

## JEPPE HEIN

*(Copenhagen, Denmark, 1974)*



Jeppe Hein studied at the Royal Danish Academy of Arts in Copenhagen and the Städelschule für Bildende Künste in Frankfurt. Hein is widely known for his production of experiential and interactive artworks that can be positioned between the junction of Art, Architecture, and technical inventions.

Unique in their formal simplicity and notable for their frequent use of humor, his works engage in a lively dialogue with the traditions of Minimalist sculpture and Conceptual art of the seventies. Hein's pieces often feature surprising and captivating elements that place spectators at the center of events and focus their experience and perception on the surrounding space.

The influence of conceptual art movements on Hein's work can be seen in projects such as *One Wish for You* (2020), where he created balloons that looked like they were made of plastic and inflated by helium but were actually made with fiberglass, chrome lacquer and a magnet that holds them to the ceiling.

The material ambiguity of the piece lies in the naturalness with which the balloon moves against the most subtle breeze and the technical process behind it, something that allows Hein to show how our understanding and perception of daily objects are more in a subjective assessment than in their materiality itself. At the same time, the distortion of space that can be seen on the surface of the balloons reaffirms the idea that our gaze is under constant transformation.

He currently lives and works in Berlin, Germany.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2023** Under overfladen / Under the surface, SMK Thy, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Appearing Rooms, Kunsthaus Baselland, Freilager-Platz, Basel, Switzerland  
WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES WHAT DO YOU SEE, Maruani Mercier, Knokke, Belgium  
Share your perspectives, The Artbarn, Cape Schanck, Australia
- 2022** Playground Eierplatz Monheim, Monheim, Germany  
The best things in life aren't things, Gerisch Foundation, Neumünster, Germany  
Changing spaces, Rockefeller Center, New York, USA  
Distance, Korschthal Esch, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg  
Who are you really?, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden  
Right here, Right Now, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France  
Right Here, Right Now, LIX Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy
- 2021** You Are Everything, Galería RGR, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2020** Today I feel like, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany  
Circular Appearing Rooms, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Germany
- 2019** Breathe with Me, UN Headquarters and Central Park, New York, USA  
Change Yourself, Politiken Forhal, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018** In is the Only Way Out, Cisternerne, Copenhagen, Denmark  
INHALE–HOLD–EXHALE, Kunstmuseum Thun, Thun, Switzerland
- 2017** YOUR WAY, Château La Coste, Le Puy Sainte-Réparate, France  
At Sense verden i dig selv, The Museum of Religious Art, Lemvig, Denmark  
Distance, SKMU Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand, Norway  
Jeppe Hein, Modified Social Benches NY, Southbank Centre, Festival Terrace & Queens Walk, London, UK

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- 2016** A New End, World's End, Trustees of Reservation, Boston, USA  
Reflection, Kistefos-Museet, Jevnaker, Norway  
Sculpture 21st, Jeppe Hein, Lehmbrock Museum, Duisburg, Germany  
Jeppe Hein Semicircular Space, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia  
Interact With Art – Modified Social Benches, Ventana Contemporary, Ibiza, Spain
- 2015** CThis Way, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany  
Jeppe Hein: Please Touch the Art, Brooklyn Bridge Park New York, Public Art Fund, USA
- 2014** Distance, LIFE - Lieu International des Formes Emergentes, Saint-Nazaire, France
- 2013** Jeppe Hein, Ordrupgaard Collection, Charlottenlund, Denmark  
There Are No Ordinary Moments, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
YOU, Johann König at St. Agnes, Berlin, Germany  
Distance, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark  
A Smile For You, Wanås Konst, Knislinge, Sweden  
A Smile For You, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2012** Hexagonal Water Pavilion, Neues Museum Nürnberg, Germany  
Robert-Jacobsen-Preisträger, Museum Würth, Bad Mergentheim, Germany
- 2011** 360°, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan
- 2010** 1 x Museum, 10 x Rooms, 11 x Works, Jeppe Hein, Neues Museum Nürnberg, Nuremberg, Germany  
Distance, IMA – Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, USA  
Jeppe Hein, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA), Perth, Australia  
Appearing Rooms, Perth International Arts Festival, Perth, Australia
- 2009** Sense City, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark  
Invisible Labyrinth + Frac Île-de-France, Théâtre National de Chaillot, Paris, France  
Please, Please Please ..., Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

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- 2008** Illusion, Frieze Art Project, London, UK
- 2007** Objects in the Mirror are Closer Than They Appear, Carré d'Art, Musée d'art contemporain de Nîmes, Nîmes, France  
Distance, The Curve, Barbican Art Centre, London, UK
- 2006** Reflection, Hayward Gallery, London, UK  
Appearing Rooms, Preston, UK  
Usynlig Labyrint, X-Rummet, Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark  
This exhibition is in some way a contribution to the beauty, the ugliness, the stupidity and the cheerfulness in life, Sies + Höke Galerie, Düsseldorf, Germany – Centre d'art Contemporain La Synagogue, Delme, France
- 2005** Invisible Labyrinth, Espace 315, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
Distance, The Moore Space, Miami, USA  
Private Rain, Sculpturepark Bodø, Nordland, Norway
- 2004** Intervention Impact, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany  
Distance, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, Germany
- 2003** Continuity Reflecting Space, Foundation La Caixa, Barcelona, Spain
- 2002** Take a Walk in the Forest at Moonlight, CAPC Musée d'art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022** Aus Spiel wird Kunst, Museum Ritter, Waldenbuch, Germany  
Sport, Spass & Spiel, Kunsthalle Würth, Künzelsau, Germany  
Breathing, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany  
Seriously fun, König Galerie, Berlin, Germany(MAP), Pudong, China
- 2020** In aller Munde, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany  
Right Here. Right Now, Kunsthalle Kiel, Germany  
Living in the City, Tempelhof Airport, Berlin, Germany  
ECHT UND FALSCH, Skulpturen Triennale Bingen, Bingen, Germany  
Neon Delight, Centre for International Light Art Unna, Unna, Germany
- 2019** A Rose is a Rose is a Rose, HOW Art Museum, Wenzhou, China  
May You Live in Interesting Times, 58th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia, Italy  
Negativer Raum, ZKM / Zentrum für Kunst und Medien, Karlsruhe, Germany  
Move, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark  
Now is the Time, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany  
Lust der Täuschung, Ludwig Forum Aachen, Germany
- 2018** Wunderkammer, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Esbjerg, Denmark  
POST WATER, National Mountain Museum of Turin, Italy  
Space Shifters, Hayward Gallery, London, UK  
Starry Nights, ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Isøj, Denmark  
NO ORDINARY MOMENTS, EMMA Museum, Tapiola, Espoo, Finland  
SELVSPEJLINGER I, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Esbjerg, Denmark  
Play, City Circuit for contemporary art, Kortrijk, Belgium

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- 2017** Cool, Calm, and Collected, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark  
Miroir Miroir, MUDAC, Lausanne, Switzerland  
Light in Darkness, ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Isøj, Denmark
- 2016** Im Käfig der Freiheit, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany  
Die Kerze, Museum Frieder Burda, Baden Baden, Germany  
Roppongi Art Night annual event of Mori Art Museum, Roppongi Hills, Tokyo, Japan  
The World was Flat, Now it's Round and it will be an Hologram, Museo de Arte de Zapopan (MAZ), Zapopan, Mexico
- 2015** Kunst i sollys, ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Isøj, Denmark  
Construire une Collection, Villa Sauber, Nouveau Musée National de Monaco, Monaco  
Würth, Museum Würth, Künzelsau, Germany
- 2014** The Grass is Always Greener, Museum of Contemporary Art, Roskilde, Denmark  
Vanitas, Ewig ist eh nichts, Georg Kolbe Museum, Berlin, Germany  
Bikuben, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Utah, USA  
Moving Parts: Time and Motion in Contemporary Art, Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum at University in St. Louis, Misuri, USA  
Spielobjekte, Museum Tinguely, Basel, Switzerland
- 2013** DYNAMO. A Century of Light and Motion in Art, 1913-2013, Galeries Nationales, Grand Palais, Paris, France  
The Great Magic – Selected Artworks from the UniCredit Art Collection MAMbo, Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Bologna, Italy  
I knOw yoU, IMMA – Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland  
Acting in the City, Norrköping Konstmuseum, Norrköping, Sweden
- 2012** Invisible, Hayward Gallery, London, UK  
Parallelwelt Zirkus, Kunsthalle Wien, Austria  
Treffpunkt: Berlin, Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark

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- 2011** Totem and Taboo, quartier21 International MuseumsQuartier, Wien, Austria  
Rewriting Worlds, 4th Moscow Biennale of contemporary art, Moscow, Russia  
Yokohama Triennale 2011, Our Magic Hour, Japan  
Höhenrausch.2, OK Offenes Kulturhaus Oberösterreich, Linz, Austria  
No, No, I Hardly Ever Miss a Show, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland  
Die Kunst der Entschleunigung Bewegung und Ruhe in der Kunst, Kunstmuseum, Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2010** Bild für Bild - Film und zeitgenössische Kunst, Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
- 2009** Circus Hein, FRAC Orléans, Orléans, France  
Silent, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Japan  
DLA Piper Series: This is Sculpture, Tate Liverpool, UK  
The Kaleidoscopic Eye: Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Collection, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
KURS: SØEN, Vestsjællands Kunstmuseum Sorø, Denmark
- 2008** Fabricateurs d'espaces, Institut d'art contemporain Villeurbanne, Lyon, France  
Museum as Medium, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Vigo (MARCO), Vigo, Spain
- 2007** The World as a Stage, Tate Modern, London, UK  
Just Use it!, Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Aalborg, Denmark  
The Freak Show, Musée d'art contemporain, Lyon, France
- 2006** Le mouvement des images, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
Play Station, Sprengel Museum, Hanover, Germany  
Backdrop, Bloomberg Space, London, UK
- 2005** Moving Parts, Museum Tinguely, Basel, Switzerland universal experience. Art, life, the tourist eye, MOCA, Chicago, USA  
Ecstasy. In and about altered states, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), California, USA

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- 2003** Interludes, 50th Biennale di Venezia, Italy  
Das lebendige Museum, MMK, Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2002** Ingrepp, Uppsala Kunstmuseum, Uppsala, Sweden  
I promise it is political, Museum Ludwig, Köln, Germany  
Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, Germany
- 2001** La Couleur Seule, Musee d'Art Contemporain, Lyon, France



## COMMISSION WORK PROJECTS

- 2020** Today I Feel Like...Ilulissat, SPS College, Ilulissat, Greenland  
Your Journey, Copenhagen Airport, Denmark  
Eye of the North, Langåsen Natur- og Skulpturpark, Svolveær, Lofoten, Norway  
All Your Wishes, Terminal B of La Guardia Airport, New York City, USA
- 2019** Water Pavilion Rosemary Square, West Palm Beach, USA  
Modified Social Benches Elsass Foundation, Elsass Fonden, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018** Path of Emotions, Fondation Carmignac, Porquerolles Island, France  
Bench of Expectation, MGM Springfield, USA  
Mirror Labyrinth Besthoff Sculpture Garden, New Orleans Museum of Art, City Park, New Orleans, USA
- 2017** Modified Social Benches for Lemvig, Lemvig Havn, Denmark  
Coloured Mirror Balloons, Kongens Nytorv Station, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Reflecting Gardens, IGA 2017, Gärten der Welt, Berlin, Germany  
Water Pavilion Norra Djurgårdsstaden, Bobergsplats Stockholm, Sweden  
Endless Connection, Aarhus harbour, Denmark
- 2016** Path of Silence, Kistefos Sculpture Park, Jevnaker, Norway
- 2015** Mobile of Enlightenment, VIA University College Aarhus, Denmark  
Blue Modified Social Bench, Copenhagen/Kastrup, Denmark  
Long Modified Bench Waitematā Green, Waitematā Auckland, New Zealand  
Hexagonal Light, Novo Nordisk, Plainsboro, USA
- 2014** Reflecting Frequencies, House of Music, Aalborg, Denmark  
Double Reflection, Facade for New Media Library Högskolan Dalarna, Falun, Switzerland

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- 2013** Spaces Between Trees and People, Munich-Pasing, Germany  
Hide and See(k) - Water Pavilion Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Encircle, Place Lapérouse, Albi, France  
Mirror Labyrinth Athletic Village London, Olympic Park, London, UK
- 2012** Appearing Rooms Forrest Place, Perth, Western Australia  
Water Pavilion Assens, Assens, Denmark
- 2011** Water Pavilion Aalborg, KUNSTEN Museum for Modern Art Aalborg, Denmark  
Double Exposure Blue, KPMG, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2010** Water Island Morsbroich, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany  
Mobile EnBW, Stuttgart, Germany  
Long Modified Bench Expo 2010, Water Pavilion Expo 2010, Danish Pavilion, Expo 2010, Shanghai, China (with BIG- Bjarke Ingels Group)
- 2009** Follow Me, Bristol University, Bristol, UK
- 2008** Lightline, Sydbank, Aabenraa, Denmark  
Water Flame, Houghton Hall, Norfolk, UK  
Appearing Rooms, Expo 2008, Zaragoza, Spain  
Monsieur Canal, Thoraïse, Canal du Rhône au Rhin, France
- 2007** Water Flame, Geo Center, Møns Klint, Denmark  
Mirror Labyrinth Chiswick Park, London, UK
- 2006** Place de la Fleur, Lorient, France  
Water Island, Leeuwenborgh College Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2005** 3-Dimensional Labyrinth and Long Modified Bench, Anyang Public Art Project, Korea  
Illuminated Benches, Torino, Italy



## **AWARDS (SELECTION)**

- 2018** Carl Nielsen and Anne Marie Carl-Nielsens Award, Denmark
- 2014** ARKENs KUNSTPRIS, Denmark
- 2013** Ars Fennica award of the Henna and Pertti Niemistö Ars Fennica Art Foundation, Finland
- 2012** Robert-Jacobsen-Preis der Stiftung Würth, Germany
- 2011** Kulturpris Vordingborg Kommune, Denmark
- 2010** 3-year grant of Statens Kunstfond, Denmark
- 2009** Artist in Residence Atelier Calder, Saché, France  
Honorary Chair Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, USA



## COLLECTIONS

ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark

SMK, Statens Museum for Kunst, Denmark

Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark

MNAM-Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Fonds National d'Art Contemporain (FNAC), Paris, France

Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain (FRAC), Marseille, France

Neues Museum Nürnberg, Germany

MMK, Museum für Moderne Kunst Frankfurt/M, Germany

Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany

Lehnbachhaus, Munich, Germany

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Tate Gallery, London, UK

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), California, USA

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