

## PRESS RELEASE

### *Contemporary Obsessions*

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On Friday, 8 November 2019, it is our great pleasure to open the exhibition *Contemporary Obsessions*, curated by Helle Brøns, PhD, curator at Sorø Kunstmuseum.

*Contemporary Obsessions* revolves around passionate, myopic investigation of the world. The exhibition brings together a number of very different Danish and international artists, whose works all with great intensity delve into different subjects and materials in search of unique connections and systems, patterns and sequences.

It is about unknown or overlooked associations in materials that already exist in the world. About casting a detail-obsessed or whimsical look at things, discovering patterns in a field of objects and wringing new meaning from them. A basic condition of art, perhaps, but also a fascination that today, when generalizing conventions are hardly the mantra of the times, attains singular intensity and validity.

The exhibition does not aspire to present a comprehensive overview of all these disparate strategies. It is simply an invitation to be carried away by the maelstroms of the artworks: algae as infinitely expanding algorithms, diagrammatic reworkings of mundane clippings, poetic-systematic arrangements and readings of book titles, obsessive daily “notes” on amaryllises, a “catalogue” of people found online with unique attributes (hair, musculature, dance moves), overlooked erotic connections in works of art history – all are put under the microscope.

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The exhibition will be accompanied by a catalogue with a text by curator Helle Brøns and pictures from the exhibition.

Everyone is welcome to attend the **opening on Friday 8 November, 17.00-19.00**. For further information and to obtain images from the show, please contact the gallery at [lene@bjerggaard.com](mailto:lene@bjerggaard.com).