

# WELCOME ON BOARD!

THE SHIP is this year's large exhibition for children and adults at Nikolaj Kunsthal, created by visual artist Eske Kath and musician Nanna Fabricius Øland aka Oh Land. The exhibition has been made specifically for Nikolaj Kunsthal, taking up the entire nave of the art centre, and the church organ has also been included with an interactive sound composition.

Here, you can go exploring in a three-storey container ship and the ocean that surrounds it.

The ship is a symbol of every person's voyage or the common voyage that we all undertake together. The hull of the ship is invisible, but we can see the delineation of it in its surroundings in which waves and colourful sunken containers create their own sensuous world.

What do we carry with us? Where is the ship headed? Where does it come from, and what awaits it out there in the horizon?

## THE ENGINE ROOM

THE ENGINE ROOM is the first room we enter as we climb on board. Here, there are metal, pumps, rumbling pipes and tree roots growing down through the roof. The engine room or the inside of the body: this is where the driving force and the energy are gathered - the world being driven forward as a noisy organism.

## THE WHEELHOUSE

THE WHEELHOUSE at the very top is the ship's control room - clinically illuminated by a cold white light. Surveillance screens present live transmissions from the scenery surrounding us. On the floor lie technical drawings scattered in a mess. The wheelhouse is askew, and perhaps it is only a matter of time before it will tumble into the sea.

## THE BRIDGE

Walking out into THE BRIDGE you can look out over formations of waves and half-sunken containers. The lost cargo contains negative imprints of elements within the world of THE SHIP, e.g. remnants of the interior of the ship and various sounds - breaks and missing rhythmic beats from the soundtrack of the exhibition. The lost containers serve as kinds of myths and ideas that have been scrapped or fallen off in order to make room for new ones.

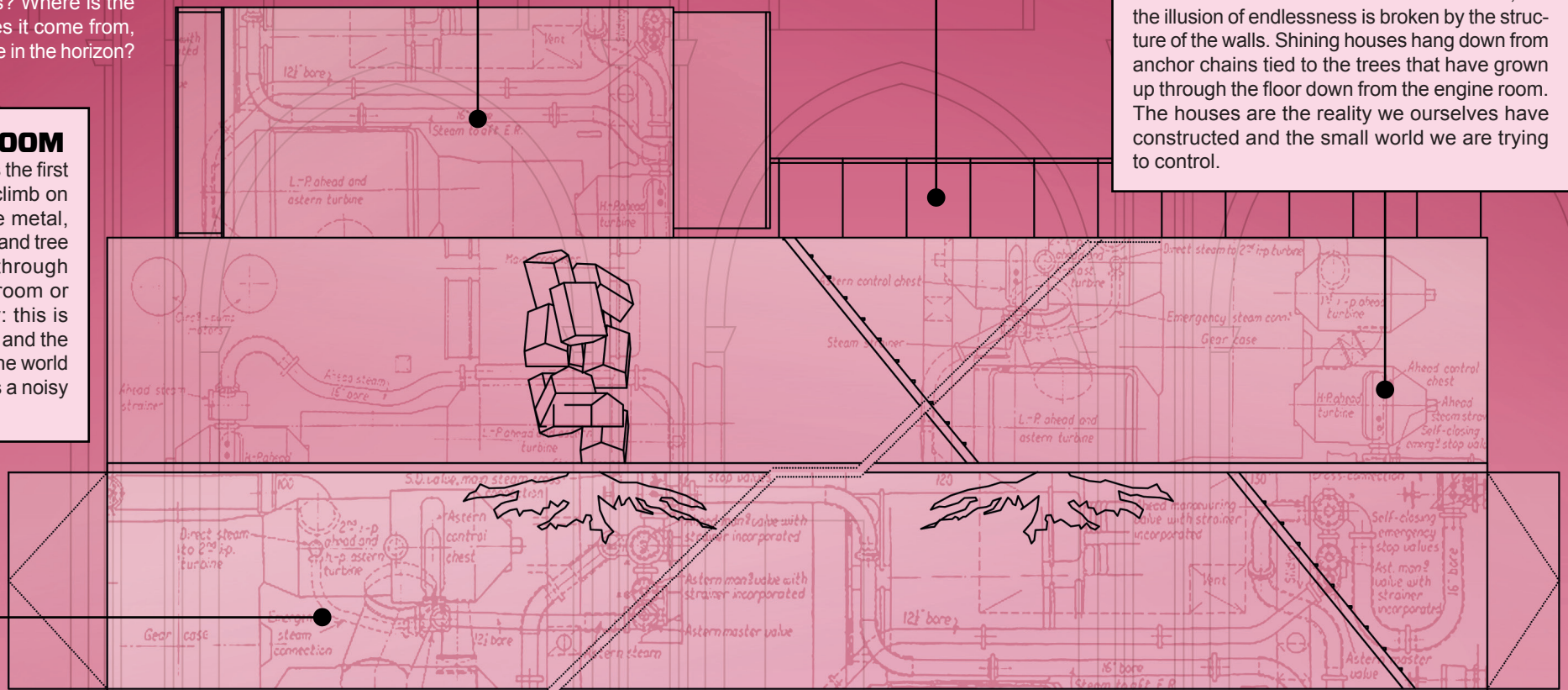
## ESKE KATH & OH LAND

**Eske Kath** (b. 1975) is a visual artist. He lives and works in New York and Denmark. He was educated at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in 2003.

**Nanna Fabricius Øland** (b. 1985) is a musician known as Oh Land. She has released four albums: *Fauna* (2008), *Oh Land* (2011), *Wish Bone* (2013) and *Earth Sick* (2014).

## THE HALL OF MIRRORS

THE HALL OF MIRRORS on the first floor seems endless, and yet it is cramped. We can see ourselves in the mirrors and reflect each other, but the illusion of endlessness is broken by the structure of the walls. Shining houses hang down from anchor chains tied to the trees that have grown up through the floor down from the engine room. The houses are the reality we ourselves have constructed and the small world we are trying to control.



## ABOUT NIKOLAJ KUNSTHAL

Nikolaj Kunsthal presents exhibitions of contemporary art that challenge and inspire, addressing the most important topics of the day. Each year, Nikolaj Kunsthal presents a special exhibition created for both children and adults.

Nikolaj Kunsthal is located in the former Church of Saint Nicholas, dating back to the 13th century. THE SHIP takes as one of its points of departure the old Nikolaj church building, named after the saint of the seafarers. The building has not functioned as a church since 1795 when it fell victim to the large city fire that year.

Nikolaj Kunsthal is a part of the City of Copenhagen organisation History & Art that also includes Thorvaldsens Museum, the Museum of Copenhagen and the Copenhagen City Archives.

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