

## SØREN SOLKÆR: SURFACE BOOK AND EXHIBITION PROJECT

All the portraits in SURFACE show artists who work in the public space. It is a book and exhibition project that was started in August 2012. The artists are photographed in cities across the world with their own art work, in a subjective and staged manner using artificial light and often props and masks. The resulting portrait aims to investigate the relation between the artist and his work and its space in the urban environment. The aim is to portray the most significant figures in public and street art both on the contemporary scene as well as the pioneering figures. The book will be published in February 2015, followed by numerous exhibitions worldwide.

So far, I have photographed more than 110 artists, in locations stretching the globe – including Copenhagen, Stavanger, London, Miami, Newcastle, Paris, Berlin, New York, Los Angeles, Berlin, Sydney and Melbourne.

SURFACE is an interpretation of the genre as well as the personalities behind the art itself. It is my ambition to present a snapshot of the scene in its current days of transition, whilst also shedding light on the pioneering figures who paved the way.

SURFACE isn't meant as documentation of street art but as is common in my approach, I photograph the artists in a visual interplay with their work, which consequently facilitate evidence of the art works themselves.

### SURFACE – THE BOOK

The book will be a 248 page hardcover coffee table book measuring 24x32 cm, featuring around 140 artists. It will be published by Gingko Press in February 2015 and distributed worldwide.

### SURFACE – THE EXHIBITION

So far, five exhibitions have been planned for the first half of 2015:

- February 2015 : Art Equity, Sydney Australia
- March 2015 : Block Projects/Niagara, Melbourne, Australia
- April: Subliminal Projects, L.A.
- April : Opera Gallery, N.Y.
- June: Øksnehallen, in collaboration with V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

I am talking to galleries/art institutions in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna about exhibitions in the second half of 2015 and leading into 2016.

### SURFACE – THE FILM

Danish film maker Tine Reingaard has been documenting a major part of the making of SURFACE. A 28-minute TV documentary has just been shown on Danish National TV, and a full length documentary will be released along with the book.

Søren Solkær, July 2014

## ARTISTS PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE SURFACE PROJECT AS OF JUNE 2014

1. Shepard Fairey. Copenhagen. 2011
2. Bást. Brooklyn. 2013
3. Lee Quinones. Brooklyn. 2013
4. Conor Harrington, London. 2012
5. Kid Zoom. Brooklyn. 2012
6. Blek Le Rat, Paris. 2014
7. Miss Van. Miami. 2013
8. Sweet Toof. London. 2013
9. D\*Face. London. 2013
10. Ayz. Copenhagen. 2012
11. Lady Pink, Miami. 2013
12. Mobstr. Stavanger. 2012
13. Olek. Brooklyn. 2012
14. Above. Copenhagen. 2012
15. Gaia. Newcastle. 2012
16. Kaff-Eine. Melbourne. 2012
17. Does. Melbourne. 2012
18. Niels 'Shoe' Meulman. Stavanger. 2012
19. Cost. Williamsburg. 2013
20. Logan Hicks. Brooklyn. 2013
21. Swoon. Red Hook. 2013
22. Ron English. Stavanger. 2012
23. Dan Witz. London. 2012
24. Rostarr. Brooklyn. 2013
25. Dolk. Stavanger. 2012
26. Lady Aiko. New York City. 2012
27. Elle. Brooklyn. 2012
28. Dabs Myla. Los Angeles. 2013
29. Nicer. The Bronx. 2012
30. Eine. Stavanger. 2012
31. Jimmy C. London. 2013
32. Aakash Nihalani. Stavanger. 2012
33. Faile. New York City. 2013
34. Lush. Melbourne. 2012
35. Sev, Sen4, Easy, Ghast, Zaone. N.Y.C. 2013
36. Paul Insect. London. 2013
37. Freedom. New York City. 2013
38. Meggs. Melbourne. 2012
39. Mark Bode. The Bronx. 2012
40. Ludo. London. 2012
41. Risk. Los Angeles. 2013
42. Kenny Scharf. Brooklyn. 2012
43. Conor Harrington. London. 2012
44. Goldie. London. 2013
45. Hownosm. Stavanger. 2013
46. Sickboy. Stavanger. 2012
47. Todd James. Copenhagen. 2012
48. Vexta. Brooklyn. 2012
49. Saber. Stavanger. 2012
50. E.L.K.. Melbourne. 2012
51. Cope2. New York City. 2012
52. Beau Stanton. Brooklyn. 2012
53. Sen4. New York City. 2013
54. WK Interact. New York City. 2013
55. Wolfbat. Copenhagen. 2013
56. Miso. Melbourne. 2012
57. Lucy McLauchlan. London. 2012
58. Hyuro. Copenhagen. 2013
59. Hush. Newcastle. 2012
60. Ernest Zacharevic. Stavanger. 2013
61. Strök. Stavanger. 2013
62. Faith47. Stavanger. 2013
63. Victor Ash. Berlin. 2013
64. Dal East. Stavanger. 2013
65. Czarnobyl. Berlin. 2013
66. Vhils. Stavanger. 2013
67. C215. Stavanger. 2013
68. Hush. Stavanger. 2013
69. Broken Fingaz Crew. Berlin. 2013
70. Seen, Las Vegas. 2014
71. Rone. Melbourne. 2012
72. Borondo. London. 2014
73. Slinkachu. London. 2014
74. Run. London. 2014
75. Nychos. Miami. 2013
76. Jaz. Miami. 2013
77. Axel Void. Miami. 2013
78. Lovepusher. Miami. 2013
79. Lister. Miami. 2013
80. ROA. Miami. 2013
81. Zed1. Copenhagen. 2013
82. Kashink. Miami. 2013
83. Best Ever. Miami. 2013
84. Louis Masai. Miami. 2013
85. London Police. Miami. 2013
86. Matt Adnate. Melbourne. 2012
87. Cyrle. Los Angeles. 2014
88. Ears. Sydney. 2012
89. Bio. The Bronx. 2012
90. Phibs. Sydney. 2012
91. RAE. Coney Island. 2014
92. Crash. The Bronx. 2012
93. Ayz. Copenhagen. 2012.
94. Jordan Seiler. Stavanger. 2012
95. HAHA. Copenhagen. 2012
96. Pixote. Miami. 2013
97. Reko Rennie. Sydney. 2012
98. C215. Stavanger. 2013
99. GR170. Copenhagen. 2012
100. Icy and Sot. Brooklyn. 2014
101. Nelio. Copenhagen. 2012
102. The Wa. Stavanger. 2012
103. Dmote. Brooklyn. 2012
104. ENX. Brooklyn. 2014
105. Meres. 5pointz. 2013
106. Atma. London. 2013
107. Judith Supine. Williamsburg. 2013
108. Lucy McLauchlan. London. 2012
109. Sofles. Copenhagen. 2014
110. Maya Hayuk. New York City. 2014
111. André
112. Horfe
113. Space Invader