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## **CRITICAL FORMS**

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2. February - 1. March 2008 – thursday - Saturday. From 12 - 17.

Skulpturi.dk has invited Lars Bent Petersen to curate this exhibition. The purpose of CRITICAL FORMS is to focus on sculpture's critical dialogue with the surrounding society. The primary idea is that the field of sculpture can no longer be perceived simply as an aesthetic phenomenon but that it, since the nineties, has to be considered as an increasingly critical and language based practice aimed at shedding light on the current social, political and historical contexts.

One of the main questions raised by the exhibition is how this dialogue with society can be shaped. The invited artists represent different strategies as far as this is concerned; from social realism to more formal investigations, from the didactic to everyday politics. Together they form a spectrum of opportunities for the critical awareness of contemporary sculptural work. Another question raised by the exhibition is. What does it imply when the critique is not merely directed at a given context but at the same time is bound to a given object and some very physical choices that are decisive for the reception of the sculpture? The title for the exhibition, CRITICAL FORMS, points to this double edge, i.e. that the works are critical but that, because of their formal and physical nature, they have to exercise self-criticism as well. The sculptures establish a direct relation with the world around them but question at the same time whether it is at all possible to establish a critical position within art.

Sculpture as critique supports the relevance of the sculptural genre in the current social reality. But this movement is double as well, because there is also a movement toward the formal which can be interpreted as a statement concerning the critical relevance of aesthetics.

The participating artists are: Lone Haugaard Madsen, Frans Jacobi, Pernille Kapper Williams, Hesselholdt / Mejlvang, Henrik Olesen, Heimo Zobernig, Walking Distance (Pia Rönicke & Nis Rømer), Jacob Borges, Johannes Christoffersen, Pernille With Madsen, Lars Bent Petersen, Martin Erik Andersen.

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