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PRESS RELEASE

## IN PLACE OF THE PLACE

Opening: Friday the 22nd of August from 17 – 20 pm.

Duration: August 22nd through September 13th 2008.

Thursday - Saturday from 12 to 17

**The participating artists are:** Delphine Bechard, Esben Gyldenløve, Claus Haxholm, Sofie Hertz, Emil Westman Hertz, Kasper Hesselbjerg, Deirdre Humphrys, Morten Skrøder Lund, Fredrik Tydén

The exhibition is organised by Heine Klausen and Magnus Thorø Clausen

After a general tendency to negate the sculpture category in the nineties on behalf of more direct social strategies, the latest ten years have seen a renewed interest in and movement towards the field of sculpture. The new sculptural works share an interest in the 'meanings' that arise from working with a given physical material, whether this material be wooden slabs, chewing gum or noise. The sculptures are made from specific materials which are often taken from an everyday context and which are closely related to the place and time in which they exist. The renewed interest in physical qualities in the works is thus not a farewell to social engagement or social problems (like eco-catastrophies, homelessness or whatever), it seems rather to argue that a more complete notion of what we share and have in common will have to pass through the physical matter of which all of sociality is essentially comprised. From this follows that the sculptural works balance on the edge of our habitual way of understanding our surroundings, maybe also that they sometimes go places to where our logical thoughts can't follow. But at the same time they are specific physical phenomena with both feet on the ground. With the exhibition **In place of the place** we want to present a variety of young sculptors that from this position – with the actual space as a reference point - work toward the possible borders of matter.

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