

“I Am a Drinnie” – An Unusual Opening to the 2026 Art Year

German-Danish Spring Exhibition, organized by the association KUNST FÜR ANGELN e.V., opens on Sunday, April 19, 2026

With a strong German-Danish collaboration, the non-profit association KUNST FÜR ANGELN e.V. opens the 2026 art year.

The major spring exhibition “I Am a Drinnie” will transform the Wittkielhof near Kappeln into a meeting place for contemporary art, cultural exchange, and new perspectives in the border region between Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark throughout April.

Art Connects – Across Borders

Since its founding in 2022, KUNST FÜR ANGELN e.V. has pursued the goal of sustainably enriching the northernmost region of Schleswig-Holstein with contemporary art and intensifying creative exchange with Danish artists. The geographical proximity to the German-Danish border is deliberately understood as a cultural opportunity: art becomes a unifying element across languages, generations, and artistic positions.

In 2026, this collaboration will be further deepened. In close cooperation with the Sønderjyllands Art School and under the curatorship of Danish artist and art educator Thomas Lunau, the association presents an exhibition that naturally brings together German and Danish perspectives.

“I Am a Drinnie” – A Title That Sparks Curiosity
 The unusual exhibition title deliberately opens up a broad space for interpretation. “Drinnes”—a term for people who prefer to stay indoors, within their own comfort zone—symbolically represent social developments that have become increasingly evident, especially since the COVID era. Between withdrawal, self-observation, and renewed inner reflection, the exhibited works reflect contemporary realities of life and personal attitudes.

Today’s “Drinnie” seeks genuine social contact—with “real” people. More and more experts are recognizing that social media are reaching their limits, and that real people are retreating from digitally synthetic worlds back into the analog.

Over 100 artworks form a diverse panorama: works by around 20 Danish artists, pieces from the private Roosen-Trinks collection, loaned works, and—presented publicly for the first time—works by students of the Sønderjyllands Art School. The exhibition is complemented by rotating presentations in Angeln and Sønderborg, as well as workshops for children led by Danish artists.

Voices on the Exhibition

Ingrid Roosen-Trinks, board member of KUNST FÜR ANGELN e.V., emphasizes:

“Our upcoming exhibition theme ‘I Am a Drinnie’ carries a wealth of associations and interpretations. The works by the young students from Sønderborg fit the theme perfectly and enrich the exhibition tremendously. It is particularly valuable that these young talents are personally present, allowing for direct dialogue with the audience.”

Curator Thomas Lunau adds:

“The title ‘I Am a Drinnie’ opens up so many possibilities for interpretation. The younger generation in particular feels addressed by the term and finds its very own artistic definition of it.”

Invitation to the Vernissage

The official opening of the exhibition “I Am a Drinnie” will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (Open House) at the Wittkielhof near Kappeln on the Schlei.

Admission is free.

Save the date—and experience why “Drinnie” is far more than just a word.

Exhibition: April 19 – May 17, 2026

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List of artists (April 19 – May 17, 2026):

Slim Aarons
 Ansel Adams
 Ellen Auerbach
 Stefan Balkenhol

Boris Becker
Henrik Becker
Thore Bernstein
Carolin Beyer
Rasmus Bjørn
Michael van den Bogaard
Charlotte Bonjour
Kate Bright
Thorsten Brinkmann
André Butzer
Thomas C. Chung
Justin Cooper
Stephen Craig
Bjørn Dahlem
Julius Deutschbauer
Antje Dorn
Tobias Duwe
Marcel van Eeden
Cerith Wyn Evans
Walker Evans
Arthur Fischer
Klaus Fußmann
T.M.Glass
Ramiro Gomez
Greg Gorman
Lennart Grau
Willem Grimm
Philip Grötzing
Beate Gütschow
Matt Hennek
Jane Hilton
Nicole Hollmann
Candida Höfer
Atsushi Kaga
Katrin Kampmann
Emil Krenz
Diether Kressel
Jesper Kristiansen
Alexandra Kürtz
Zilla Leutenegger
Via Lewandowski
Robert Lucander
Oliver Mark
Rupprecht Matthes
Bjørn Melhus
Monika Michalko
Laszlo Moholy-Nagy
David Moises
Jonathan Monk
Andreas Mühe
Yoshimoto Nara
Jorge Pardo
Natalia und María Petschatnikov
Elizabeth Peyton
Alexandra Ranner
Tobias Rehberger
Reimer Riediger
Camillo Ritter
Gerwald Rockenschaub
Ingrid Roosen
Gideon Rubin
Christoph Ruckhäberle
Tom Sachs
Gregor Sailer
Takako Saito
Maike Sander
Gitte Schäfer
Georg Schulz
Chili Seitz
Andreas Slominski
Lucy Sparrow
Daniel Spoerri
Frank Suplie
Christopher Thomas
Gregor Toerzs
Malte Urbschat
Kerrin Voges
Robert Voit
Till Warwas
Carol Wates
Donata Wenders
Rachel Whiteread
Robert Wilson
Erwin Wurm
Andrea Zittel

Danish Artists:
Frederik Albrecht
Linn Andresen
Martin Askholm
Rasmus Bjørn
Iris Fridiksdottir
Stine Marie Jacobsen
Trine Jensen
Julie Busch Johansen
Emil Krenz
Jesper Kristiansen
Minna Kristoffersen
Anne Lass
Clara Moos Larsen
Thomas Lunau
Tine Bay Lührssen
Sofie Bird Møller
Viktor Qvistorff
Christian Schmidt-Rasmussen
Yuu Schöwing
Marie Sejer Bentzon
Tal R
Lena Werner