

**Press release****Per Bak Jensen: *Evening Land***

26 April – 15 June 2019

Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, west-facing exhibition space

On Friday 26 April, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard opens its sixth solo exhibition with the Danish artist Per Bak Jensen (b. 1949). The exhibition *Evening Land* presents twelve new works, the exhibition also celebrates the artist's 70th birthday.

Per Bak Jensen has his own unique way of working. It is crucial to the artist to capture a certain timelessness to his images, without the use of manipulation. The motives usually show scenarios absent of human presence. But within the deserted motive we catch a glimpse of a human trace or sign and thereby we find an indication of human presence.

As Museum director at The National Gallery, Mikkel Bogh writes in the accompanying catalogue:

*Even where nature in Bak Jensen's work looks wildest, most untouched and impassable, even where it seems farthest removed from the perspective of the culturally shaped world, we sense, if nothing else, the gaze and the consciousness that observed, sought out and framed the subject, and for which the world in the image let itself be composed. The image is permeated by an observant gaze, a quiet, waiting awareness, not an assertive or intrusive gaze. Humanity and human culture, while present, are always unobtrusive, almost dreamy.*

In a Scandinavian context, Per Bak Jensen is a pioneer in his field, who has helped elevate the status of photography in the art world to the same level as painting and sculpture. He was the first person to enter the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts with photography as his primary medium, and from 1986–2009, he was also an associate professor such as the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen. Internationally, his work is represented in major collections at the Bibliothèque Nationale (FR) and at The Metropolitan Museum of Art (US) MoMA (US), and here in Denmark among others at ARKEN and Louisiana Museum of Modern Art.

All are welcome to attend the **vernissage on Friday 26 April from 5 –7 pm**. For further information and to order pictorial material on the works, please contact Jeanette L. Madsen on email [jeanette@bjerggaard.com](mailto:jeanette@bjerggaard.com) or telephone +45 3141 7069.