copenhagen, Denmark

AW I, 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. Foghts Fond

2012

Kunstrådets billedkunstudvalg

Nationalbankens Jubilæumslegat af 1998

2011

Kunstnernes 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