

JOHN KØRNER

Born 1967 in Aarhus
Lives and works in Copenhagen

EDUCATION

1992-1998 Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark

COLLECTIONS

ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Denmark
ARoS, Århus Museum of Art, Denmark
Centre National des Arts Plastiques (CNAP), French National Art Collection, France
Herning Museum of Art, Denmark
Kunsten Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Aalborg, Denmark
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Rubell Family Collection, Miami, USA
SMK The National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
Tate Gallery, London, UK
The Saatchi Collection, London, UK
Wilfreid Cooreman Collection, Belgium

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Apple Opal*, Oluf Høst Museet, Gudhjem, Denmark
- 2024 *Crazy Awake*, Kunsten Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Denmark
- 2023 *Tongue Out*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Environmental Portraits, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Water Running Results, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland
- 2022 *Cosmopolitan Super Fruits*, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, England
Liquids and Lights, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2021 *Intercontinental Super Fruits, Museum*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, US
Understanding the Impact of Architecture, Danish Architecture Center, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019 *Graphic Works*, Ekely, Copenhagen, Denmark
Running Box, Konsthall 16, Riksidrottsmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden
Life in a Box, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Problems in Perspective*, Deweer Gallery, Belgium
Running Problems, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Belgium
Space Train, Helsinki Contemporary, Finland
Tripoli – Lampedusa, Espoo Museum of Modern Art (EMMA), Finland
- 2017 *Altid Mange Problemer*, Charlottenborg, Denmark
Blue Bedroom, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Denmark

GALLERI BO BJERGGAARD

- 2016 *Grafisk Konst Från Atalja Larsen: John Kørner*, Dunkers, Helsingborg, Sweden
Graphic Works 1996-2015, Munkeruphus, Dronningmølle, Denmark
Life Attacks You Brandts, Odense, Denmark
Graphic Works 1996-2015, Vejle Kunstmuseum, Vejle, Denmark
Apple Bombs, Victoria Miro Mayfair Gallery, London, UK
Outdoor Struggling, Museum Belvédère, Heerenveen-Oranjewoud, Holland
- 2015 *Graphic Works 1996-2015*, Kastrupgårdsamlingen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Graphic Works 1996-2015, Odsherred Kunstmuseum, Asnæs, Denmark
- 2013 *The Family*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Caught, HEART, Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Denmark
Fallen Frit From Frisland, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Production*, IMO projects, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 *Women for Sale*, Arbejdermuseet (The Workers' Museum), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2009 *The New Museums*, Gallery Chrstian Larsen, Stockholm, Sweden
Work Out, Patricia Low Gallery, Gstaad, Schweiz
Jacob, Sebastian, Benjamin, Jacob and Dan, Andersen's Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 *War problems*, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2006 *Woman with 24 problems – Exhibition of graphical works*, Politikens Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
Aros Bank, ARos, Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Denmark
- 2005 *Den 1:a på Moderna*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
5 Problems, Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, Sweden
Kunsthal, KBH Kunsthal, Copenhagen, Denmark
Den Femte, Førstetilvenstre, Copenhagen, Denmark
Statements, Art Basel, Switzerland
- 2004 *The Problem of Performing*, Kunstforeningen GI Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark
SUPERDANISH, Toronto, Canada
The Design of Productions, Gallery Maze, Torino, Italy
- 2003 *CONSTRUCTION SETS – works on paper*, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, Denmark
Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, Sweden
The Greenland Problem, Herning Museum of Art, Denmark
- 2002 *Be On Show*, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, Denmark
POST, Galleri Franz Pedersen Horsens, Denmark
Den Fantastiske Udvej (The Fantastic Way Out), Albertslund Rådhus, Albertslund, Denmark
- 2001 *Teater*, Århus Museum of Art – Project-room-installation, Århus, Denmark

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- 2000 *Dig Og John's Engagement*, Galleri Søren Houmann, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999 *Jeg Taler Til Jer (I am Talking to You)*, Museumsbygningen Kunstauktioner, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Street Sharks*, Kørnens Kontor (Kørnens Office), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1998 *Slappe dig Og Andre Intentioner (Relaxed You and Other Intentions)*, Blegdamsvej 18, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Problem*, Galleri Phoenix, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1997 *Slap A (Relax)*, Kørnens Kontor (Kørnens Office), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1995 *Glæde og Harmoni (Joy and Harmony)*, Rådskælderen, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Artists' Picks*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2021 *Breaking, Work it Out*, Kunsten Aalborg, Ålborg, Denmark.
- 2018 *BIG Art*, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 *Cool, Calm And Collected*, ARoS Kunstmuseum, Århus, Denmark
- 2015 *Nature Encounters*, J. F. Willumsens Museum, Frederikssund, Denmark
- Collection & Contemporary*, Skagens Museum, Skagen, Denmark
- Stone Talking/Der Stein Spricht*, Lyonel Feininger Galerie, Germany
- 2014 *HÄR/NU*, Artipelag, Stockholm, Sweden
- Fluid Flesh*, Nordic Contemporary, Paris, France
- Psyco Futurism*, Scandinavian Institute, New York, USA
- 2013 *FLORA DANICA*, Natural History Museum of Denmark (Geologisk Museum), Copenhagen, Denmark
- CHICKEN OR BEEF*, The Hole, New York, USA
- ABENLAND*, Produzentengalerie, Hamburg, Germany
- 2012 *RECOLLECTIONS – of Willumsen*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- The Garden of Eden*, Palais De Tokyo, Paris, France
- Involver*, Socle du Monde, HEART, Herning Museum of Conetemporary Art
- 2011 *Under Pressure – master prints from Atelje Larsen*, Helsingborg, Sverige
- Project Skagen 2011*, Gl. Skagen, Denmark
- The Forgotten Years 2007-2011*, Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *In the Company of Alice*, Victoria Miro Gallery, UK
- 1st Berlin Kreuzberg Biennale for Contemporary Art*, Berlin, Germany
- The Green Valley Disaster*, Tate Modern, London, UK

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- Mit Museum (My Museum)*, KUNSTEN, Aalborg, Denmark
Best of Wonderland, WAS, Copenhagen, Denmark
Things That Matter a Lot, Galleri Christoffer Egelund, Copenhagen, Denmark
The Forgotten Bar, Galerie im Regierungsviertel, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *Circus Hein*, Atelier Calder, France
Hammer & Nail, The White Tube, Oslo, Norway
- 2008 *ROOMING IN!*, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland
Frelst Fiktion, Museum of Religious Art, Lemvig, Denmark
Emergency Room, Galerie Taïss, Paris, France
The Forgotten Bar Project, Galerie Im Regierungsviertel, Berlin
U-TURN Quadriennial for Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Auto Stop, Malmö Konsthall, Sweden
FROM THOUGHT TO ACTION Open air exhibition, Roskilde Festival/V1 Gallery, Denmark
Socle du Monde, Herning Kunstmuseum, Denmark
Andersen's Wohnung Revisited (1996-1999), Andersen's Contemporary Berlin, Germany
Danskjåvlar – a Swedish Declaration of Love, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen
Carnegie Art Award 2008, Scandinavia/EU
- 2007 *Lys over Lolland (Light over Lolland)*, Oreby Castle, Denmark
Star of Africa Diamond, Patricia Low Gallery, Gstaad, Switzerland
[natúrligvís], Nordens Hus, Faroe Islands, Denmark
MAD LOVE –ung kunst i danske privatsamlinger (Young Danish Art in Private Collections), ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
5 years anniversary show, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen Denmark
Oprør i skoven, Koh-i-noor, Copenhagen, Denmark
Werkleitz Biennale, Happy Believers, Halle, Germany
- 2006 *CPH KUNSTHAL Centennale – 700 % PLUS*, Kbh Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark
MALERHJERNE! Ungt dansk maleri ("PAINTER'S BRAIN!" Young Danish Painting), ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
Bjerger i dansk kunst – fra Willumsen til Parfyme, (Mountains in Danish Art – from Willumsen to Parfyme), Herning Kunstmuseum, Denmark
Goldiggers, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland
Painting as Presence, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin & Taidehalli, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 *Painting 2004*, Gallery Victoria Miro, London, GB
Momentum, Moss 2004, Norway
- 2002 *Stop for a moment – Painting as Presence*, Wäinö Altonen Artmuseum, Finland, and ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Denmark

Carnegie Art Award 2002, Scandinavia/EU

2001 *Scandorama*, Galleri Art Box Århus, Denmark

Wonderful Copenhagen, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany

2000 *Den Fantastiske Udvej (The Fantastic Way Out)*, Albertslund Rådhus, Albertslund, Denmark

Carnegie Art Award, Scandinavia/EU

SELECTED ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

2020 Politiken, Emilie Kleding Rasmussen, "Jeg bryder mig ikke om, når noget er helt clean" 04.09

Politiken, Mathias Kryger, Supermarkedskunst, 01.09

Kristeligt Dagblad, Mai Misfeldt, Køner griber fat om den endeløse hedonisme i forbrugsdrømmen anno 2020, 27.08

Elephant Issue 43, A Problem, Shared. John Køner, Summer

2019 Wallpaper*, Elly Parsons, John Køner tackles the British sports of cycling, running and drinking

2018 BØRSEN PLEASURE, Kvinden bag kunstnerne, 24.08

Atelier – Børsen, Andreas T. Kønig, <https://borsenatelier.dk/>

2017 Ud & Se, Køner og Kastanjen, maj

Kunsten.nu, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Altid mange problemer

2014 Politiken, Dorte Hygum Sørensen, Knud Romer og John Køners ABC, 03.06

2013 Louisiana Channel, Christian Lund, How we behave, video interview

DR, P1 radio, Bagstiv billedkunstner

Børsen, Bente Scavenius, Fanget i sin verden af kunst, 10.05

Trine Ross, interview med John Køner i New York, 11.10

Information, Michael Jeppesen, Fat Bønnetæppet radikale, 07.07

Politiken, Lone Theils, Køners nye London udstilling er temmelig dumdrstig, 21.01

Weekendavisen, Fred med kunsten, 11.01

Kristelig Dagblad, Dorte Washuus, Når kunst spærres inde 04.05

Kunsten.nu, Lisbeth Bonde, Spooky og sprællevende

Kunsten.nu, ugens kunstner, 08.05

2012 København, Camilla Bøjesen Schmit-Andersen

Kunstkritikk, Pernille Albrechtsen, Kunstkritikerpris til John Køner og Skulpturi, 16.05

2011 DR K tv, Michael Jeppesen, Kunstrazzia, 11.01

Information, Michael Jeppesen, En følsom kunstner går i aktion, 02.11

Kunstkritikk.nu, Jacob Lillemose, Kunst og prostitution, 30.08

Trine Ross, Køner, kunst og kvinder til salg, 01.09

- 2010 Politiken, Peter Michael Hornung, Kørnens Krig, 29.12
Berlingske Tidende, Sarah Skarum, Elefanten trutter Tivoli i gang, 13.04
- 2008 Politiken, Camilla Høy-Jensen, Interview: Danmark i krig, 06.09.
Berlingske Tidende. Kørnens Farve, Nilo Zand, 26.10.
- 2007 Flash Art, Angela Rosenberg: John Køner, January/February issue
- 2006 Weekendavisen, Lisbeth Bonde: Chagall på cykel, 08.12
Time Out, Helen Sumpter, John Køner, 06.12
Børsen, Bente Scavenius, Den velhavende gule bank 16.08
Politiken, Birger Thøgersen, En særting slår igennem, 24.06
- 2004 Weekendavisen, Lisbeth Bonde, Håndværkerkunst: Folkekunstner og avantgardist, 19.11
- 1999 Politiken, Trine Ross, Ateliersamtaler: En eftertænksom fætter, 26.09

SELECTED PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS AND DECORATIONS

- 2025 Alma Madmarked, Frederiksberg, Denmark
- 2018 Mural at University of Aarhus, HKH Kronprins Frederik Center for Public Leadership, Denmark, Ny Carlsbergfondet
Mural, Det Gamle Rådhus, Aabenraa, Denmark
- 2016 Sculpture of Victor Cornelius (1898-1985), Nakskov Station, Nakskov, Denmark
- 2014 Holbæk art, Mural in Holbæk, Denmark
- 2011 Altarpiece, Østerhåb Kirke, Horsens, Denmark
Decoration at Risikov upper secondary school, Århus, Denmark
- 2009/10 Decoration at Fredrik VIII's Royal Palace, Copenhagen
- 2007/08 Decoration at The Royal Danish Playhouse, Copenhagen
- 2006 Woman with 24 Problems, Mural, Amagerbro Metrostation, Copenhagen
Mural, Tjørringhus, Herning, Denmark
- 2005 Interior decoration, The Court in Randers, Denmark

BOOKS AND CATALOGUES

- Running Problems, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, 2018
John Køner, Roulette Russe, 2017
John Køner / Maleri, Forlaget Bjerregaard, 2016
John Køner – Graphic Works 1996-2015, Narayana Press. 2015
ABC, in collaboration with Knud Romer, Carlsen, 2014
Caught – HEART Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, 2013
John Køner – Familien/The Family, Galleri Bo Bjerregaard, 2013
Fallen Fruit From Frisland, Victoria Miro Gallery, 2013
John Køner, Lubok Verlag, 2012

Women for Sale – The Workers' Museum, 2011
War Problems – Graphic works, Atelje Larsen, 2009
War Problems, Victoria Miro Gallery, 2008
2006 Problems, Victoria Miro Gallery, 2006
AROS BANK, Container, 2006
The problem of performing, Gl. Strand, 2004
Guide to The Greenland Problem, Container, 2003
A modern problem, Container, 2003
The Fantastic Way Out, Space poetry, 1999, 48 pages in colour
Jeg Taler til Jer, Museumsbygningen, 1999, 24 pages in colour

FILMS

Kunstnerkolonien i Skagen, DR2, 2020
Jeg taler til Jer, Jørgen Leth, 2013
Regnbueaber, Martin De Thurah & John Kørner, 2011
My Seven Best Paintings, Container Productions & Tyk Film Aps. 2007

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Dannebrogordenen, 2015
Residency ISCP New York, Kunststyrelsen, 2013
Ny Carlsbergfondets Rejselegat, 2013
Vilhelm Pachts Kunstnerlegat, Akademirådet, 2012
Eckersberg Medaillen, 2012
Kunstkritikerprisen, Danske AICA, 2012
Carnegie Art Award, 2000, 2008
Honorary grant, Niels Wessel Bagge's Arts Foundation 2006
3 year working grant, The Danish Arts Foundation, 2003

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING POSTS

Museum of art in public places, Køge, Denmark, artist talk with filmmaker Jørgen Leth, 2010
Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, guest lecturer / workshop, 2010-2013
Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
Goldsmiths, London, England, guest lecturer / workshop, 2010
De Ateliers, Amsterdam,
The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark, temporary position, 2008
Art Academy, Düsseldorf, Germany, guest lecturer, 2008
Helsinki Academy of Fine Arts, Finland, guest lecturer / workshop, 2008
Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark, 2005
Member of The Danish Arts Council, 2002
Board member, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, 2001-2002