



A TIME FOR EVERYTHING — 25 YEARS OF CONTEMPORARY ART AT SCANDINAVIA HOUSE

An exhibition celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Scandinavia House underscores its history in exchanging Nordic and American voices across the contemporary artistic landscape

New York, NY—The American-Scandinavian Foundation is pleased to announce A Time for Everything: 25 Years of Contemporary Art at Scandinavia House, opening on October 18, 2025. Presented in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of our cultural center, which has welcomed over 3 million visitors since opening its doors in October 2000, this group exhibition of internationally acclaimed Nordic artists — all of whom have presented work in our Galleries over the past 25 years — will underscore the vision of the Galleries as a steward for new and established Nordic voices in the contemporary artistic landscape, and for promoting the exchange of ideas and culture between the U.S. and Nordic region.

Participating artists include Torbjørn Rødland (NO), Jesper Just (DK), Simen Johan (NO), Marianne Huotari (FI), Irene Nordli (NO), Louisa Matthíasdóttir (IC), Eija-Liisa Ahtila (FI), Hildur Ásgeirsdóttir Jónsson (IC), Margrethe Aanestad (NO), Shoplifter / Hrafnhildur Arnasdóttir (IC), Olof Marsja (Sapmi/SE), Britta Marakatt-Labba (Sapmi/SE), The Icelandic Love Corporation (Jóní Jónsdóttir & Eirún Sigurðardóttir) (IC), Þórdís Aðalsteinsdóttir (IC), Cecilia Edefalk (SE), Randi Samsonsen (FO), Ole Brodersen (NO), Pekka & Teija Isorättyä (FI), Katrín Sigurdardóttir (IC), Mamma Andersson (SE), Sara-Vide Ericson (SE), Jeppe Hein (DK), Jan Groth (NO), Olav Christopher Jenssen (NO), Outi Pieski (Sapmi/FI), John Savio (Sapmi/NO), Esko Männikkö (FI) and Susanne Wellm (DK).



Cecilia Edefalk, Warrior, 2010. Courtesy the artist and Gladstone Gallery, NY

On view through February 14, 2026, the exhibition will be accompanied by programs including a special Opening Day Celebration on October 18 featuring a curator walkthrough (11 AM), a talk with Pekka and Teija Isorättyä (2 PM), a panel with Margrethe Aanestad, Ole Brodersen, Simen Johan & Emily Stoddart (3 PM), and a party (4-6 PM); as well as ongoing Gallery Tours. The opening will also kick off a wide range of Anniversary events including a series of critically acclaimed Nordic cinema, lectures, symposia and concerts with notable Nordic cultural figures.

Borrowing from the title of the 2004 book by Karl Ove Knausgård, A Time for Everything presents diverse work in a variety of media by celebrated Nordic artists: from Marianne Huotari's reimagined version of the traditional Finnish textile technique ryijy via glazed stoneware sculptures, to Pekka & Teija Isorättyä's humorous, delicate play on mechanical/digital engineering and the beauty of machines, to the surreal nature of painter Þórdís Aðalsteinsdóttir's ultra-flat compositions combining anthropomorphic animals and eccentric objects, which evoke whimsy with a more sinister undertone. Curiosity, humor, artifice, reverence for the natural world and romanticism appear throughout Torbjørn Rødland's work (and often in the same image), while the powerful and influential woodcuts of John Savio are arguably the first modern Sámi artistic expression from the 1930s. The exhibition also premieres new works by a number of leading Nordic artists: Margrethe Aanestad, Eija-Liisa Ahtila, Sara-Vide Ericsen, Britta Marakatt-Labba, The Icelandic Love Corporation, Shoplifter/Hrafnhildur Arnasdóttir and Katrín Sigurðardóttir.

Organized by ASF, the exhibition has been curated by Emily Stoddart, Manager of Exhibitions at Scandinavia House. Major support has been provided by the Monika and Charles Heimbold Fund for Exhibitions and Programs. Additional support has been provided by the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation, The Royal Norwegian Consulate in New York, the Danish Consulate in New York, the Consulate General of Finland in New York, the Swedish Consulate General in New York, and Frame Contemporary Art Finland. Support has also been provided by the following ASF Funds: The Bonnier Family Fund for Contemporary Art, The F. Donald Kenney Fund for Visual Arts, The Kronquist Mesaros Memorial Endowment Fund, and The Hilppa Roby Fund for Finnish Cultural and Educational Programs.

OPENING DAY CELEBRATION Saturday, October 18, 2025, 11 AM-6 PM

PRESS PREVIEWS Friday, October 17, 12-6 PM

WHERE: Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016

GALLERY HOURS Tuesday through Saturday, 12-6 PM

& ADMISSION Wednesdays, 12-7 PM

PROGRAMMING

Related programming will include artists talks and panels, workshops, films, music, ongoing guided gallery tours, and family activities.

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