

Activities in 2006

From the workshop of Jens Galschiot in Odense

October: Hans Christian Andersen Theater and Storytellers' Fountain

The theater group Teatro Trono from Bolivia performed at the gallery with their own interpretations of famous Hans Christian Andersen fairytales, like 'the Shadow', 'Little Claus and Big Claus' and 'the Emperors New Suit'.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/BO>



The municipality in Odense granted 4 million Kr. to the Storytellers' Fountain during the budget negotiations. This means that the project should be secured. The collection-comity got a larger amount, and Mayor Jan Boye is counting on raising the rest of the financial means through private sponsors in 2007.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/Fountain>



November:

Kasper Markus our young web-master has spend a good deal of his young life going through our chaotic website and it should now appear in a more organized way (we hope!).

<http://www.aidoh.dk>



January: *The founding of an art school*

The beginning of a comprehensive conversion of the back halls in the workshop began. The conversion will end up as a 300 m2 art school, where you can learn the basic techniques for casting jewelry and smaller sculptures. Besides we will be able to expand Niller Madsen's tv-room to double size.

Even though there has been some sporadic teaching from May 2006, the conversion is not expected to be complete until the summer of 2007.

<http://aidoh.dk/metalgalleriet>



February: Scania Social Forum, Lund, Sweden

The Hunger March and 'Survival of the Fattest' went to Sweden to be exhibited at the Scania Social Forum in Lund, where thousands of Scandinavian grassroots met to discuss whether another world is possible. We were invited by the Forum to decorate the event.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/Lund06>



December: Pregnant teenager in front of the Cathedral of Copenhagen

In December (the official AIDS day) we started our grand happening 'In the name of God'. The crucifix with the first pregnant teenager was put up in cooperation with Dean Anders Gadegaard and the parochial church council in the Cathedral. The project will put focus on the Catholics' and Bush's influence on the policy regarding sex and contraception. We are preparing for exhibitions in Kenya, Rome London and the US during 2007.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/InTheNameOfGod>



March: The Balancing Act, India and the Danish Parliament

In cooperation with Lars Myrthu-Nielsen from Eko-net, we put up 9 Balancing Act sculptures in Scandinavia, 3 in Oslo, 3 in Gothenburg and 3 in Copenhagen.

The sculptures swayed above the cities for months and put focus on the fragile balancing act between humankind and nature.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/Balance>



When Galschiot was on vacation in Southern India, and the city Cochin he saw, to his big surprise, a lot of posters with his own sculptures hanging on the city walls. The explanation was that a tea-farmer from the area had been to the WTO meeting in Hong Kong, and there he had got hold of the pictures of Galschiot's sculptures.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/GB-India06>

Steen Gade from the Danish socialist party SF asked the Danish Minister of Culture, why Galschiot has never been represented in Danish art museums. The minister gave a pretty random explanation.



June: Give the students of China their history back

In cooperation with the Chinese democracy movement we have scanned and put out more than 4.000 pages on the internet that documents the massacre on Tianmen Square in 1989. We have also sent tens of thousands of faxes and e-mails to western educational institutions encouraging them to print out the documents and give them to the many Chinese students who study in the west. An action we will repeat every year around the annual day for the massacre on the 4th of June.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/4June89>



April: A video installation about EU

An interactive video installation with 15 monitors, pc's and a lot of sculptures was a part of our cooperation with Niller Madsen's project 'EU – What now?', which enlightens about the EU-treaty. The info part can be seen on the Internet.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/hvanueu>



August: The Tree of Life

'The Three of Life' is the name of the new candle-lighting sculpture which Galschiot have created in cooperation with DanChurchAid for the churches in Denmark. The bronze sculpture was launched at the parochial church council's national congress, and has already been put up in 5 churches.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/Kirkelys>

May: the European Social Forum, Athens

In Athens 40.000 NGO grassroots met at the social forum. Krakagaarden and activists set out from the workshop with 20.000 posters with 'Athens aphorisms' and a truckload of sculptures, to be one of the cultural items in the event.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/hvanueu>



September: Mexican chaos and Norway

In connection with Rey Morale's exhibition at the gallery, we had called for a Mexican meeting with Jens Lohmann and Doris Palvio among others to discuss the situation in Mexico.

<http://www.aidoh.dk/Mexico06>

One of the balancing-act sculptures has been put up permanently, as a landmark, by the school of Numedal in Norway, due to their centenary.

