

Welcome to Baekkelund Art Culture Centre at the beautiful island Bornholm, in Denmark

Baekkelund is a new centre for art and culture at the beautiful island Bornholm. With its quiet and inspiring surroundings, Baekkelund will enable artists to live in retreat and to work here, as well as participate in, or host, courses, seminars and conferences.

Like the true essence of art, nature reflects the whole human being. It evokes our deepest feelings and puts us in a state of intensified attention and solidarity. From the silent inner source, to life's large roaring ocean, from the single smallest detail in body and form to the spirit's infinite winds.

Elements from the surroundings, the landscape, content all expression, balance and crookedness. Artists from stage, music and fine arts are asked to open up a dialogue with the surroundings.

At Baekkelund it is possible to do research and to become absorbed in connections between nature and art, both indoors in the beautiful interior of the old farm, and outdoors in the magnificent landscapes of the island.

The purpose is to offer an untraditional framework for both performing and creative artists, supporting and stimulating new thought and innovative co-operations as well as the individual artistic process, searching for knowledge and inspiration in the interaction between man, art and nature.

The activities at Baekkelund, both local and international ones, are documented and collected for public events, exhibitions, concerts and lectures.

At centre for art and culture the artist is living near the powerful Nordic nature. In the daily work he/she will have the indirect as well as the direct inspiration of the islands fascinating and overwhelming variety.

The farm called Baekkelund was established as art culture centre in 2008 by Danish and internationally acknowledged choreographer Anita Saij. It is situated only a three hours ride from Copenhagen at Bornholm, a Danish island of great magic and beauty.

The centre for art and culture Baekkelund lies in the hills of Torpe, 3 km from the village Klemensker in the Northwestern part of Bornholm. The old farm building consists of four wings plus 10.000 acres of land and has a functional main part for accommodation, a number of rooms, and a big studio for dance, concerts etc. viewing the arable landscape and the wood belonging to the farm.

From the large terrace and from the living room you will enjoy the sunset, the open sky and the Baltic Sea far behind the hills. From Baekkelund it is very easy to get around, for instance to the long, nice sandy beach at the isle's west coast, where you can take a swim, and to the fabulous bird hills and rock valleys up north.

Baekkelund is also the host of international courses in contemporary performance techniques, for instance The Academy of Experimental Art and Performance for professional artists and Nordic School of Butoh.

Artist can apply to work in retreat for longer periods at the centre for art and culture.

Please find pictures etc. at www.nordicbutoh.dk/baekkelund.htm

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