

PER BAK JENSEN

Born in 1949, Copenhagen, Denmark

1980-86: The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen

1986-2009: Associate professor at The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen

Lives and works on Stevns, Denmark

Works in Public Collections:

Arken Museum of Modern Art; Ishøj, Denmark

Aros Aarhus Art Museum; Aarhus, Denmark

Bibliothèque Nationale; Paris, France

Bornholm Art Museum; Gudhjem, Denmark

Brandts – Museum of Art and Visual Culture; Odense, Denmark

De Pont Museum of Contemporary Art; Tilburg, Holland

Esbjerg Art Museum; Esbjerg, Denmark

Hallands Konstmuseum; Halmstad, Sweden

HEART – Herning Museum of Contemporary Art; Herning, Denmark

International Center of Photography; New York City, USA

Louisiana – Museum of Modern Art; Humlebæk, Denmark

Metropolitan Museum of Art; New York City, USA

Moderna Museet; Stockholm, Sweden

Museum Kunst der Westküste, Föhr, Germany

Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York City, USA

Museum Salling; Skive, Denmark

Nasjonalmuseet; Oslo, Norway

National Museum of Photography/Royal Library; Copenhagen, Denmark

Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek; Copenhagen, Denmark

Sorø Art Museum; Sorø, Denmark

SKMU – Sørlandets Art Museum; Kristiansand, Norway

National Gallery of Denmark; Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected Projects:

A.P. Møller-Mærsk; Rolighed, Skodsborg, Denmark

Danish Parliament; Copenhagen, Denmark

Denmark's National Bank; Copenhagen, Denmark

Herlev Hospital; Centre for Meditation and Faith, Denmark

Holte, Parish Community Centre; Holte, Denmark

Hospice Djursland; Rønne, Denmark

KPMG; Copenhagen, Denmark

Odense, Parish Community Centre; Thomas Kingo's Church, Denmark

Plesner Cobber Tower; Copenhagen, Denmark

University College Campus; Silkeborg, Denmark

University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Vartov Community Centre; Copenhagen, Denmark

Grants and Awards:

Thorvaldsen Medal

Eckersberg Medal

Danish Arts Foundation Honorary Grant

Selected Solo Exhibitions:

2025 *I Want to Learn About Life*, Sorø Kunstmuseum, Sorø, DK

2024 *Sene Samtaler / Late Conversations*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark

2023 *Humming Earth*, Museum Kunst der Westküste, Föhr, Germany

2022 *Vidnesbyrd / Testimony*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark

2020 *Vartegn II/ Sign II*, Ekely, Copenhagen, Denmark

- 2019** *Afterland / Evening Land*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017** *Himmelgåde / Celestial Enigma*, Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand, Norway
- 2016** *Dagslys / Daylight*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Vartegn / Sign, Ekely, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015** *Skjult / Hidden*, Sorø Kunstmuseum, Denmark
- 2013** *ECHO – Per Bak Jensen i dialog med Fyns Kunstmuseum*
- 2012** *Near and Far*, Europe House, London, UK
Fortabelse / Lost, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011** *Bevægelse / Movement*, Kunsthallen Gl. Holtegaard, Holte, Denmark
Bevægelse / Movement, Maison du Danemark, Paris, France
- 2010** *Signe et Mouvement*, Galerie Suzanne Tarasiève, Paris, France
Tornbilleder, Glasgangen, Løgumkloster Refugium, Løgumkloster, Denmark
Per Bak Jensen - Obra Reciente, El Centro Fotográfico Manuel Álvarez Bravo, Mexico
- 2009** *Before the Darkness*, Dunkers Kulturhus, Helsingborg, Sweden
In our Midst, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008** *Tilsagn / Promise*, Kunstforeningen Det Ny Kastet, Thisted, Denmark
- 2006** *Days in Vienna*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Genkomst / Return, Aros, Århus, Denmark
The Secret Room, Kristiansund Kunstforening, Kristiansund, Norway
Per Bak Jensen, SMK, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2004** *Figure and Landscape*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2003** *Image no. 7*, Trapholt Art Museum, Kolding, Denmark
- 2002** *Visual Offences*, Heart Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Denmark
- 2001** *Per Bak Jensen*, Galleri Niklas von Bartha, London, UK
- 2000** *Pure Nature*, Galleri von Bartha, Basel, Switzerland
Surrounding, Sønderborg Slot, Denmark
Surrounding, Sorø Kunstmuseum, Denmark
New Zealand, Albertslund Town Hall, Denmark
- 1998** *Wandering*, Stalke Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
New Zealand, Sarjeant Galleri, Whanganui, New Zealand
Bringing out, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Denmark
- 1997** *Bringing out*, Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
- 1996** *Pilgrim Pictures*, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek Loggia, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1995** *Politikens Tryk*, Politikens Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1993** *The Being of Places*, Louisiana, Humlebæk, Denmark
 (on the occasion of publishing of the book *Stedernes Væsen/The Being of Places*)
- 1992** *New Photographs*, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1991** *Amager Pictures*, Traneudstilling Gentofte Kunstbibliotek, Denmark
- 1990** *Project the Elevated Railway*, Nørrebro railway station, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1989** *Per Bak Jensen 1989*, Fotomuseet Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
- 1988** *The Mysterious City*, Galleri GARI, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1985** *Per Bak Jensen 1985*, Galleri A Gruppen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1981** *Per Bak Jensen 1981*, Galleri Image, Århus, Denmark

Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2024** *Artists' Picks*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015** *Den Monokroma Symfonin*, Artipelag, Stockholm, Sweden
Stafetten, Kunstforeningen Gl Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2014** *100 x Forår - Den Frie*, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
Shades of Black on White, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2013** *Two Men with Glasses and a Woman in an Igloo* (with A K Dolven and Daniel Richter)
 Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Denmark
State of the Art, Copenhagen Photo Festival, Slottet, Carlsberg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2012** *Recollections – of Willumsen*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Sense of Place, European Landscape Photography, BOZAR, Brussels, Belgium
Sarajevo Winter Festival - Jesper Just, Joachim Koester and Per Bak Jensen,
 Bosnien Hercegovina
- 2011** *Helt ude i skoven / Out in the Wildwood*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark

- 2010** Sjælens Spejl. Naturfølelsen i dansk kunst, Holstebro kunstmuseum
Possible Meaning, Budapest Spring Festival, Hungary
Hærvejen, Exhibition Project at Hærvejen in Jutland for The Danish Arts Foundation, Denmark
- 2009** Vanishing Landscapes, Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicka, Salzburg, Austria
BMW Paris Photo Prize 2009, Paris, France
- 2008** Nordiske Stemninger, Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
Den Frie, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007** Spor, The National Photomuseum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006** New Photography from Denmark, Scandinavia House, New York, USA
- 2005** All Things must pass (with Erik Steffensen) Semina Rerum, Galleri Irene Preiswerk, Zürich, Switzerland
The Shadow, Sorø Kunstmuseum, Denmark
Helmut Federle - A Nordic View, Galerie Nächst St. Stephan, Vienna, Austria
Scandinavian Photography II: Denmark, Faulconer Gallery, Grinnell, Iowa, USA
- 2004** Easter Exhibition, Skive Kunstmuseum, Denmark
- 2002** Oluf Høst i dialog med nutiden, Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Denmark
- 2001** Natur lighed (with Ane Henriksen), Holstebro Kunstmuseum, Denmark
Nyerhvervelser, Museet For Samtidskunst, Oslo, Norway
- 2000** Ambassaden, Kørners Kontor, Copenhagen, Denmark
Reflex, Århus Kunstbygning, Århus, Denmark
Overlaps, Harjah Art Museum, The United Arab Emirates
- 1999** Hein Heinsen and Per Bak Jensen, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1997** Stalke 1987-1997, Galleri Stalke, Copenhagen, Denmark
Brekt Bein, Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway
- 1996** Survival, Raurna Biennale Balticum 1996, Finland
Kobe Aid Fund, Nihonbashi, Tokyo, Japan
- 1995** Overlooking the City - Copenhagen, as it is perceived, Charlottenborg, Denmark
- 1994** Per Bak Jensen and Øivind Nygård, Frederiksborg Castle, Hillerød, Denmark
Transhistorie, Kunstforeningen GI Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1993** Guest artist at the Claude Monet exhibition, Louisiana, Humlebæk, Denmark
- 1992** I-D Nationale, Portfolio Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 1990** New York Fotografi 1890 & 1990, Sophienholm, Lyngby, Denmark
Nordic Art Exhibition, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
12e Festival Photographique du Trégor, Bretagne, France
Fotofest, Houston, Texas, USA
D'un Art l'Autre, Biennale Internationale, Marseille, France
- 1989** Septembre de la Photo. 1re Biennale Internationale, Nice, France
- 1988** Himmelgåden, Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1986** Photographs – from the Collection of the Royal Library, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1985** Nordic Photo Art, Fotomuseet Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
- 1982** Foto Gallery, 492 Broome Street, Soho, New York, USA
The Frozen Image, Scandinavian Photography, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, USA
- 1979** Print Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected books:

- 2022** Per Bak Jensen, *The Shadow's Wandering*, Strandberg Publishing
- 2018** Per Bak Jensen: *The Character of Silence*, Forlaget Gyldendal
- 2013** Per Bak Jensen: *Øjets Stemme / Voice of the Eye*, Forlaget Gyldendal
- 2010** Johannes Riis: *Per Bak Jensen – Guds Hus*, Statens Kunstfond
- 2006** Mikkel Bøgh: *Per Bak Jensen – Det Usete billede/The Unseen Image*, Forlaget Bjerggaard
- 2002** Mikkel Bøgh: *Per Bak Jensen – Forseelse/Visual Offences*, Forlaget Bjerggaard
- 2001** Per Bak Jensen: *Hengivne Øjeblikke/Devoted Moments*, Forlaget Gyldendal
- 2000** Erik Steffensen: *New Zealand*, Albertslund Rådhus
- 1993** Per Bak Jensen: *Stedernes Væsen / The Being of Places*, Forlaget Gyldendal

Books published in connection with major exhibitions:

- 2016** Synne Rifbjerg, Susanne Jensen: *Gensyn*, Tønder Art Museum
2015 Mette Sandbye: *Hidden*, Sorø Art Museum
2011 Joakim Garff: *Movement*, Gl. Holtegaard
2009 Magnus Jensen, Morten Søndergaard: *Before the Darkness*, Dunkers Kulturhus
2008 *Promise*, Det Ny Kastet
2006 *Return*, Aros Art Museum
2002 *Visual Offences*, Herning Museum of Contemporary Art

Documentaries:

- 2015** *The Presence of the Absent*. Louisiana Channel, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art
2015 *Skjult*. Kim Høgh Mikkelsen og Sidse Carstens
2006 *Fotografi*. Steen Møller Rasmussen, Plagiat Film
1996 *10 Kunstarter: Kunstfotografiet*. Martin Lund, Copenhagen Broadcast
1991 *Per Bak Jensen - en fotograf*. Steen Møller Rasmussen, Plagiat Film