

Press release // *Homage to Per Kirkeby*

28. August – 20. October 2018

Galleri Bo Bjerggaard

On Tuesday 28 August 2018 Galleri Bo Bjerggaard opens the exhibition *Homage to Per Kirkeby*. The exhibition is a tribute to Kirkeby and the large body of work that remains.

Through the past twenty years Galleri Bo Bjerggaard has represented Per Kirkeby. Through this time the gallery has shown ten solo exhibitions with Kirkeby which each in its own way showed Kirkeby's artistic practise.

Now is the time to identify what contributed to placing Kirkeby as one of the most important artists for the past many decades. The exhibition *Homage to Per Kirkeby* in Galleri Bo Bjerggaard shows works from 1965 until 2012.

His wide-ranging interest in culture and in visual art above all, made him a highly enlightening person to talk with. But he enlightened us not only through the spoken word. His poetry and his many books on existential issues of art-making and other artists' work make us smarter about life – and about Per Kirkeby. An artist first of all, Per Kirkeby produced the most important body of work by a Danish artist since Asger Jorn.

Kirkeby's work is multi-faceted. His ability to express himself in many different media is legendary. While a large part of his vocabulary was conceived back in the 1960s, it continued to evolve all the way up to 2013, when his illness tightened its grip on him.

This exhibition showcases selected works in most of the media the artist incorporated into his art. For the first time ever, we are using the whole gallery for an exhibition, and still there is not room to accommodate all of Kirkeby's practices, though most will be represented: masonites, large charcoal drawings, blackboards, bronze models, silkscreens, watercolours of Greenland, gouaches, bronze sculptures and, not least, paintings.

Per left us a body of work whose importance speaks for itself. Come and see.

Per Kirkeby would have turned 80 on 1 September 2018.

All are welcome to attend the **opening reception on Tuesday 28 August from 4.00-7.00 pm**. For further information, and to obtain photographic material, contact Jeanette Lindholdt Madsen by e-mail at Jeanette@bjerggaard.com