

## BUGS & METAMORPHOSIS

- *The Art of Failure*

13 June to 7 September 2025, gallery 4 + 5

### 14 artists put the double meaning of “bug” in the spotlight

This exhibition is the first initiative in the long-term exhibition and communication project at Kunsthall Aarhus entitled *The Art of Failure*. The exhibition *Bugs & Metamorphosis* focuses on the research-based part of Kunsthall Aarhus' exhibition profile and presents several high-profile artists who work with the double meaning of 'bug' (error and insect) metaphorically, technically and as an artistic method.

The works in *Bugs & Metamorphosis* are based on photography and through analogue and digital photographic techniques, artificial intelligence and low-tech, the exhibition shows how bugs and insects can open new perspectives and understandings of the world. Many of the artists highlight the need for ethical discussions about the algorithms that influence our everyday lives and many of them have roots in decolonial, feminist, queer, and ecological practices using glitches to talk about vulnerability, ambiguity and the uncontrollable.

- Photography and failure are two phenomena that are with us throughout our lives. The first is a medium that we constantly use, communicate, and are confronted with. The second is a condition of life that we inevitably encounter. Therefore, it makes sense that we at Kunsthall Aarhus present an exhibition that curiously examines both photography and failure, says chief curator Peter Ole Pedersen, Kunsthall Aarhus.

#### Artists in the exhibition

Mónica Alcázar-Duarte (ME), Taysir Batniji (PS/FR), Jake Elwes (UK), Olle Essvik (SE), Kristina Lenz och Alex Simon Klug (DE), Nina Mangalanayagam (SE), Joana Moll (ES), Rashaad Newsome (US), Josèfa Ntjam (FR), Amalie Smith (DK), Theopisti Stylianou-Lambert & Alexa Achilleos (CY), Sheung Yiu (HK/FI).

The exhibition is organised in collaboration with the Hasselblad Foundation in Gothenburg and curated by Louise Wolthers and Nina Mangalanayagam.

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