

# CODEX POLARIS

CODEX POLARIS (est. 2013) is an artist group based in Bergen, Norway that creates exhibiting opportunities for artists, printmakers, designers and writers working with artists' books in the Nordic region. Alongside the exhibition program Codex Polaris invites guest co-organisers to work on various networking projects, and writers to contribute with text works to raise the profile of book arts spanning local, national and international perspectives.

## CV

- 2021 Jan-Mar EXHIBITION - **Kristiansand Kunsthall** - curated exhibition - Marhaug, Maufe, Strand
- 2020-2022 PROJECT/ EXHIBITION - **Sigla - Binda** - a ten artist exchange between Iceland and Norway. Resulting in a group exhibition touring both countries, launching at Galleri Entrée, Bergen, Nov 2021.
- 2021 EXHIBITION - **Bibliotek Nordica** - National Library, Iceland
- 2021 May BOOK FAIR - **Malmö Artist Book Biennale** - Sweden
- 2020 Nov BOOK FAIR - **Codex Polaris at Small Publishers Fair**, London
- 2020 Dec BOOK FORUM - **Book Art Weekend** - RISK(U), Stockholm, Sweden
- 2020 PROJECT - **Posted/Unposted (British Isles)** - in collaboration with Angie Butler  
Second edition of Posted/Unposted, involving 28 artists, writers, and printmakers from the British Isles using letterpress and books.
- 2019/18/16/15 BOOK FAIR - **Norske bøker** at Bergen Art Book Fair
- 2019 May BOOK FAIR - **Norske bøker** - Barstad Art Book Fair, Lillehammer, Norway
- 2019 Feb-Apr EXHIBITION - **Posted/Unposted ++** - San Francisco Center of the Book, USA  
Curated exhibition with additional works from the Nordic Letterpress Collaboration group and artists talk by Lina Nordenström and Imi Maufe.
- 2017-2019 PROJECT/BOOK FAIR - **CODEX NORDICA** - CODEX Book Fair and Symposium in California, USA  
Curated the international Nordic Focus at CODEX 2019 (Feb 4.-8) working with invited partners from each of the Nordic Countries. Twenty artists travelled to CODEX book fair, to present work by fifty artists on five stands, launch Bibliotek Nordica, give talks at the symposium and a presentation at the Book Club of California, San Francisco.
- 2018-2019 PROJECT - **Bibliotek Nordica** - in collaboration with Megan Adie (Aviary Press) and Bent Kvisgaard (Vingaards Officin).  
An invitation to 82 Nordic artists working with books, resulted in a portable resource of Nordica book works. Produced in an edition of ten and launched at CODEX 2019.  
Exhibited: 'My Library was Dukedom Large Enough' - GIBCA extended at Konstepidemien, Göteborg, Sweden, 2.- 24. Nov. 2019 Curated by Carine Fihn.  
Frankfurt Book Fair - City of Bergen Stand, 17. - 20. Oct. 2019.  
Malmö Kunsthall Book Shop, Sweden, May 2019; KKV, Malmö, May 2019.  
Bristol Artist Book Event - Arnolfini, Bristol, UK - 30.-31. Mars 2019.
- 2019 Jun EXHIBITION - **Norske Bøker** - Fruit Exhibition - Bologna, Italy  
Eleven Norwegian artists represented to an invited exhibition at the 7<sup>th</sup> Fruit Exhibition.
- 2019 TEXTS - **Codex Polaris Texts** commissioned in collaboration with Bibliotek Nordica.  
Ongoing project.
- 2018 Nov EXHIBITION - **China Meets Norway in a Bookshelf No.2** - in collaboration with Northing.no.  
An exhibition representing eleven Norwegian artists as one of three key exhibitors at abC Book Fair, Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai. This exhibition toured to Bentu One Gallery, Beijing and Paper Live, Hangzhou, China.
- 2018 Nov RESIDENCY - **Paper Live, Hangzhou, China** - in collaboration with Northing.no  
Two artists representing Codex Polaris undertook a pilot project to establish a residency in a paper and print factory.

- 2017 **PROJECT - Nordic Letterpress Collaboration - Posted/Unposted** - in collaboration with Lina Nordenström (GG studios, Uttersberg, Sweden)  
Twenty five Nordic artists, printmakers and writers contributed to this Letterpress project.  
Exhibited: Gallery Astley in Uttersberg, Sweden, 5. Oct - 10. Nov. 2019;  
Galleri i Väst, Gotenberg, Sweden Jan 2019,  
Malmö Artists book Biennale May 2018,  
Bergen Art Book Fair Nov 2017;  
Bristol Artist Book Event, UK - April 2017;  
Viborg Library, Denmark 2017;  
Galleri Pi, Copenhagen 2017.
- 2015-2017 **PROJECT / EXHIBITION - Smak av Bok (Taste of Books)**  
Ten Norwegian artists created large scale books works especially for this project.  
Workshop at Trykkeriet, Bergen followed by a touring exhibition to Visningsrom USF, Bergen;  
Stormen, Bodø and SFKM, Førde, Norway.
- 2016 **TEXTS - Three texts commission in collaboration with Smak av Bok.**
- 2014 **EXHIBITION - Norske bøker (Norwegian Books)**  
A collection of 45 books by 25 Norwegian based artists travelled to BABE, Arnolfini, Bristol; Library Gallery, UWE, Bristol: 3 Nordic Exhibitions, Doverodde Book Art Centre, Denmark and BABF, Bergen Kjøtt, Norway.
- 2013 -14 **TEXTS - B-Open Lesesirkel**  
Bookart reading group set up as an initiative by B-Open, Bergen to establish groups for different professional arts sectors. This is the only group from this project still going strong.

#### **WORKS IN COLLECTIONS**

Posted/Unposted Nordica - University of Miami, USA and private collections.

#### **FUNDING AND IN KIND SUPPORT**

- 2020 Norsk Kulturråd - project support - Codex Polaris
- 2020 Norsk-Islandsk collaboration support from Norsk kulturråd - project support - Sigla - Binda
- 2019 Norsk Kulturråd - project support - Codex Polaris
- 2019 Norwegian Embassy in Italy - travel support - Fruit Exhibition
- 2018 Nordisk kulturfond, OCA, Bergen kommune, Bildende Kunstneres Hjelpesfond, Norwegian Embassy in Washington - project and travel support for Codex Nordica. Plus support from the Nordic countries own funding bodies.
- 2018 Billedkunstners Vederlagsfond, Viborg Kommune, Denmark and in kind support from Vingaards Officin and its members, Denmark- project and travel support - Bibliotek Nordica
- 2016 Nordisk Kulturfond, Billedkunstneres Vederlagsfond, Grafikverkstan Godsmagasinet (SE) - project and travel support - Nordic Letterpress Collaboration
- 2015 Norsk Kulturråd, Billedkunstneres Vederlagsfond, Norwegian State exhibition fund - project and exhibition support - SMAK AV BOK
- 2015 Norwegian Embassy in London, OCA, Bergen Kommune - travel support for Norske bøker to Bergen Artist Book Event.