

PRESSRELEASE

Erik Steffensen

*but beautiful*

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Galleri Bo Bjerggaard is delighted to present the exhibition *but beautiful*, featuring new works by the Danish artist Erik Steffensen. This is Steffensen's seventh solo show at Galleri Bo Bjerggaard and is being presented in the gallery's west-facing rooms.

The exhibition, originally intended to open in March on the occasion of the artist's 60th birthday, testifies to his long career as an artist and photographer.

The new works were all created over the past year and feature oil paint on black-and-white photographs, while the motifs often hark back to the artist's first encounter with the photographic image and work in the darkroom. Erik Steffensen has been working with analogue photography in his own darkroom since 1977. There is a huge range of motifs, including nearby Søndermarken, Frederiksberg and Copenhagen Zoo, road trips in the United States, Zen gardens in Japan and treks with views of the highest peaks of the Himalayas. In this exhibition, the artist comes full circle – back to the forests and parks of his homeland – but without losing a sense of their context in the big wide world.

Erik Steffensen was born in Valby in 1961 and graduated from the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, in 1992, where he was also appointed professor from 1998-2007. He lives and works in Copenhagen, Vemmetofte and Læsø. Erik Steffensen has an upcoming exhibition *the liberated* at Rudolph Tegn timers Museum & Statuepark in June 2021 together with the artist Balder Olrik.

Steffensen is among others represented in the following collections: Arken – Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj (DK), ARoS, Aarhus (DK), JPMorgan Chase Art Collection, New York (US), Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur (CH), Heart – Herning Museum of Contemporary Art, Herning (DK), Kristinehamns Konstmuseum, Kristinehamn (SE), Louisiana – Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk (DK), the National Gallery, Copenhagen (DK).

For the exhibition, a catalogue is being published with a text by artist Emma Rosenzweig.