

OVERGADEN.

This timely exhibition takes a critical glance at the received myth of Denmark as a liberal, democratic welfare state.

A **abuse of power** *see police state.* **administrative detention** *see lout laws.* administrative deportation, expulsion of foreigners with temporary residence by the state power without court authorisation. **Afghanistan** the country in which Denmark has waged war for eight years with Danish losses of 32 dead and more than 100 severely disabled soldiers. The number of dead Taliban fighters and civilian Afghans is unknown.

alcohol the most widely-used drug in Denmark. Approximately 95% of the population drink alcohol, which comprises an integral part of the daily lives of most Danes. We drink alcohol both on an everyday basis and at festivities, and for many people, the vast majority of social gatherings would be quite unimaginable without it. Until about ten years ago, it was quite normal at many workplaces to drink a beer in the coffee break or lunch hour. This is however becoming a rarer sight, and drinking is now primarily done in leisure time. Every Dane aged over 14 consumes an average of 11.6 litres of pure alcohol annually. Alcohol consumption is evenly spread across all social classes.

allotment garden the epitome of Danishness. It is here that the world situation is generally sorted out across the hedge, with the aid of a beer – not a fancy, trendy beer, but a good old Danish Tuborg. This is where the community thrives, and the Danish discipline of 'cosiness' is cultivated in a big way. This is where the Danish flag flies in the breeze, and the smell of grilled sausages mingles with the fragrance of newly-mown grass and lilacs. *See Dannebrog.*

anti-terror package the first version, which was passed in 2002 and given a number of amendments in 2006, was launched as a defence of democracy. The wording of the package is however so vague that the law can be used against any kind of activist protest expressing dissatisfaction with the organisation of society. Using the anti-terrorism package, foreigners with residence permits can now be deported without trial, and Danish nationals can be extradited for trial abroad.

assimilation the rejection of all cultural identity other than 'Danish'. This is also often what is meant by the word 'integration'. **asylum centre** a camp where people risk being detained for years, and consequently languish, become desperate, commit suicide or go insane.

asylum-seeker in Denmark in 2010, asylum-seekers come mainly from Afghanistan, Iran and Syria. In March 2010, there were 3,306 residents in the Danish Red Cross asylum centres.

asylum policy Denmark's asylum policy is among the strictest in the world. *See inhumane.*

B **bacon** Danish farmers produce around 25 million pigs annually. More than 85% of this production is exported, making Denmark the world's largest exporter of pork. Bacon used to be the main product, but today it represents only a minor part of the export.

bank package state economic subsidies to the private banking sector (adopted unanimously by the Danish parliament in connection with the financial crisis), designed to ensure the survival of the banks after their adventures in the financial markets during the boom. The bank packages represent a historic economic contribution from the treasury to the private financial market, using the justification that this was necessary in order to avoid economic chaos and harmful effects for ordinary people. However, the bank packages provide no help for distressed home-owners or people under threat of redundancy.

broad-mindedness is not something you can take a course in, or acquire by having the right opinions. Neither is it something you can achieve by correctly answering a multiple-choice test. Broad-mindedness is about being open towards values, lifestyles and beliefs other than your own. Up through the 1970s and '80s, we Danes boasted of Danish broad-mindedness. Today it is hard to see anything to boast about.

Brorson's Church "Uniformed men protected behind visors and shields broke into a church packed with sleeping families.

Children saw their fathers and elder brothers being handcuffed and led away. Children do not have long memories, and the Iraqi children have never known anything other than the wire fences around the asylum camps and the sedative routines of camp life, so they didn't know what it meant when their fathers were taken away in the middle of the night by broad-shouldered men. Their mothers have longer memories, so they knew. This was what it was like in the Iraq from which they fled, and that was why they fled."

bubble with the economic crisis, it was not only the housing bubble that burst, but also the very notion of self-regulating market capitalism. *See bank package, property market.*

bullies psychological portraits of bullies show that many have low self-esteem. They do not fundamentally believe that they are OK, for which reason they also find it hard to believe that others are OK. Many bullies are insecure people. They are typically afraid of everything that is different, and averse to change. People who think differently or introduce changes make bullies nervous, and they react by bullying those who are different.

burka ban the proposal to prohibit people covering their faces when wearing Muslim clothing such as the burka and niqab. The ban would apply everywhere in the public domain, as the burka is perceived as un-Danish and undemocratic.

burka committee the government committee which was able to reveal that no less than three women wear the burka in Denmark.

C **camp** *see asylum centre.* **change of scenery** desired. **chorus** "We have nothing to hide." **Christiania** the normalisation of the free city represents the state's attempt to eliminate this symbol of rebellion against the system, so that the area can be transformed into lucrative sites for the private property market.

Christianity the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark sets its stamp on the lives of Danes from the cradle to the grave. The festivities of the church year mark the seasonal rhythm of society, with public holidays for Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. In Denmark, there is no separation between church and state. The Danish parliament, which forms the core of Danish democracy, opens each year after the summer break with a Christian religious service.

citizenship test every fifth Dane would be incapable of passing it. **civic duty** *see consumption.* **civil disobedience** arises when citizens, in their impotence, discover that representative democracy is no longer acting in their interests, and therefore take matters into their own hands. In Denmark, civil disobedience is considered a sign of bad upbringing or "a mild form of terrorism".

clapping hat Reimar Bo. **climate change summit** cf. COP15, unsuccessful attempt to conclude a global agreement to combat climate change which will be vital for the future of humans and wildlife worldwide. *See train games, pincer movement.*

clothing ban *see burka ban.* **coaching** the solution advanced in the noughties for everything from students' exam anxieties to politicians' media performances.

cohesion people who live here should think, act and behave in the same way, to ensure the smooth functioning of society. **colonial power** most Danes are unaware that Denmark was once an active colonial power with a violent history. We see ourselves as the nice boy in the class – democratic and decent. Such a self-image cannot be reconciled with the role of a colonial power. Consequently, we choose to repress this aspect of our history. *See Faroe Islands, Greenland.*

conversation kitchen a Danish human right and a central element in every Dane's life. Can fortunately be constantly renewed and equipped with more designer furniture, designer oven gloves and designer eggcups.

community will the financial crisis mean a goodbye to the "me first" culture and a hello to the EU?

compassion *see short-supply item.* **consumption** central aspect of life in Denmark.

compulsive ideas there is a general terrorist threat against Denmark and Danish interests abroad, and some ordinary people

around the world, through myths and misinformation, have acquired a negative and distorted view of Denmark.

constitution section 71 subsection 1 "Personal liberty is inviolable. No Danish citizen may be submitted to any form of detention by reason of his political or religious beliefs or ethnic origin." *See lout laws, anti-terror package.*

consumption spree a desirable development in which we are all constantly encouraged to take part.

core competency *see state racism, pork.* **criticism** *see cultural struggle, chorus.*

cultural canon list of exemplary items of Danish architecture, art, design and crafts, films, literature, performing arts and children's culture, compiled in 2004 as a key weapon in the nationalist cultural struggle. The canon was aimed at foreigners, and was intended to "raise awareness of the kind of society in which we live", because "cultural re-armament is the best remedy against spiritual darkness".

cultural struggle the Danish government's campaign against experts, arbiters of taste, round-table educators and Muslims, designed to defuse criticism, sanction acts of war and state racism, and promote Danish culture. *See cultural canon.*

currency the Danish krone, bearing the profile of the monarch, is considered an important part of Danish identity, which it is not desirable to replace with the euro.

D **Dannebrog** the Danish flag. The name 'Dannebrog' means 'the Danish flag,' or 'the red flag'. Most Danes associate it with birthdays, holidays, allotment gardens or national sporting events. Dannebrog is an important national symbol, which, like prophets, must not be caricatured or dishonoured.

Danishness = intolerance, narrow-mindedness and insistence on the notion of a special Danish community, of which only some people wish to be a part.

democracy rule by the people. It sounds simple enough - the people rule - but it soon turns out that there is disagreement among both theoreticians and politicians concerning the precise meaning of *Demos*, "the people", and *Kratos*, "power", and in particular, the pre-conditions that are necessary in order for democracy to function as intended.

demonstration the public display of an opinion shared by a group of people. In Denmark, opportunities to demonstrate have been curbed by the *anti-terror package* and the *lout laws*.

detached house a detached residence with a garden, designed to provide a home for a family with children. In 2006 there were 1,019,387 such houses in Denmark. *See nuclear family.*

detention incarceration, violation of the freedom to choose your place of abode. The police can be empowered to undertake detention through arrests, and the court may decide to imprison an accused person. The powers of the Danish police to detain people have been considerably enhanced by the anti-terror legislation and the *lout laws*. **discount store** it is quite possible to combine the favourite food store of the Danes with a 'conversation kitchen' and expensive Danish design.

E **ecology** in Denmark, a welfare symptom primarily concerned with lifestyle and images of peasant idyll, rather than caring for the environment or for the people involved in the production of the goods consumed. The Danish eco-boom can be explained by our desire for products that "tell a story". **eel** fried ~ : Cut the cleaned eel into pieces 8-10 cm long and turn them in flour, salt and pepper. Brown in butter on all sides over strong heat. Then turn down the heat and fry for 15-30 minutes, depending on the thickness.

ego trip something that parents who send their children to private schools are on (does not apply if the parents are parliamentary politicians).

elementary school *see ego trip.*

empathy *see short-supply item.*

equal pay in Denmark, men earn on average 12-19% more than women. One of the reasons for the pay gap is that Denmark has one of the most gender-segregated labour markets in the world. There are far more men than women in top political, scientific

and managerial positions, in both the private and the public sector.

expert *see cultural struggle.* **explain away** "The fact is that the Danish government did not use weapons of mass destruction to justify taking part in the Iraq campaign. Our reason was Saddam Hussein's failure to co-operate with the UN. That makes a difference." The then prime minister, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, in *Jyllandsposten*, 4 November 2008.

F **family with children** *see nuclear family, wanted children.* **fear** an emotional response to threats and intimidation. *See misanthropes.* **fear of the dark** "Danish culture and identity has kept the country together and preserved us as a homogeneous people through civil wars and revolutions. This culture and identity is now under attack, and attempts are being made to break it down. Many people feel frustrated by this development, and it is necessary to buttress the values and norms that have been built up over centuries, and which spring from our Christian heritage."

feminist term of abuse.

fighting dogs thirteen different dog breeds, popularly known as fighting dogs, have been banned. *See muscle dog.*

foreign worker *see guest worker.*

freedom a vague concept flung about by Danish politicians, and which is described as being particularly characteristic of Denmark. *See lout laws, anti-terror package.*

freedom of choice *see privatisation.*

freedom of speech in Denmark, freedom of speech consists mainly of the right to express scorn, mockery and ridicule of Muslims and other minorities. The argument is that it is inviolable.

free town *see Christiania.*

frisk zone a form of martial law imposed upon a restricted area, in which the police can search people and their belongings without any suspicion that a person has committed an offence.

Faroe Islands *see colonial power.*

G **Gallup survey** reveals that around every third Dane believes in ghosts, horoscopes or the abilities of clairvoyants to read minds and make contact with the dead. **gender quotas** regarded in Denmark as an undemocratic and discriminatory means of achieving equality.

genuine ~ Dane, *see citizenship test.*

glossy image widespread idea of Denmark. *god see Mærsk.*

Greenland *see colonial power.*

guest worker name for the foreigners who came to Denmark in the 1960s and 70s to work. As the name implies, a guest worker is expected to eventually go home or travel on to another location. During the economic boom of the late 1960s, Denmark invited people from countries such as Turkey, Pakistan and the former Yugoslavia to come to the country to help to alleviate the labour shortage. Since 1973, a general moratorium has been imposed on importing guest workers from countries outside Scandinavia and the EU. *See new Dane.*

H **happiness** *see home equity, conversation kitchen.*

happy pills between 200,000 and 300,000 Danes suffer from depression, and more than 200,000 are being treated with antidepressants. Happy pills are used by people suffering from depression, but also by people with other problems who have difficulty getting their everyday lives to function. We refuse to put up with problems, whatever their size, because it is unacceptable to feel bad. We put up with well-being, because "Anything else is a pretty poor show".

heteronormativity the norm that the heterosexual couple relationship which procreates children is the goal and meaning of every human life.

home equity the dogma of the noughties which facilitated the slogan "everyone has the right to a great kitchen".

hospitality should refer to "I must – and this is an unconditional injunction – welcome the Other whoever he or she is unconditionally, without asking for a docu-

ment, a name, a context or a passport. That is the very first opening of my relation to the Other: to open my space, my home – my house, my language, my culture, my nation, my state, and myself." *See short-supply item.*

humility *see short-supply item.*

humour *see irony.*

I **idyll** *see glossy image.* **illusion trick** *see explain away.*

immigration package this year's new version, described as a 'firm but fair' immigration policy, represents the most radical reform of immigration legislation since 2002 and a further tightening of the already discriminatory rules, thereby creating inhumane conditions for families and failing people in need. The tightening-up has created a sorting machine which denies permanent residence to non-resourceful aliens, i.e. anyone who does not possess *integration potential*.

Immigration Service (formerly the Immigration Board), state agency, located under the Ministry of Integration. The Immigration Service implements the Danish asylum and refugee policy, which is concerned with restricting immigration to Denmark, including rejecting and expelling foreigners and others without Danish citizenship. The word 'service' in the name of the institution must be assumed to be some kind of sick joke.

inequality not everyone experienced rising prosperity during the boom period which preceded the financial crisis. If we look at changes in income levels, Danish society has experienced increasing polarisation from 2001 onwards, due amongst other things to the capital gains that home-owners have received over the past ten years.

indolence *see middle class.*

inhumane *see asylum centre.*

inhuman *see Brorson's Church.*

integration *see assimilation.*

integration readiness/integration potential the Danish selection criterion for UN-HCR quota refugees which ensures that a refugee is able to contribute productively to Danish society.

Iraq "Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. This is not just something we believe; it is something we know. Iraq has itself admitted that it has had mustard gas, nerve gas and anthrax, but Saddam Hussein will not disclose the details. He will not tell us where and how the weapons have been destroyed. We have been told this by the UN inspectors, so there is no doubt in my mind", explained then Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen on 21 March 2003 at a press conference on the basis for war in Iraq.

irony form of humour regarded as being particularly Danish. Lack of understanding of this kind of humour is perceived as un-Danish and a sign that the person concerned is over-sensitive.

J **Jagtvej 69** controversial site in Nørrebro – the address at which the 'Youth House' formerly stood. The Youth House was a venue for cultural activities which stood in opposition to popular mainstream culture. After years of conflict between the building's users and Copenhagen Municipality, the house was cleared in 2007 in a brutal police action, then demolished as part of the normalisation campaigns that have dominated the urban sphere for the past decade. **Jante's Law** "You must not think you are something special. You must not think you are worth as much as us. You must not think you are smarter than us. You must not delude yourself that you are better than us. Do not think you know more than us. You must not think you are greater than us. You must not think you are good at anything. You must not laugh at us. You must not think anyone likes you. You must not think you can teach us anything."

L **lifestyle** lifestyle choices comprise the real essence of life in Denmark. This choice primarily rests on decisions which relate to the individual's own identity, as expressed through consumer choice.

lout laws a legislative package which significantly restricts the possibility of giv-

ing public voice to political opinions at demonstrations. People who 'obstruct police work' may be imprisoned for up to 40 days the very first time they are arrested, and the police have the right to detain people administratively for up to 12 hours. Even people not directly participating in riots, but who find themselves in the vicinity, may be arrested and punished by imprisonment of up to 40 days. The lout laws have brought about a marked increase in fines for acts deemed to violate public order or disturb the peace. *See democracy, section 114.*

lunchpack scheme the three daily meals provided to rejected asylum-seekers, replacing their introductory benefits.

M

majority *see middle class.*

market forces the answer to virtually all types of problems associated with the current challenges to the welfare state. *See privatisation.*

mass arrest favourite tactic used by the Danish police since the turn of the new millennium. The increased police powers to carry out preventive arrests made mass arrests a daily phenomenon during the COP15 summit, when long chains of demonstrators were forced to wait for hours to be transported to the specially-created climate conference detention centre. *See train games.*

mass immigration judging by developments in policy towards immigrants over the past ten years, this constitutes a real and urgent threat which could put an end to the entire Danish idyll.

meaningless *see Afghanistan.*

mental breakdown likely consequence of incarceration in an asylum centre.

middle class disoriented social segment. We do not know what to do with ourselves, apart from acquiring more material goods, buying organic products produced on the other side of the world, and making good dinners. The middle class constitutes the majority of the Danish population, *see conversation kitchen.*

middle class tyranny dominates the Danish society with middle class values that leave little room for understanding of different values or mindsets.

misanthrope "To these misanthropes I say: go to hell!"

Mohammed crisis *see freedom of speech.*

monarchy not regarded by the majority of the Danish population as an anachronistic and undemocratic institution, but rather as an integral part of our national identity, and something of which we are extremely proud. The wedding of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary in 2004 was staged as a public festival, and thereby secured the survival of the Danish monarchy for another generation. Despite its inherited privileges, the monarchy is regarded as an indispensable element in the Danish *brand*.

motivating measures coercive instruments applied by the state to asylum-seekers in situations where the law or international conventions prohibit the use of coercion. Usually the people concerned are rejected asylum-seekers who do not wish to go home voluntarily and cannot be forcibly deported. The measures designed to provide the motivation to leave include the canteen scheme (*see lunchpack scheme*), the obligation to report to the police several times a week, and relocation to a particularly unattractive camp.

muscle dogs have been placed on a short legislative leash. *See fighting dogs.*

myopia something from which most Danes suffer. *See reputation.*

Mærsk the businessman who endowed the Danish people with an opera house and enshrined himself in the symbolic series: God, the Monarch and Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller.

N

narrow-mindedness Danish characteristic. **new Danes** a term used since the 1990s – in relation to immigrants, children of immigrants or refugees – to describe people who are apparently quite new to Denmark.

normalisation *see Christiania, heteronormativity, Jagtvej 69.*

nuclear family family unit consisting of a father, a mother and children. In Denmark, the nuclear family is the norm from which there are certain deviations. These are not, however, taken seriously as valid proposals for ways in which life can be arranged. The nuclear family must be preserved and defended to prevent society from disintegration, and it is thus beyond reproach. The marked rise in the number of single women choosing to become single mothers by artificial insemination is perceived by some as a threat to the nuclear family and an ominous social trend. *See heteronormativity.*

O

opera house *see Mærsk.*

opinion poll the latest one indicates that customers have already forgotten the Super

Best meat scandal.

opposition *see short-supply item.*

over-rated *see coaching.*

P

parent property purchase *see property market.*

parody the opposition.

pincer movement a police manoeuvre developed in the battle against demonstrators during the Youth House conflict, and used with success at COP15, when about 400 people were isolated by this means. *See train games.*

police state *see demonstration, train games, mass arrest, frisk zone.*

population the Danish population is estimated to be around 5.5 million, and has repeatedly been described as the happiest in the world.

populism "1. Historical ~ : reactionary, anti-enlightenment ("misanthropes") and, at best, nostalgic longing for the old peasant country, where no Jews or Muslims were to be seen, and you could be amused by everyday pleasures pronounced in dialect speech. 2. Stylistic ~ : simple and unspoiled folksiness. 3. Ideological ~ : a corporative and sometimes fascist outlook. 4. Political ~ : racism, i.e. anti-Semitic, anti-Islamic, anti-Catholic or anti-Slavic xenophobia. 5. Legal ~ : territorial and nationalist, sometimes ethnically-based, promotion of sovereignty."

pork *see bacon.*

porn legalisation, of which the Danes are very proud.

private schools *see ego trip.*

privatisation growing phenomenon, promoted under the banner of 'free choice for all', which has helped to erode the welfare state and its principles on the basis of the motto of the healthy competition of the free market.

property market the last two decades of wide-ranging liberalisation in mortgage legislation, combined with a series of tax breaks for parents buying property for their children, created a property market with huge gains and equity for those who had the opportunity to ride the wave. Overall, legislative changes to the private property market have brought about economic inequality and have done away with the welfare state idea of the right to cheap housing.

public enemy anyone who does not participate in the chorus of praise for Denmark, especially Muslims, cultural radicals, round-table educators, activists and possibly feminists. *See lout laws.*

R

racism the current form of racism in Denmark is a variety of cultural racism which no longer refers to a biological concept of race; instead, the concept of culture has become the determining factor. One does not, therefore, speak of inferior biological races, but instead of individuals who come from "a different ethnic background".

red-stocking *see feminist.*

reformulation *see freedom of speech.*

repressive *see section 114, police state, state racism.*

reputation not something you need to be concerned about, irrespective of whether it is your own or the nation's. *See Mohammed crisis.*

residence permit something of which you must make yourself worthy, no matter whether you have fled from war, persecution or torture. *See utility value, integration potential.*

responsibility moral ~: responsibility for acts and their consequences. This usually refers to the harm that an individual, a group or society as a whole can inflict on other individuals, groups or societies. In certain situations, however, the damage is made invisible. In such cases, we should perhaps speak of 'moral responsibility avoidance'. *See short-supply item.*

room room for all. *See smoker, self-deception.*

round-table pedagogy a trend condemned in a campaign beginning in 2001.

S

scorn mockery and ridicule *see democracy, freedom of speech.*

section 114 anti-terrorism clause which makes a wide range of crimes punishable with terms of imprisonment up to life. The second part of section 114 is an unusual innovation in Danish criminal justice, in that it deals with punishing involvement in involvement. Section 114 is a tool which enables the criminalisation of resistance and political activism.

short-supply item *see empathy, hospitality, equal pay, humility.*

self-deception the notion of Denmark as a liberal, tolerant and democratic place where there is room and welfare for all.

self-image *see self-deception.*

servicing something that a car needs every now and then, and which the Aliens and Integration Act has recently undergone to make it even harder for immigrants to stay

in Denmark. *See citizenship test.*

sex object an exclusively positive and unproblematic role model, strived for by Danish women and men of all ages.

shadow person paperless refugee. More than 2,000 paperless refugees are believed to be living in Denmark.

smokers regarded by the resourceful part of the Danish population as social losers, devoid of willpower and the ability to get themselves organised and acquire a conversation kitchen, summer cottage and home equity. *See room.*

solidarity *see short-supply item.*

state racism institutional racism, consisting of structures adopted by society which discriminate against people on the basis of their culture or ethnicity.

symbol politics a special type of politics that dominates the domestic politic scene, which is empty of content and instead consists of a circus of symbols, personality cults and stage-management.

T

tax the main contributor to the welfare state throughout the twentieth century. In future, Denmark Ltd. will provide welfare services via the private sector.

tax avoider *see work.*

tax relief = government power.

terror war on ~, an absolute political-strategic discourse which divides the political space into legitimate and illegitimate power, preventing a proper understanding of the political conflict. *See compulsive ideas.*

threat refugees were once regarded as persecuted individuals who should be protected. Today, refugees are a mass phenomenon which threaten the very idea of the Danish nation and its survival. *See compulsive ideas.*

tightening-up the Minister for Employment has tightened up, so that no-one can 'hide' on benefits.

tolerance *see short-supply item.*

train games "One by one they were cuffed with plastic wrist ties and placed on the asphalt beside each other, and here they were left to sit in long lines for several hours." *See summit on climate change, mass arrest.*

U

un-Danish lately, it has become sufficient for many politicians to describe something as Danish or un-Danish, so that we do not need to hear the actual arguments.

utility value required quality for a citizen of Denmark.

W

wanted children psychologists and educators speak of a generation of so-called "wanted children" who have been treated like princes and princesses since birth. Neither parents nor educators impose limits on them. The latest figures for alcohol consumption show that Danish young people hold the European record for drunkenness. Other new trends show that children of school age have obtained parental consent for tattoos, and that teenage girls are increasingly having operations for breast enhancement and liposuction. Children must be self-managing in their own lives – it is a part of the overall process of individualisation that is imposed on them as a social norm.

warfare *see Afghanistan, Iraq.*

weapons of mass destruction subsequently, not a part of the official justification for the invasion of Iraq in 2003. *See explain away.*

welfare state "Not as much as a bent five-øre piece will be saved in 2010."

X

xenophobia a phenomenon which finds expression when people who have come here from elsewhere in the world are denigrated and called 'cuckoos', 'pigs', 'rats' and 'parasites', and their religion is branded as 'plague', 'all-consuming hatred' and 'evil', or when people in distress who have been shut away in asylum camps are broken down psychologically and end up committing suicide.

Y

youth house *see Jagtvej 69.*

Z

zero growth, another term for cut-backs in state spending.

Kathrine Bolt Rasmussen & Katarina Stenbeck, curators of the exhibition Denmark 2010 - Instructions to the Nation of the Happiest People in the World.

Kristina Ask (b. 1971) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen and Malmö Konsthögskola in 2003; **A.W.** is an artists group established in Copenhagen in 2009; **Jes Brinch** (b. 1966) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 1992; **Nermin Durakovic** (b. 1979) graduated from the Funen Art Academy in Odense in 2005; **Christian Yde Frostholm** (b. 1963) graduated from the Academy of Creative Writing in Copenhagen in 1983; **Gåafstand** is an informal walking club founded by Pia Rönicke and Nis Rømer in 2005 for people with an interest in the changes, infrastructure and planning of the city; **Julie Edel Hardenberg** (b. 1971) graduated from Den Nordiska Konstskolan in Kokkola and the Art Academy in Trondheim in 1999 and from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2005; **Joachim Hamou** (b. 1967) graduated from Istituto d'Arte Scenica in Pontremoli in 1990; **Ulla Hvejsel** (b. 1975) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2006; **Maryam Jafri** (b. 1972) graduated from Brown University in Providence in 1994, New York University/Tisch School of the Arts in New York in 1998 and Whitney Independent Study Program in New York in 2000; **Carsten Juhl** (b. 1946), MA in History and Italian Studies from the University of Copenhagen, currently associate professor at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen; **Elsebeth Jørgensen** (b. 1970) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2002; **Ask Katzeff** (b. 1981) MA in Modern Culture and currently a PhD fellow at the University of Copenhagen; **Pablo Llambias** (b. 1964) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 1997, currently principle of the Academy of Creative Writing in Copenhagen; **Jørgen Michaelsen** (b. 1961) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 1994; **Ellen Nyman** (b. 1971) graduated from the Actor's School at Aarhus Theater in 1997; **Olof Olsson** (b. 1965) graduated from Fotografiska Akademin in Stockholm in 1995 and the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2002; **Karen Mette Fog Pedersen** (b. 1981) studies Art History at the University of Copenhagen; **Kathrine Bolt Rasmussen** (b. 1975) is an art historian educated from Aarhus University who works as a curator at Overgaden; **Oliver Ressler** (b. 1970) graduated from Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien in 1995; **Tesnim Sayar** (b. 1988) studies at the Kolding School of Design; **Share Your Country** was formed in 2003 and consists of Jonas Smedegaard Buus and Kevin Lytsen. Jonas Smedegaard Buus (b. 1975) graduated from the Danish Design School in Copenhagen in 2006 and Kevin Lytsen (b. 1975) graduated from the Jutland Art Academy in Aarhus in 2005; **Åsa Sonjasdotter** (b. 1966) graduated from the Art Academy in Trondheim in 1996 and the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2000; **Katarina Stenbeck** (b. 1974) is an art historian educated from the University of Copenhagen and Goldsmiths College University of London who works as a curator; **Johan Tirén** (b. 1973) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2003 and Malmö Konsthögskola in 2004; **Lars von Trier** (b. 1956) graduated from the National Film School of Denmark in 1983; **Joen P. Vedel** (b. 1983) studies at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen; **Jeppé Wedel-Brandt** (b. 1980) MA in Modern Culture from the University of Copenhagen and editor of visAvis; **Marie Bruun Yde** (b. 1981) MA in Modern Culture from the University of Copenhagen; **Thomas Bo Østergaard** (b. 1981) graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen in 2010.

PERFORMANCE

Friday 25 June at the opening there will be a performance by Olof Olsson. The performance entitled *awful, awful, awful* explores how language sometimes doesn't quite seem able to express our anger, fear, enthusiasm or love and sometimes offers pleasures and agonies itself.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Friday 3 September Overgaden presents the exhibitions *Children of the New Age* by Søren Martinsen and *Sindet har ingen tid* by Rose Eken. The last day of the exhibitions is Sunday 31 October 2010.

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