

## JOHN KØRNER

Born 1967 in Aarhus, Denmark

Lives and works in Copenhagen, Denmark

### Education

1998 Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *John Kørner: CRAZY AWAKE*, Kunsten Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Aalborg, Denmark
- 2023 *Water Running Results*, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*John Kørner*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2022 *Cosmopolitan Super Fruits*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*Liquids and Lights*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2021 *Intercontinental Super Fruits*, MOCAD - Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, USA  
*John Kørner: Understanding the Impact of Architecture*, Danish Architecture Center, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2020 *John Kørner - Crazy Watermelon Shipping*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*John Kørner - Open the Door*, Keeteler Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2019 *John Kørner: Running Box*, Konsthall 16 / Riksidrottsmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Life in a Box*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*Graphic Works, Ekely*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018 *Space Train*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland  
*John Kørner: Problems in Perspective*, Deweer Gallery, Belgium  
*Tripoli – Lampedusa*, Museum Emma, Espoo, Finland  
*Running Problems*, Museum Dhondt Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium
- 2017 *Blue Bedroom*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Altid Mange Problemer*, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 *Life Attacks You*, Brandts, Odense, Denmark  
*Apple Bombs*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*Outdoor Struggling*, Museum Belvedere, Heerebveen - Oranjewoud, Netherlands  
*Grafisk Konst Från Atalja Larsen: John Kørner, (Graphic Art from Atelje Larsen)*, Dunkers Kulturhus, Helsingborg, Sweden  
*Graphic Works 1996-2015*, Mukeruphus, Dronningmølle, Denmark  
*Graphic Works 1996-2015*, Vejle Kunstmuseum, Vejle, Denmark
- 2015 *Grafik 1996-2015 (Graphic Works)*, Kastupgårdsamlingen, Kastrup, Denmark  
*Grafik 1996-2015 (Graphic Works)*, Odsherred Kunstmuseum, Asneas, Denmark

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- 2013 *Familien (Family)*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Fallen Fruit from Frisland*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*CAUGHT, HEART*, Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning, Denmark
- 2012 *SEX*, IMO projects, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 *Women for Sale*, The Workers' Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2009 *The New Museums*, Gallery Christian Larsen, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Work Out*, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*Jacob, Sebastian, Benjamin, Jacob and Dan*, Andersen's Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 *War problems*, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2006 *Woman with 24 problems – Exhibition of graphical works*, Politikens Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*2006 Problems*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*AROS Bank*, ARos, Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2005 *den 1:a på Moderna*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden  
*5 Problems*, Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, Sweden  
*Kunsthall*, Københavns Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Den Femte*, Første Til Venstre, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Statements*, Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- 2004 *The Problem of Performing*, Kunstforeningen Gl. Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*SUPERDANISH*, Toronto, Canada  
*The Design of Productions*, Gallery Maze, Torino, Italy
- 2003 *CONSTRUCTION SETS – works on paper*, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, Sweden  
*The Greenland Problem*, Herning Museum of Art, Herning, Denmark
- 2002 *Be On Show*, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*POST*, Galleri Franz Pedersen, Horsens, Denmark  
*Den Fantastiske Udvej (The Fantastic Way Out)*, Albertslund Rådhus, Albertslund, Denmark
- 2001 *Teater*, Århus Museum of Art – Project-room-installation, Århus, Denmark
- 2000 *Dig Og John's Engagement*, Galleri Søren Houmann, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999 *Jeg Taler Til Jer (I am Talking to You)*, Museumsbygningen Kunstauktioner, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Street Sharks*, Kørnens Kontor (Kørners Office), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1998 *Slappe dig Og Andre Intentioner (Relaxed You and Other Intentions)*, Blegdamsvej 18, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Problem*, Galleri Phønix, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1997 *Slap A (Relax)*, Kørnens Kontor (Kørners Office), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1995 *Glæde og Harmoni (Joy and Harmony)*, Rådskælderen, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark

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## Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Work it Out*, Kunsten, Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Aalborg, Denmark  
*The Sky was Blue, The Sea was Blue, The Boy was Blue*, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK (online)
- 2020 *Group show*, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2019 *Collector's Room #20: Just Paintings*, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem, Belgium  
*BIG Art*, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Schöne Sentimenten*, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium
- 2018 *Bl&aring: (Blue)*, BORCHs Butik Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Furniture by Artists Chair, Chair, Chair, Lamp, Table, Bed, Sofa*, David Risley Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 *House Work*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*Cool, calm and collected*, ARos Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark  
*NOWHERELAND*, Galerie Utopia/ The Lightbox, Athens, Greece  
*Owners Choice*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Wonderful World*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 *Allez les Bleus*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015 *Natur Encounters*, J. F. Willumsens Museum, Frederikssund, Denmark  
*Collection and Contemporary*, Skagens Museum, Skagen, Denmark  
*Stone Talking/ Der Stein Spricht*, Lyonel Feininger Galerie, Germany
- 2014 *Psycho Futurism*, Scandinavian Institute, New York, USA  
*Contemporary Art from Denmark*, European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
*HAR/ NU (Here/ Now)*, Artipelag, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Fluid Flesh*, Nordic Contemporary, Paris, France
- 2013 *FLORA DANICA*, Geological Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*CHICKEN OR BEEF: A Transcontinental Survey of Figurative Painting*, The Hole, New York, USA  
*ABENDLAND*, Produzentengalerie, Hamburg, Germany
- 2012 *RECOLLECTIONS - of Willumsen*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*The Garden of Eden*, Palais De Tokyo, Paris, France  
*Involver*, Socle du Monde, HEART, Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning, Denmark
- 2011 *Under Pressure – master prints from Atelje Larsen*, Helsingborg, Sweden  
*Project Skagen 2011*, Gl. Skagen, Denmark  
*Produzione*, Skovsnogen, Kibæk, Denmark  
*The Forgotten Years 2007-2011*, Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *In the Company of Alice*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*1<sup>st</sup> Berlin Kreuzberg Biennale for Contemporary Art*, Berlin, Germany  
*The Green Valley Disaster*, Tate, London, UK  
*Mit Museum (My Museum)*, KUNSTEN, Aalborg, Denmark  
*Best of Wonderland*, WAS, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Things That Matter a Lot*, Galleri Christoffer Egelund, Copenhagen, Denmark

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- The Forgotten Bar*, Galerie im Regierungsviertel, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *Circus Hein*, Atelier Calder, France  
Hernig Art Museum, Denmark
- 2008 *ROOMING IN!* Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*Frelst Fiktion*, Museum of Religious Art, Lemvig, Denmark  
*Emergency Room*, Galerie Taïss, Paris, France  
*The Forgotten Bar Project*, Galerie Im Regierungsviertel, Berlin, Germany  
*U-Turn Quadriennial for Contemporary Art*, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Auto Stop*, Malmö Kunsthall, Sweden  
*FROM THOUGHT TO ACTION* Open air exhibition, Roskilde Festival/ V1Gallery, Denmark  
*Socle du Monde*, Herning Kunstmuseum, Herning, Denmark  
*Andersens Wohnung Revisited (1996-1999)*, Andersen's Contemporary Berlin, Germany  
*Danskjåvlar - a Swedish Declaration of Love*, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Carnegie Art Award 2008*, Scandinavia/ EU
- 2007 *Lys over Lolland (Light over Lolland)*, Oreby Castle, Oreby, Denmark  
*Star of Africa Diamond*, Patricia Low Gallery, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*[natúrligvis]*, Nordens Hus, Faroe Islands, Denmark  
*MAD LOVE –ung kunst i danske privatsamlinger (Young Danish Art in Private Collections)* Arken  
Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark  
*5 years anniversary show*, Galleri Christina Wilson, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Oprør i skoven*, Koh-i-noor, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Happy Believers*, 7. Werkleitz Biennale, Halle, Germany
- 2006 *CPH KUNSTHAL Centennale - 700 % PLUS*, Kbh Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*MALERHJERNE! Ungt dansk maleri ("PAINTER'S BRAIN!" Young Danish Painting)*, Arken Museum of  
Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark  
*Bjerge i dansk kunst –fra Willumsen til Parfyme*, (Mountains in Danish Art –from  
Willumsen to Parfyme) Herning Kunstmuseum, Denmark  
*Goldiggers*, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*Painting as Presence*, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin & Taidehalli, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 *Painting 2004*, Gallery Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*Momentum*, Moss 2004, Moss, Norway
- 2002 *Stop for a moment – Painting as Presence*, Wäinö Altonen Artmuseum, Finland and Arken  
Museum of Modern Art, Denmark  
*Carnegie Art Award 2002*, Scandinavia/ EU  
Collection of Arken Museum of Modern Art, Borås Konstmuseum, Borås, Sweden
- 2001 *Scandorama*, Galleri Art Box Århus, Denmark  
*Wonderful Copenhagen*, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Kiel, Germany
- 2000 *Den Fantastiske Udvej (The Fantastic Way Out)*, Albertslund Rådhus, Albertslund, Denmark  
*Carnegie Art Award 2000*, Scandinavia/ EU

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## Awards and Grants

- 2015 Dannebrogordenen, Denmark
- 2013 Residency ISCP New York, Kunststyrelsen  
Ny Carlsbergfondets Rejseleget
- 2012 Vilhelm Pachts Kunstnerlegat, Akademirådet  
Eckersberg Medallien  
Kunstkritikerprisen
- 2008 Carnegie Art Award
- 2006 Honorary grant, Niels Wessel Bagge's Arts Foundation
- 2003 3-year working grant, The Danish Arts Foundation
- 2000 Carnegie Art Award

## Film

- 2013 Jeg taler til Jer, Jorgen, Leth
- 2011 Regnbueaber, Martin De Thurah & John Kørner
- 2007 My Seven Best Paintings, Container Productions & Tyk Film Aps

## Public Art Commissions & Decorations

- 2018 Mural at University of Aarhus, HKH Kronprins Frederik Center for Public Leadership, Denmark, Ny Carlsbergfondet.  
Mural, Det Gamle Rådhus, Aabenraa, Denmark
- 2017 Decoration of Storstroms Faengsel (prison)  
Annual graphic work for Heartland Festival, Denmark
- 2016 Mural *Life Attacks You*, at the State Prison, Falster, Denmark  
Scenography for the play *Griskhed (Greed)*, Republique Theatre, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Four Sculptures for Nakskov 750 year's anniversary, Nakskov, Denmark  
Reumert statuette, Reumert Awards 2016
- 2015 Reumert statuette, Reumert Awards 2015
- 2014 Reumert statuette, Reumert Awards 2014  
Holbaek art, mural in Holbaek, Denmark
- 2011 Altarpiece, Østerhåb Kirke, Horsens, Denmark  
Decoration at Risskov upper secondary school, Århus, Denmark

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- 2009-10     Decoration at Fredrik VIII's Royal Palace, Copenhagen
- 2007-08     Decoration at The Royal Danish Playhouse, Copenhagen
- 2006         *Woman with 24 Problems* (Mural), Amagerbro Metrostation, Copenhagen  
Mural, Tjørringhus, Herning, Denmark
- 2005         Interior decoration, The Court in Randers, Denmark

## Public Appointments & Teaching Posts

- 2010         Museum of art in public places, Køge, Denmark, artist talk with filmmaker Jørgen Leth
- 2010-13     Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, guest teacher / workshop  
Royal Academy of Arts, London, England  
Goldsmiths, London, England, guest teacher / workshop,  
De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2008         The Royal Akademie of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark, temporary position  
Art Academy, Düsseldorf, Germany, guest teacher  
Helsinki Academy of Fine Arts, Finland, guest teacher / workshop
- 2005         Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
- 2002         Member of The Danish Art Council
- 2001-2       Boardmember, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark

## Selected Press

- 2023         ArtReview, Hebert, Martin, *What Good Is a Paintbrush in the Climate Crisis?*, 3 May
- 2020         Elephant, *A Problem, Shared*, Print, Summer 2020
- 2019         Elephant, *Why do Artists want to get us drunk?*, 20 Feb  
Londonist, Khan, *Tabish, Tiny people and an overweight car: London's biggest exhibitions on right now reviewed*, 12 March  
Ross, Trine, Politiken, *John Kørner kaster sig over landskabsmaleriet*, 19 March  
Wallpaper\*, *John Kørner tackling the British sports of cycling, running and drinking*, 5 February  
Wall Street International, *John Kørner*, 6 February
- 2017         Artland, *Kørner, we have a problem*, 17 June  
Norman Copenhagen, *John Kørner Exhibition at Kunsthall Charlottenborg*, 4 July
- 2016         Artsy, *Apples Drop like Bombs in John Kørner's Dreamlike Paintings*, 25 April  
Garage Magazine [online] *Victoria Miro presents "Apple Bombs"*, 12 April  
Wallpaper\* *Fallen Fruit: Victoria Miro Presents John Kørner's 'Apple Bombs'*, 8 April  
City AM Bespoke, Steve Dinneen, *John Kørner's land of milks and honey*, April

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- 2014 Politiken, Dorte Hygum Sørensen, Knud Romer og John Kørnens ABC, 3 June  
Politiken, Keld Hybel, Boligforening vil ikke have kønshår på gavlen, 4 November  
DR K tv, Kunstnermøde: Bo Bech og John Kørner, 6 January  
DR K tv, Mikkel Munch Fals, John Kørner I Mikkels atelier, 19 September
- 2013 Louisiana Channel, Christian Lund, How we behave, video interview  
DR, P1 radio, Bagstiv billedkunstner  
Børsen, Bente Scavenius, Fanget I sin verden af kunst, 10 May  
Trine Ross, interview med John Kørner i New York, 11 October  
Information, Michael Jeppesen, Fat Bønnetæppet radikale, 07 July  
Politiken, Lone Theils, Kørnens nye London udstilling er temmelig dumdrstig, 21 January  
Weekendavisen, Fred med kunsten, 11 January  
Kristelig Dagblad, Dorte Washuus, Når kunst spærres inde 4 May  
Kunsten.nu, Lisbeth Bonde, Spooky og sprællevende  
Kunsten.nu, ugens kunstner, 8 May
- 2012 København, Camilla Bøjesen Schmit-Andersen  
Kunstkritikk, Pernille Albrechtsen, Kunstkritikerpris til John Kørner og Skulpturi, 16 May
- 2011 DR K tv, Michael Jeppesen, Kunstrazzia, 11 January  
Politiken, Trine Ross, *Kørners kvinder er til salg*, 3 September
- 2009 The Observer, Imogen Carter, *In memoriam for great Danes*, 18 January  
Time Out, Sally O'Reilly, *John Kørner*, 8 – 14 January
- 2008 The Sum, Malene Vest Hansen, *John Kørner: Plenty of problems*, Issue #3  
Frieze, Lars Bang Larsen, *U-Turn Quadriennial for Contemporary Art*, November/December  
Politiken, Camilla Høy-Jensen, *Interview: Danmark i krig*, 6 September  
Berlingske Tidende. Kørnens Farve, *Nilo Zand*, 26 October
- 2007 Flash Art, Angela Rosenberg: *John Kørner*, January/February issue
- 2006 Weekendavisen, Lisbeth Bonde: *Chagall på cykel*, 8 December  
Time Out, Helen Sumpter, *John Kørner*, 6 December  
Børsen, Bente Scavenius, *Den velhavende gule bank* 16 October  
Politiken, Birger Thøgersen, *En særling slår igennem*, 24 June
- 2004 Weekendavisen, Lisbeth Bonde, Håndværkerkunst: Folkekunstner og avantgardist, 19 November
- 1999 Politiken, Trine Ross, Ateliersamtaler: En eftertænksom fætter, 26 September

## Bibliography

- 2018 *Running Problems*, exh. cat. Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens. (Sint-Martens-Latem: Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, 2018)  
*John Kørner* (Copenhagen: Roulette Russe, 2018)
- 2017 Elderton, Louisa, Morrill, Rebecca, *Vitamin C: clay + ceramic in contemporary art*. (London; New York, NY: Phaidon Press, 2021. © 2017)

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- 2016 John Kørner / Maleri, (Copenhagen: Forlaget Bjerggaard, 2016)
- 2015 *John Kørner – Graphic Works 1996-2015*, (Denmark: Narayan Press, 2015)
- 2014 *ABC, in collaboration with Knud Romer*, (Germany: Carlsen, 2014)
- 2013 *Fallen Fruit from Frisland*, exh. cat. Victoria Miro Gallery (London: Victoria Miro Gallery, 2013)  
*Caught*, exh. cat. Herning Museum of Contemporary Art (HEART) (Copenhagen: HEART, 2013)
- 2012 *John Kørner*, (Mexico City: Lubok Verlag, 2012)
- 2011 *Women for Sale*, The Workers' Museum
- 2009 *War Problems*, Graphic Works, Atelje Larsen
- 2008 Miligan, Becky, *War Problems*, exh. cat. Victoria Miro Gallery (London: Victoria Miro, 2008)
- 2006 Andrews, Max ed., *Problems*, exh. cat. Victoria Miro Gallery, London (London: Victoria Miro, 2006)  
*Aros Bank*, (København: Container, 2006)
- 2004 *The Problem of Performing*, (Copenhagen: Gl. Strand, 2004)
- 2003 *Guide to The Greenland Problem*, exh. cat. Herning Kunstmuseum. (Copenhagen: Container, 2003)  
*John Kørner: a Modern Problem* (Copenhagen: Container, 2003)
- 2002 *Carnegie Art Award 2002* (Stockholm: Negie Art Award Publishing, 2002)
- 2001 Sørensen, Jens Erik and Peter Brix Søndergaard [et. Al.], *Take Off 20:01: unge danske kunstnere*, exh. cat. Århus Kunstmuseum, Århus, Denmark (Aarhus: Aarhus Kunstmuseum, 2001)
- 1999 *The Fantastic Way Out*, Space poetry  
*Jeg Taler til Jer*, Museumsbygningen

## Public Collections

Arken, Museum of Modern Art, Denmark,  
ARoS, Århus Museum of Art, Denmark,  
The British Museum, London, UK  
HEART - Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herring, Denmark  
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden  
National Gallery of Canada - Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Canada  
National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Rubell Family Collection, Miami, USA  
Saxo Collection, Saxo Bank, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Statens museum for kunst – SMK, Denmark  
Tate Gallery, London, UK  
The Saatchi Collection, London, UK  
Wilfried Cooreman Collection, Belgium