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Asta Lynges

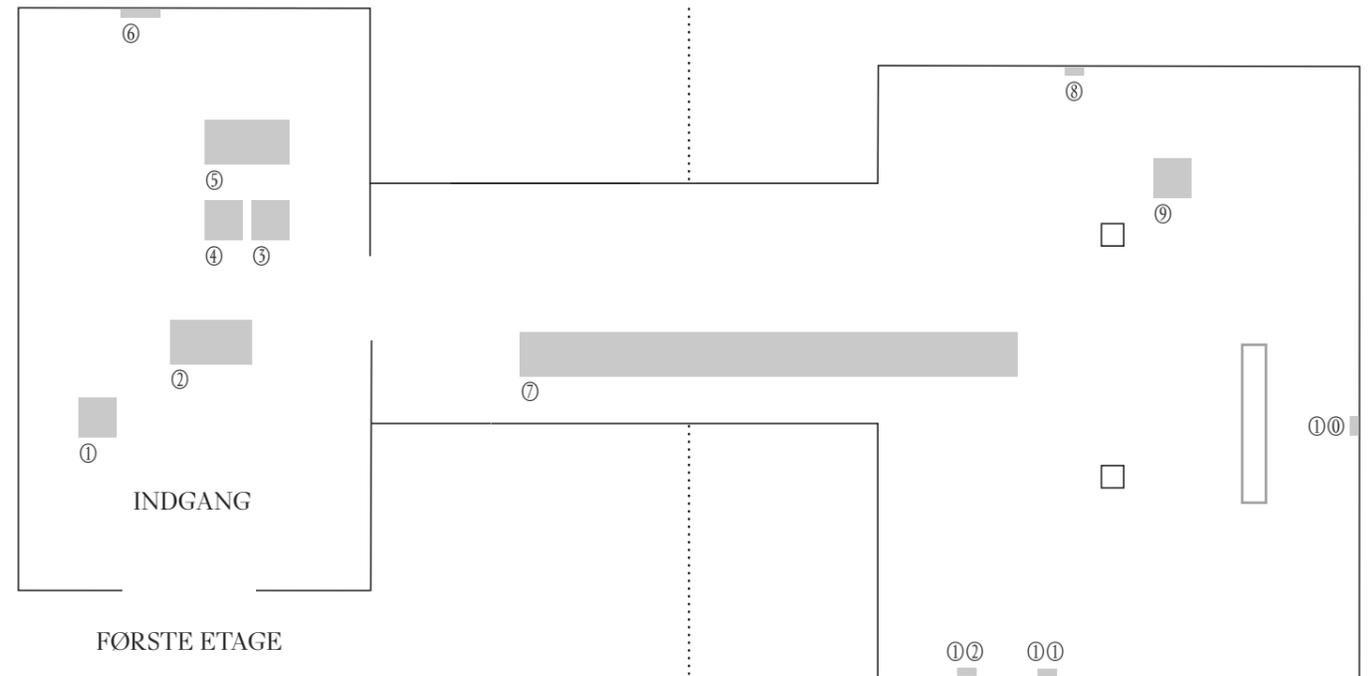
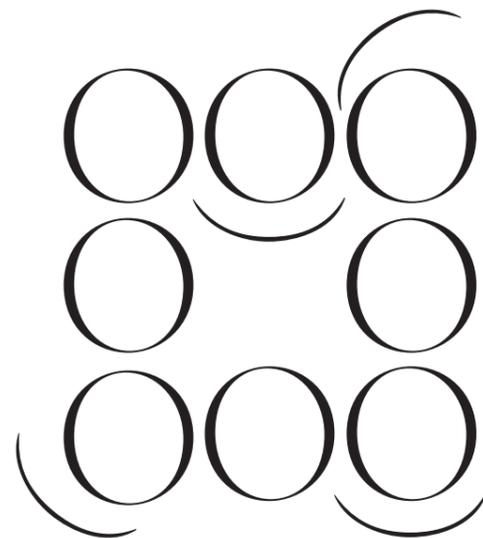
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I sit arbejde undersøger den danske kunstner Asta Lynges (f. 1988) samtidens underliggende magt- og infrastrukturer. Til Lynges første store soloudstilling i Danmark har hun udviklet en række nye værker under titlen 22, der helt konkret er det nøjagtige antal knogler, som udgør vores kranie – og dermed den legemlige struktur, der omgiver ethvert tænkende eller drømmende hoved. Ydermere skaber titlen associationer til, hvordan modsatrettede (bureaukratiske) regler kan opstille et umuligt valg, et såkaldt 'catch-22', såvel som til en systemisk voksende talrække (fortsat blot: 22, 33, 44...) eller til det faktum, at 22 er grundstoffet titaniums atomnummer, som bl.a. anvendes til fremstilling af hvide pigmenter og tandpasta.

Ligesom titlen peger Lynges udstilling på skelettet, rammen eller rammesætningerne, som ligger bag letgenkendelige popkulturelle objekter. I to skulpturserier kigger hun bag facaden på 'instrumenter' eller 'værktøjer' for komfort og underholdning: sofaen og guitareren. Skeletter af krydsfinérsudskæringer udgør værkserien *Audience*, som blotlægger strukturen bag Storbritanniens måske mest ikoniske slængemøbel: Chesterfieldsofaen. Blandt andet vises en abnorm eller surreel 17-sæders version af blindstellet – som et billede på det gamle imperiums kolonialistiske komfort og, ikke mindst, dets ustyrlige vokseværk. I en anden værkserie afskræller Lynges såkaldte 'double-neck guitarer' som en dissektion af det klassiske emblem for den maksimerede stadionrocks performance. Et fokus på 'performance', der også ligger i værket *Memorabilia*, hvor kunstneren har affotograferet et indrammet billede på Hard Rock Café af Marilyn Manson, der skrider i mikrofonen. Ligesom Lynges i dette værk zoomer ind på en del af et rockrelikvie, så fjerner hun i serien af double-neck guitarer alle strenge og elektriske dele fra instrumentet samt afhugger ikke blot den ene men de hele 2 falliske guitarhalse, hvorigennem hun kastrerer det multistrengede symbol på opblæst ydeevne og fordoblet potens. Som en slags økologi af 'anti-produktion', der ikke tilføjer nye ting til verden, men i stedet fjerner og afpiller staffage, spørger Lynges til, hvad der ligger bag læderpolstringen eller det accelererede rockmusikalske instrument – hvad enten det gælder sofaens magtfulde magelighed eller den svedende guitarists sceneshow.

Som en del af udstillingen har Lynges omlagt vejen til O – Overgadens overetage fra husets indre trappe til den mere majestætiske hovedtrappe og flyttet en af kunsthallens gipsvægge. Således afklæder og modificerer Lynges ikke bare kendte kulturobjekter, men hun hijacker også selve kunstinstitutionens konstruktion eller koreografi. Bag den om-møblerede 'ready made'-gipsvæg hænger en beskrivelse af en drøm, kunstneren har haft – et værk med titlen *Day residue*. I drømmen spiser hun halvanden elektrisk tandbørste. Ikke ulig hvordan Lynges gennemtygger den elektriske guitar eller Chesterfieldsofaen, hvilket udpeger den usynlige vold eller de underbevidste magtrelationer, som et popkulturelt møbel eller musikinstrument potentielt kan bære på.



- ① *Audience*
Krydsfiner, skum, træfiberplade
102,5 x 100 x 77 cm
 - ② *Audience*
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102,5 x 200 x 77 cm
 - ③ *Audience*
Krydsfiner
92 x 100 x 70,2 cm
 - ④ *Audience*
Krydsfiner, skum, træfiberplade
102,5 x 100 x 77 cm
 - ⑤ *Audience*
Krydsfiner
92 x 200 x 70,2 cm
 - ⑥ *Memorabilia*
Dobbelt UV-print på spejl
100 x 150 cm
 - ⑦ *Audience*
Krydsfiner
92 x 1182 x 70,2 cm
 - ⑧ *00010*
Double-neck guitar med lasergravering
49 x 52 cm
 - ⑨ *Audience*
Krydsfiner, skum, træfiberplade
102,5 x 100 x 77 cm
 - ⑩⑩ *Day residue*
Drøm
21 x 29,7 cm
 - ⑩① *00006*
Double-neck guitar med lasergravering
40,2 x 44 cm
 - ⑩② *00001*
Double-neck guitar med lasergravering
46 x 46 cm
- Alle værker er fra 2024 og lavet specifikt til udstillingen på O - Overgaden



Biografi:
Asta Lynges (f. 1988, DK) er billedkunstner bosat i København. Hun er uddannet fra Central Saint Martins i 2012 og var en del af CSMS Associate Studio Programme fra 2015-16. Lynges har senest udstillet på bl.a. Giorno Poetry Systems, New York (2023); Kunsthall Charlottenborg, København (2023); Fuglsang Kunstmuseum, Toreby (2023); 5256RLS/Le Bourgeois, London (2020) og dépendance, Bruxelles (2021). Hun modtog i 2022 Carl Nielsen og Anne Marie Carl-Nielsens Legats talentpris for billedhuggere.

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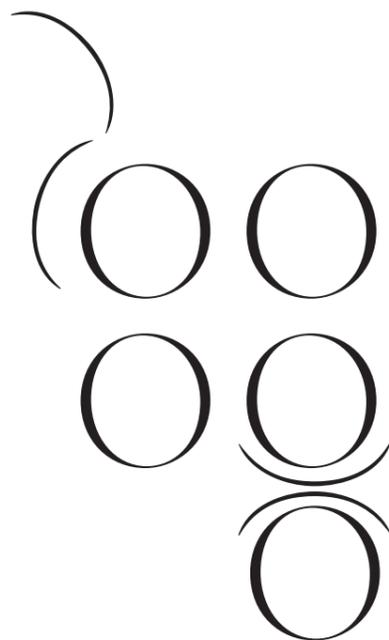
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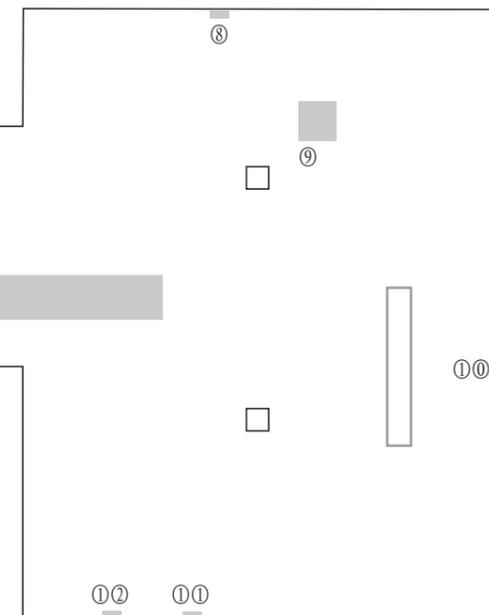
In her practice, Danish artist Asta Lyng (b. 1988) investigates the underlying power and infrastructures of contemporary society. For her first major solo exhibition in Denmark, Lyng has developed a series of new works under the title 22, which refers to the exact number of bones that make up a human skull—and thus the bodily structure that surrounds a thinking or dreaming head. Moreover, the title evokes how opposing (bureaucratic) rules create a so-called “catch-22,” an impossible choice, as well as creating associations to a systematically expanding sequence of numbers (just continue: 22, 33, 44...) or to the fact that 22 is the atomic number of titanium, which is used in, among other things, the production of white pigments and toothpaste.

Similarly to the title, Lyng’s exhibition reveals the skeleton, frame, or frameworks behind easily recognizable pop-cultural objects. Two sculptural series each peek behind the façade of well-known “instruments” or “tools” for comfort and entertainment: the sofa and the guitar. Skeletal plywood cut-outs comprise the series *Audience*, which exposes the structure behind what is perhaps Britain’s most iconic piece of lounge furniture: the Chesterfield sofa. Among other elements, an abnormal or surreal 17-seater version of the frame is displayed—an image of the old empire’s colonialist comfort and, not least, its boundless growth. In another series, Lyng strips bare so-called “double-neck guitars,” dissecting the classic emblem of maximized stadium rock’s showmanship. This focus on “showmanship” or “performance” also resonates in the work *Memorabilia*, where the artist has photographed part of a framed image at a Hard Rock Café of Marilyn Manson screaming into a microphone. Just as Lyng, in this work zooms in on a rock relic, in the series of double-neck guitars, she removes all strings and electrical parts from the instrument and decapitates its not only 1 but 2 phallic necks, thus castrating the multi-stringed symbol of inflated performance and doubled potency. Suggesting an ecology of “anti-production,” which does not add new things to the world, but instead removes and trims away embellishments, Lyng questions what is behind the leather upholstery or the accelerated rock instrument—whether this adheres to the powerful convenience of the sofa or the sweaty guitarist’s stage performance.

As part of the exhibition, Lyng has redirected the path to O—Overgaden’s upper floor from the building’s internal staircase to the more majestic main stairs and relocated one of its drywalls. Thus, the artist not only strips and modifies well-known cultural objects, but also hijacks the very construction or choreography of the cultural institution. Behind the rearranged “ready-made” drywall hangs a description of a dream the artist had—a piece carrying the title *Day residue*. In the dream, she eats 1.5 electric toothbrushes. Not unlike how Lyng chews through the electric guitar or the Chesterfield sofa, this points to the invisible violence or subconscious power relations that are potentially embedded, even, in a popular piece of furniture or musical instrument.



FIRST FLOOR



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All works are from 2024 and created specifically for the exhibition at O—Overgaden



Biography:

Asta Lyng (DK, 1988) is a Copenhagen-based artist, educated at Central Saint Martins (2012) and a graduate of CSM’s Associate Studio Programme (2013–16). Lyng has previously exhibited at institutions including *Giorno Poetry Systems*, New York (2023); *Kunsthal Charlottenborg*, Copenhagen (2023); *Fuglsang Kunstmuseum*, Toreby (2023); *5256RLS/Le Bourgeois*, London (2020); and *dépendance*, Brussels (2021). In 2022, she received Carl Nielsen and Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen’s Talent Award.