

JØRGEN HAUGEN SØRENSEN, Denmark

Jørgen Haugen Sørensen (b. 1934) is one of Denmark's most esteemed and decorated sculptors. At the age of 15 he began a traineeship in pottery-making and two years later made his national debut at the prestigious Spring Exhibition ("Forårsudstillingen") at Charlottenborg. The exhibition was an instant success for the young artist, who was hailed as the greatest Danish sculptor since Bertel Thorvaldsen.

Since the age of 19, Haugen Sørensen has lived and worked in various European metropolises such as Paris, Verona and Barcelona. In 1971 he moved to Pietrasanta in Tuscany, Italy, which has served as his primary residence ever since.

With his portfolio being dominated by various installations in bronze and clay throughout the 1960's, Haugen Sørensen made a transition into marble and granite in the 70's, his style gradually shifting in colour scheme and format. As time went on, his sculptures took on a darker and more cynical appearance, where the smoothness of the surface was brought to clash with a contemptuous and growling undertone. The artist's infamous stylistic expression encapsulates the cold and gloomy aspects of the human condition, where terms such as innocence and dignity are unknown.

The people and animals of Jørgen Haugen Sørensen's world often overlap in a series of violent, revolting and frightening constellations. Despite the continuous theme of cynicism, the sculptures are always drenched in a layer of sarcasm and dark humor.

Jørgen Haugen Sørensen has exhibited widely in Denmark and internationally. He has done countless commissions, redefined city spaces, squares and parks, erected enormous sculptures in capitals such as Seoul, Ankara and Rome, and decorated numerous official institutions - notably the Copenhagen Court-house in 2013; a job that Thorvaldsen was initially given 200 years ago.

Jørgen Haugen Sørensen was awarded the Eckersberg Medal in 1969 and the Thorvaldsen Medal in 1979; the highest national honor a Danish artist can achieve.



SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021: *The Man with the Dog*, Museo di Palazzo Pretorio, Castello dell'Imperatore, il Cassero Medievale, Prato, Italy
- 2020: *Crowding at the Gate of Stupidity*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
A Dark Story in White, Messums London, London, UK
- 2019: *Time Meets Time, a dialog exhibition*, J.F. Willumsens Museum, Frederikssund, Denmark
The Innocent Guilty, Veiner Konstgalerie, Vianden, Luxembourg
- 2018: *The Innocent Guilty*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Via Lattea / Milky Way (with Giovanni Meloni), Det Italienske Kulturinstitut, Hellerup, Denmark
- 2017: *The Crowd*, Pietrasanta, Tuscany, Italy
- 2016: *A Dark Tale in White*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015: *Domino Effects, Tegninger*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Mine Hinkeruder, Tusch og akvarel på papir, Svanekegaarden, Bornholm
- 2014: *Justitio og vidnerne*, Thorvaldsens Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2013: *La Telaraña, (with Eli Benveniste)*, Oaxaca, Mexico
Den Sorte Sangbog, Tegneudstilling Brøndums Forlag, Denmark
Den Sorte Sangbog, Bronzeskulpturer, Galleri Profilen, Aarhus, Denmark
De ved hvad de gør, Skovgaardmuseet, Viborg, Denmark
Jørgen Haugen Sørensen, Gustavberg Porselins museum, Stockholm, Sweden
Dommen eller noget jeg har læst, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011: *Jørgen Haugen Sørensen i Cisternerne; I dialog med Norbert Tadeusz*, Bornholm's Kunstmuseum, Bornholm, Denmark
- 2010: *Kagefade til en nation i krig*, Svanekegaarden, Bornholm, Denmark
Hesteæderne (with Thomas Boberg), Galleri Claus Christensen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008: *Exposition Centro Fotográfico*, Oaxaca, Mexico
Tidens Alfabet (with Eli Benveniste), Galleri Profilen, Aarhus, Denmark
Vidnerne De Andre, Det Ny Kastet, Thisted, Denmark
- 2007: *Tegninger og Digte (with Merete Pryds Helle)*, Galleri Claus Christensen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Mens vi venter, Skulpturgaden, Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006: *De æder, vi spiser*, Galleri Nørbye, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2005: *Før og lidt efter (with Peter Lautrop)*, Edison, Frederiksberg, Denmark
- 2004: *That's why they call them dogs*, Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Bornholm
That's why they call them dogs, Felleshuset der Nordischen, Berlin, Germany
En Ny Aftale, Galleri Veggerby, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2003: *Jørgen Haugen Sørensen og Eli Benveniste*, Brøndsalen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2002: *Jørgen Haugen Sørensen*, Vigelands- Museet, Oslo, Norway
- 2001: *Time, Cause And The Undecidable*, Mae d'Águas das Amoreiras, Lissabon, Portugal
- 2000: *Jeg Mener Jeg Ser, Retrospektiv*, KunstCentret Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg, Denmark
Jeg Mener Jeg Ser, Retrospektiv, Sophienholm, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999: *Jeg mener jeg ser*, Ny Carlsberg Glyptoteket, Copenhagen, Denmark
Silent Witness, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1998: *Retrospektiv*, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Esbjerg, Denmark
Galleri Weinberger, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1997: *Franz Pedersen Kunsthandel (with Troels Wörsel)*, Horsens, Denmark

- 1996: *Jørgen Haugen Sørensen*, Hillerød Kommune, Hillerød, Denmark
Sten og Ler, Frederiks Bastion, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Skissernas Museum (with Staffan Nielsen), Lund, Sweden
 Can Altimira, Barcelona, Spain
 Galerie Anne Marie (with Giovanni Meloni), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1995: *Lerskulpturer*, Bornholm Kunstmuseum, Bornholm
- 1993: *Retrospektiv*, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, UK
Retrospektiv (with Carl Henning Pedersen), Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1992: Galleri Movitz (with Rikard Larsson), Stockholm, Sweden
- 1991: Halkbank Sanart Galerisi, Ankara, Turkey
 Dolmebache Palace, Istanbul, Turkey
Kyklopen (with Christian Lemmerz), Ny Carlsberg Glyptoteket, Copenhagen, Denmark

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020: *ENTER Art Fair*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019: *Beyond the Vessel*, Meşher, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017: *The Brask Collection Meets Willumsen*, J. F. Willumsens Museum, Frederikssund, Denmark
Grønningen, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016: *Art Herning*, with Hans Alf Gallery, Herning, Denmark
- 2015: *Kölner Liste*, Scope Basel, Art Copenhagen, Art Herning, Hans Alf Gallery
- 2014: *Scope New York*, Scope Basel, Hans Alf Gallery
Art Herning, Art Copenhagen, Hans Alf Gallery
- 2013: *Art Forum*, Scope Miami, Hans Alf Gallery
- 2011: *Keramikfestival Brandpunkt Terra*, Oude Kerk, Delft, The Netherlands
- 2010: *På Tværs*, Valby, Copenhagen, Denmark
Patriarkerne, Museet for Religiøs Kunst, Lemvig;
 Stiftung Christliche Kunst Wittenberg, Germany (with Bjørn Nørgaard, Bodil Kaalund and Ingvar Cronhammar)
- 2008: *10° Festival Internacional de Puebla*, Mexico
Cosa guardi?, Grafiche Aurora, Verona, Italy
- 2006: Galleri Profilen, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2004: *4 x Eros*, Galleri Profilen, Aarhus, Denmark, (with Erik A. Frandsen, John Olse and Jens Birkemose)
- 2002: Galleri Profilen, Aarhus, Denmark
- 1999: *Premio Internazionale di Scultura Constantino Nivola*, Det Danske Akademi i Rom, Rome, Italy
- 1998: *IX Biennale Internazionale di scultura*, Città di Carrara, Italy
- 1997: *Images of Denmark*, Nationalteatret i Accra, Ghana
Tidevand, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1996: *Monstra Internazionale di Scultura*, All´aperto, Gambarogno, Lago Maggiore, Switzerland
Dansk skulptur i 125 år, Denmark
- 1995: *Human Touch*, Tronheims Kunstforening 150 år, Norway
Grænselandsudstillingen 1970-1995, Denmark
- 1994: *Art Exchange Madras Scandinavia Tamil Nadu*, India

AWARDS AND FUNDINGS

- 2016: Premio Fratelli Roselli – Pietrasanta e la Versilia nel mondo
 1998: Haslunds Kunstnerfond
 1994: Anne Marie Carl Nielsen
 1984: The Danish Arts Foundation's lifelong grant
 1979: Thorvaldsen's Medal 1979
 1977: Premio Europeo Umberto Biancamano
 1970: Victor Freund
 Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen
 1969: The Eckersberg Medal
 1965: The Danish Arts Foundation's 3-year stipend
 1963: The Critics' Prize at the Youth Biennale, Paris
 1960: New Carlsberg Foundation's Rome stipend
 1959: Kai Nielsen
 Carlson's Prize
 1958: The Academy 1956
 The French State Grant
 1956: Bielke

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Aros, Aarhus, Denmark
 Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Bornholm
 Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US
 Den Kongelige Kobberstiksamling, Copenhagen, Denmark
 ESKUM, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Esbjerg, Denmark
 The French University in Istanbul, Turkey
 Fyns Kunstmuseum, Odense, Denmark
 HEART, Herning, Denmark
 Helsingborg Museum, Helsingborg, Sweden
 Horsens Kunstmuseum, Lunden Sønderborgkarret, Sønderborg Gågade, Denmark
 Jønkøbing Museum, Jønkøbing, Sweden
 KUNSTEN, Aalborg, Denmark
 Kastrupgårdssamlingen, Kastrup, Denmark
 Kunstmuseet Trapholt, Kolding, Denmark
 Kunstcentret Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg, Denmark
 KØS, Køge, Denmark
 Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
 Lunds Arkivmuseum, Lund, Sweden
 MoMA Museum of Modern Art, New York, US
 Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Portofino Sculpture Park, Portofino, Italy
 Randers Kunstmuseum, Randers, Denmark
 Silkeborg Kunstmuseum, Silkeborg, Denmark
 Skive Kunstmuseum, Skive, Denmark
 Sonja Henie og Niels Onstads Stiftelser, Høvikodden, Norway
 Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark

Storstrøms Kunstmuseum, Maribo, Denmark
Sønderjyllands Kunstmuseum, Tønder, Denmark
Vejle Kunstmuseum, Vejle, Denmark
Vestsjællands Kunstmuseum, Sorø, Denmark
Yorkshire Sculture Park, Wakefield, UK