# Save Dante - Fuck Q Park's parking garage

# Dante enters into dialogue with the 21st century

You are hereby invited to the unveiling of a new <u>art installation</u> by Jens Galschiøt, which marks the 700th anniversary of Dante's death in September 1321 and the historical and cultural community between Italy and Denmark.

The work will be displayed on Dante's Square, which is located in the center of Copenhagen, in the middle of the museum's district.

The square dates from 1921 and was inaugurated in the memory of the 600th anniversary of Dante's death, by both the Danish and the Italian king.

For his 700 year anniversary, Dante Alighieri has to make do with a number of well-known Danish actors and artists holding a vigil in his honor.



Photo: "Save Dante - Fuck Q Park's parking garage" Art installation 2021, copper. Artist Jens Galschiot

Unveiling will be held Monday the 13th September 2021. 17.00 o'clock Dantes plads. 1556 Copenhagen.

# speeches by

### Klaus Bondam, Director of the Cyclists' Association

# Professor, cand. lawyer and phil Ditlev Tamm

#### artist Jens Galschiøt

#### and others

**Galschiøt has created an art installation** to bring Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) and his life and thoughts into the 21st century. Galschiøt wants to let the sculptures enter into a dialogue with the viewer about what it is like to live in a modern, vibrant city like Copenhagen.

**Like Dante, he wants to involve the public** in this dialogue, not least around the democratic processes - or lack thereof - in particular around Dante's Square. Here, Q-Park and the City of Copenhagen want to transform Dante's current green Paradise into a Dante's Black Parking Hell, despite many protests from institutions, associations, residents and businesses.

The exhibition will consist of a number of Jens Galschiøt's iconic copper sculptures from previous international manifestations. These are 4 sculptures of the works "My Inner Beast" (230 cm), "Fuck The Double Standard" (260cm) and the Greek pillar / plinth (280 cm). These sculptures are combined with a series of newly produced sculptures by a shouting Dante (70 cm), which are placed on the Greek pillar together with "fuck The Double Standard" - the four Inner Beast's is placed around the Greek pillar.

It is all arranged in a strict geometric and symbolic order which was common in the Middle Ages.

On behalf of the Residents' Association for Dante's Square and nearby surroundings Sincerely, Jette Ingerslev.

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# About Jens Galschiøt

#### Bruun Rasmussen's Art-Auction have made the following Biography of Jens Galschiot:

Jens Galschiot was born in 1954, in Frederikssund, he is married and has three children. Certificate as a construction blacksmith in 1978. He is a self-taught silversmith and sculptor. He settled in Odense in 1973 and opened his 2000 m2 large studio in 1985, which contains a bronze foundry, a workshop, a gallery and a sculpture park.

Galschiot's mode of expression mainly consists of naturalistic and organic forms, which are influenced by the Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí, and the semi-occult stile from the Jugend period. In many of his sculptures 'the void' is as an essential part of the expression: for instance when he exhibits clothing sculptures (with the shape of the body, but void of the body), the viewers are encouraged to use their own imagination to fill in the emptiness, by using images from their own lives. If he succeeds in doing so the artist has achieved his goal: to make his sculptures and the human imagination work together.

Internationally, Galschiot could be characterized as one of the most significant Danish artists of late modernity (after 1980). His artistic production covers a wide field of expression; from jewellery and small dainty figures to gigantic, politically emphatic sculptures. He is among the best-known Danish artists abroad. His reputation extends from Hong Kong, and Mexico to Germany, Spain, and the U.S.A. Apart from clothing sculptures Jens Galschiot creates international happenings to highlight the present imbalance of the world. "

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#### General information about Galschiøt can be found at:

See Wikipedia:

Portrait of the sculptors CV (PDF)

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There are frequent art exhibitions in the park as well as in the galleries; the latter also contains a store offering sculptures and jewelry. In the workshop Galschiot works along with the gallery's many employees, modeling everything from the smallest jewelry to sculptures reaching several meters. The models will then be cast in bronze at the gallery's own foundry.

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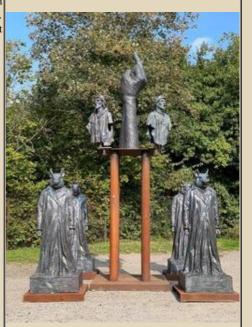
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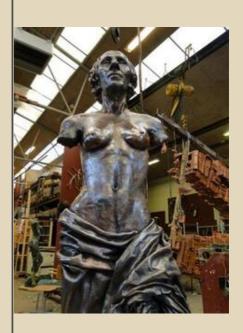


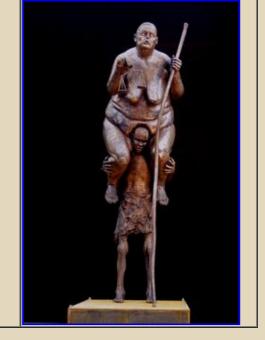












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