CHART 2025: Focus on Art in Public Space

CHART returns to Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, from 28 – 31 August 2025 with a new edition of the Nordic region's leading art fair and an emphasis on art in the public space. This year CHART will introduce a number of new initiatives designed to introduce contemporary art to a broader audience throughout Copenhagen's urban landscape.

CHART in Tivoli, a collaborative exhibition with the iconic amusement park Tivoli Gardens, returns this year to present a new selection of artworks by established artists from across the Nordics, within Tivoli's grounds. Prominent names included in the list of this year's participating artists include: Tal R (DK/IL), Bjørn Nørgaard (DK), Kirsten Ortwed (DK), Frederik Næblerød (DK) and Sif Itona Westerberg (DK).

Additionally, CHART will also present a series of video artworks at metro stations around the city, in collaboration with the Copenhagen Metro. On advertising screens underground, travellers will be introduced to works by leading international artists exhibiting at the fair – presenting art to a new public in an unfamiliar context.

Total Installation with Traffic Cones

For the first time in 2025, CHART will introduce a total installation inside the historic courtyards at Charlottenborg, setting the scene for guests arriving to the art fair. After 10 years of CHART Architecture, an annual open-call competition to design temporary pavilions at Charlottenborg during the fair, CHART launched a new initiative earlier in the spring: CHART Public. This new format invited teams of scenographers, designers, architects and artists to re-imagine the courtyards as an ambitious artistic installation.

Re-Route by architect Samuel Charles Barrett (UK) was selected as the winning proposal for CHART Public 2025. The installation will consist of a floating installation of hundreds of illuminated traffic cones - presented as luminous symbols of community and celebration. Re-Route will also act as an immersive social environment and provide staging for a series of performance artworks and live music during CHART, including performances by celebrated artists such as Cecilia Fiona (DK) and Kim Mejdahl (DK).

Experience Art on the Move

Pioneering a new approach amongst art fairs internationally, in 2025 CHART is encouraging artinterested and active Copenhageners to experience significant public artworks around the city through a series of curated Art Running Tours. The routes pass by iconic artworks around Copenhagen, creating dynamic and sensory art experiences. The routes can be found online at CHART's website.

Julie Quottrup Silbermann, Director of CHART, who is herself a passionate runner, sees the initiative as a unique way to combine physical activity with contemporary art:

"Copenhagen is home to a wealth of fantastic public artworks – sculptures, murals and other installations that many people never notice in their everyday lives. For CHART 2025, we want to democratise the art experience and create a new way of experiencing art, where exercise and reflection merge."

CHART's Art Running Tours pass by important works by Tal R (DK/IL) at Østerbro Station, Eva Koch (DK) at Christiansborg, Per Kirkeby (DK) at Vesterport, Olafur Eliasson's (DK/IS) Cirkelbroen and Maria Rubinke's (DK) brass door on Refshaleøen. Audiences can experience the works at their own pace or as part of group runs organised by CHART during the days of the fair.

CHART – the Nordic region's leading contemporary art event

CHART is the leading Nordic art fair, an important event for contemporary art in Copenhagen and an editorial platform focusing on the region's art scene. Each year CHART brings together the most established galleries in the region, alongside younger galleries with more emerging programmes, to exhibit curated presentations inside Kunsthal Charlottenborg. Welcoming inspiring professionals and art enthusiasts alike, CHART also includes a generous public programme of talks, performances, music, architecture and a sculpture exhibition inside the historical amusement park Tivoli Gardens.

With a specific focus on art in public spaces, CHART 2025 will offer new ways to engage with art, not just as a spectator but as a participant in dynamic sensory art experiences. Art, exercise and the city's broader urban landscape meet as audiences take a break from everyday life, stimulate their mind and body and gain new perspectives on contemporary art in shared environments.

CHART 2025 takes place from 28–31 August at Charlottenborg, Copenhagen

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