



DAN STOCKHOLM | THE DIG

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In *The Dig* Dan Stockholm adopts the role of a creative archaeologist, utilizing methods of excavation, preservation and display in the creation of several new works. *The Dig* speculates on how we tend to view history as a straight line that leads from the past directly to us. In archaeology we dig to uncover ourselves, but is it us that we find, or were we someone else?

Earth remembers everything. Layers upon layer of dirt record the passage of time like the concentric circles of a tree. Dan Stockholm departs from this consideration of a layered consciousness to produce work that is generative in its nature. Born out of previous series, his most recent body of work testifies to a continued interest for earth's rich semiotic field – a material that prior to being fired into a fixed and fragile object is endlessly flexible and malleable. In his handling of clay, Stockholm yields new considerations of our relationship to the ground below us and to the sky above.

Stockholm digs. In his new series *Terra Form* he makes use of this method used in archaeology, he terraforms the excavated space as a record of his initial performative action. In his process of creation – defined by the act of preservation – the artist inverts the image by casting directly into the ground and presents the negative form created from his original gesture.

Metaphorically, the process of digging functions as a way to go back in time. He is drawn to objects found in the ground as markers of ancient civilizations. These objects are a reminder of how our species used to be more in sync with the cosmos and how we used to live more closely to the ground below. Before we began covering it with rigid asphalt, before we started ascending into increasingly tall buildings, we used to dirty our feet and hands in the ground as an auspicious ritual of cultivation.

The ground was sacred because we understood that it fed us. Nowadays, the earth suggests little more than the sinister pledge of a final destination.

His process of creation is a way to document and draw attention to our bodies. There is something metaphysical in creating an imprint of the body that points to a togetherness with nature and to consciousness through and within matter. In this way, his work is profoundly spiritual. That is perhaps best conjured through the series *Vessels* in which Stockholm fossilizes the movements of the body as he works with clay - a material capturing and remembering every step of his process.

Dan Stockholm's work is about the transformation of his materials of predilection, earth, clay and plaster into powerful apparatuses of transmission and reception. Stockholm's practice oscillates between the desire to conceal and disclose. His work shifts between inside and outside, negative and positive spaces while pointing simultaneously to natural occurrences and human intervention, to life and death, to the past and the future. Stockholm (re)constructs a visual landscape that is site-specific and yet one with the planet and its histories – creating a human trace that is at once intimate and resolutely universal.







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Für »The Dig« wird Stockholm zum kreativen Archäologen, indem er die Methoden von Ausgrabung, Konservierung und Präsentation zur Erschaffung neuer Kunstwerke nutzt.

Daraus sind drei Werkreihen entstanden die die Ausstellung thematisiert. »The Dig« spekuliert über unsere Neigung, die gesamte Geschichte als gerade Linie zu betrachten, welche auf direktem Wege zu uns führt. In der Archäologie graben wir, um uns selbst zu entdecken. Aber sind wir es, die wir da wiederfinden? Oder müssen wir annehmen, dass wir Andere waren?









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- 1 »Terra Form V« 2019 . Gips, Erde, Stahl, Wurzeln, Steine, Pflanzen, Knochen / plaster, soil, steel, roots, stones, plants, bones . 20 x 55 x 50 cm
 - 2 »Terra Form II« 2019 . Gips, Erde, Stahl, Wurzeln, Steine, Pflanzen, Knochen / plaster, soil, steel, roots, stones, plants, bones . 112 x 38 x 29 cm
 - 3 »Vessel (20)« 2019 . Gips, Ton, Stahl / plaster, steel, clay . Je/ each 45 x 35 x 18 cm
 - 4 »Vessel (8)« (links) 2018 . Gips, Ton, Epoxidharz / plaster, clay, epoxy . 23.5 x 25 x 25 cm
»Vessel (1)« (rechts) 2018 . Gips, Ton, Epoxidharz / plaster, clay, epoxy . 22 x 25 x 25 cm
 - 5 untitled 2019 . Glasierter Ton / glazed clay . 26.5 x 8 x 6 cm
 - 6 untitled 2019 . Glasierter Ton / glazed clay . 32 x 30 x 6 cm
 - 7 »Seelenloch« 2019 . Gips, Erde, Schnur / plaster, soil, robe . 54 x 52 x 7 cm

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1982	geboren in Thisted. Dänemark		
2010-2011	Funen Art Academy, Odense. Dänemark		»Festival of Future Now« Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
2009-2010	Institut für Raumexperimente, Prof. Olafur Eliasson, UDK. Berlin		»The JCE Biennale« Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso Municipal Museum, Amarante, Portugal / Museu de l'Empordà, Figueres. Spanien / Antonio Ratti, Como. Italien
2008-2009	Staatliche Hochschule für Bildende Künste, Prof. Judith Hopf. Frankfurt am Main		»Summertime'17« Gallery Christoffer Egelund, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2005-2008	Funen Art Academy, Odense. Dänemark	2016	»The JCE Biennale« Hala Stulecia, Breslau. Polen / Bruzis Art Center, Lettland /Vraa Kunstbygning, Vraa. Dänemark
2004-2005	Aarhus Kunstscole, Aarhus. Dänemark		»MASTERING THE ART OF CONTEMPORARY ART« Kunsthall Aarhus, Aarhus. Dänemark
	Dan Stockholm lebt und arbeitet in Aarhus und Kopenhagen	2015	BerlinArtPrize. Berlin
			»Wo der Ort beginnt« Kunsthaus Dahlem. Berlin
2019	Arbeitsstipendium der Danish Arts Foundation		»The JCE Biennale« Le Beffroi de Montrouge, Paris. Frankreich / Centennial Hall, Breslau. Polen / Bruzis Art Center, Riga. Lettland / Antonio Ratti, Como. Italien / Museu de l'Empordà, Figueres. Spanien / Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso Municipal Museum, Amarante, Portugal
2017	Arbeitsstipendium der Danish Arts Foundation		
2016	Künstleraufenthalt im Künstlerhaus Bethanien. Berlin	2014	»Festival of Future Now« kuratiert von Olafur Eliasson, Christina Werner, Eric Ellingsen und Fotini Lazaridou-Hatzigoga Neue Nationalgalerie. Berlin
2015	nominiert für den Berlin Art Prize		»ZIMMERFREI« Koldinghus, Kolding. Dänemark
	Arbeitsstipendium der Danish Arts Foundation		»Coming From« Overgaden Institute of Contemporary Art, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2014	Arbeitsstipendium der Danish Arts Foundation		»Vi tager intet ansvar III« Q, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2013	Preisträger »Grosses Treffen« Berlin		»The End at the beginning« Ok Corral, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
	Arbeitsstipendium der Danish Arts Foundation	2013	»24 spaces - A cacophony,« Malmö Konsthall, Malmö. Schweden
			»The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over The Lazy Dog 2« Carstensgade 4, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2019	»THE DIG« R E I T E R Berlin prospect		»The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over The Lazy Dog« Carstensgade 4, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2018	»house of bone body of stone« R E I T E R Leipzig	2011	»BERLIN 2000-2011. PLAYING AMONG THE RUINS.« MOT - Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo. Japan
2017	»Don't think about death« R E I T E R Berlin prospect		»World in my eyes« Kunsthallen Brandts, Odense. Dänemark
	»In a hundred years all will be forgotten« Kunstverein Wolfsburg		»Ok Corral« Toves Contemporary Workout Space, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2016	»HOUSE« Künstlerhaus Bethanien. Berlin		»Without Destination« Reykavik Art Museum, Reykavik. Island
	»HOUSE« Kh7artspace, Aarhus. Dänemark		»STAMPEDE« The Forgotten Bar. Berlin
2014	»Humans construct« Grimmuseum, kuratiert von Mario Margani. Berlin	2010	»Yes/No- a subjective definition of synergy« Kastrupgård, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2013	»Ewige Flamme« NLHspace, Kopenhagen. Dänemark		»Let's start to implement little errors« Pfefferberg. Berlin
2012	»AS THE WORLD BURNS« koh-i-noor, Kopenhagen. Dänemark		»Untitled (no.5)« Larm gallery, Kopenhagen. Dänemark
2007	»A Ship in the Desert« (mit Peter Birkholm) Filosofgangen, Odense. Dänemark	2009	»Sammenstød« Janusbygningen, Tistrup. Dänemark
			»Influenze« Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense. Dänemark
			»Townhouse« Kairo. Ägypten
2019	Ende 2019: Duoschau Ringstedgalleriet, Ringsted. Dänemark	2008	»Fyn4ever« Skibssmeden, Odense. Dänemark
2018	»persona grata« National Museum of the History of Immigration, Paris. Frankreich		»Oblivion« x-bunker, Sønderborg. Dänemark
	»How to Fall with Grace« K-Gold Temporary Gallery, Lesbos. Griechenland		»CITYZENSHIP« The Jens Holm and Olivia Holm-Møller Museum, Holstebro. Dänemark
	»Summertime'18« Gallery Christoffer Egelund, Kopenhagen. Dänemark		»Den Censurerede Kunstudstilling DCK« Filosofgangen, Odense. Dänemark
2017	»Beobachtung« Dittrich & Schlechtriem, Berlin	2007	»Pakhuset« Odense. Dänemark

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	Dan Stockholm lives and works in Aarhus and Copenhagen	2015	»Wo der Ort beginnt« Kunsthaus Dahlem. Berlin
AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS			
2019	working grant, Danish Arts Foundation		»The JCE Biennale« Le Beffroi de Montrouge, Paris. France / Centennial Hall, Wrocław. Poland / Bruzis Art Center, Riga. Latvia / Antonio Ratti, Como. Italy / Museu de l'Empordà, Figueres. Spain / Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso Municipal Museum, Amarante, Portugal
2017	working grant, Danish Arts Foundation		
2016	artist residency at Künstlerhaus Bethanien. Berlin	2014	»Festival of Future Nows« curated by Olafur Eliasson, Christina Werner, Eric Ellingsen and Fotini Lazaridou-Hatzigoga Neue Nationalgalerie. Berlin
2015	nominated for Berlin Art Prize		»ZIMMERFREI« Koldinghus, Kolding. Denmark
	working grant, Danish Arts Foundation		»Coming From« Overgaden Institute of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen. Denmark
2014	working grant, Danish Arts Foundation		»Vi tager intet ansvar III« Q, Copenhagen. Denmark
2013	awarded the »Grosses Treffen« Berlin		»The End at the beginning« Ok Corral, Copenhagen. Denmark
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SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS			
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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS			
2019	coming up: duo show at Ringstedgalleriet, Ringsted. Denmark	2008	»Sammenstød« Janusbygningen, Tistrup. Denmark
2018	»persona grata« National Museum of the History of Immigration, Paris. France		»Influenze« Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense. Denmark
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