

FINISHED

Lina Viste Grønli

March 5th – April 3rd 2005.

Opening: Friday, March 4th.

Curated by Trude Iversen.

UKS has the pleasure of hosting the opening of Lina Viste Grønli's first solo exhibition. The exhibition title shares its name with the sculpture *Ferdig/Finished* (2005). As of this writing, it is a contradiction in terms to write *Ferdig* ("Finished") in italic with a year behind it, denoting a work of art. The work is not yet such a thing. Neither finished, nor a "work." The letters spelling out the word "finished," are chest high. The finished *Finished* will be the result of the artist "putting the last touch on the piece." In the same gesture, this theme is actualised and communicates with ongoing discussions on the supposed de-objectification process of art.

Hindrance as theme, as well as specific institution-critical aspects are present already at the entranceway to UKS. A double staircase makes visitors feel the "threshold" of stepping into the gallery. The same thing repeats itself when one leaves the exhibition. In the reception area, a two meters tall sculpture of letters made from leca, shaped like the word IKKE ("DON'T") can be found. The normal, accustomed passageway is now occupied by a defiant negation. The main room of the gallery is characterised by the work *Cut it Out* (2005). Despite the introduction of language-philosophical dimensions that need to be dealt with, Grønli's work demonstrates a straightforwardness that makes intellectualisation difficult, and possibly even unnecessary.

Lina Viste Grønli (b. 1976) was educated at the National Academy of Fine Arts (1999-2003). She has, among other places, exhibited at Gallery Charlotte Lund in Stockholm, Stiftung Starke in Berlin and the Molitrix show room. On the occasion of the exhibition, a catalogue has been printed, which will be available in the gallery or by request at info@uks.no.

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