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#### **BUREAU DETOURS**

Work philosophy:

The diverse and dynamic cultural collective Bureau Detours operates on the borderline between art, design and architecture.

With great social commitment, and through a wide range of different expressions and media, they put the boundaries and limits within public space to the test. The Bureaus favorite "playground" is the cityscape where they, through various projects, create customized oases and a framework in which new relations and interactions between people can evolve and emerge. "2nd Generation City Planning" they call it.

Organization and structure or lack of such (non-structure):

At the moment, Bureau Detours consists of an astounding and inspiring mix of architects, designers, sound artists, light artists, garden planners, visual artists and many more. Everyone involved in Bureau Detours joined because they had a unique potential to contribute to the collective with. And vice versa – the collective itself "pays it forward".

The Bureau is organized in small cells located in different cities in Europe: Aarhus, Copenhagen and Kolding in Denmark, Oslo in Norway, Berlin in Germany and Bordeaux in France. We call these nodes departments, as a reference to both guerrilla structures as well as the divisions of global companies.

Bureau Detours do not have a normal meeting structure, but a lot of smaller so called mini meetings and two larger annual meetings for all taking part in the various projects. Meetings and contact can take place over the phone, Skype, e-mail and last but not least; within our closed Bureau Detours online forum. Occasionally we all meet up for bigger projects that need all our hands, brains and creativity united.

Each project has one or more responsible/in charge but who "the lucky winner" is can vary with the different projects - several people within the collective, depending on time, interest and knowledge take on the challenge of being project manager at various occasions. In this way all our projects take on a new form, expression and mood every time. It is vital to us to be challenged and not stagnate in a certain method or fashion, both for our own sake and for the receiver.

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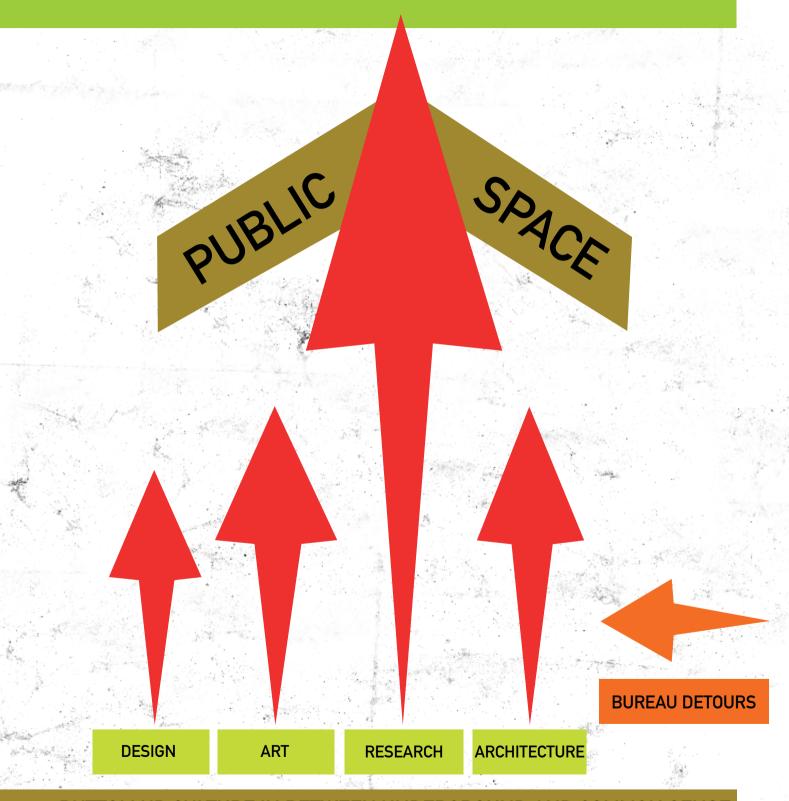
Some important common expressions that are represented in all of our activities:

Details: Spending extra time doing something nice, a nifty finish pays off in the end. Public /private: Differentiating space into public, private and semi-public.

The Garden plan: A basic conceptual drawing which gives all participants in a project an initial overall picture about what goes where.

More is more!: Expresses the fundamental basis for all our activities and work and we believe it is one of the reasons we get such substantial attention.

### **EVERYDAY SOCIETY**



BUTTOM UP CULTURE IN BETWEEN UNDERGROUND AND COMMON SENSE





# URBAN SPAC



# EEXPANDER

# FREE FURNITURE FACTORY

Place//Time

Festival de Wereld van Witte de With, Rotterdam, NL//September 2010

Bureau Detours were invited to do a project in public space by the urban street Festival de Wereld van Witte de With in Rotterdam. They shipped their relocatable workshop U.S.E. from Aarhus, DK to Rotterdam, NL and in only two days, they unfolded the U.S.E. station, and built and started a workshop with the purpose of producing free furniture for the urban environment of Rotterdam.

People passing by could carry the furniture off to a new spot in the city, where it would make sense to USE it. In this way the U.S.E. station provided the city with new urban furniture, on the terms of the people of Rotterdam themselves.























## MELLEMRUM

Place//Time

Nørre-Snede, DK//September - December 2010

"Mellemrum" (Intermediate spaces) is a course designed to equip the young people of a town to engage in active and creative dialogue with their own town. The creative entrepreneurship combines genuine creative learning in primary schools and practical creativity in young people's own communities. It is about promoting creative working methods in a spontaneous, lively and very flexible way, so the actual result reflects the process and content. Finally the projects are presented to the town as an exhibition.











### SKURVOGN FOR X

Place//Time Nørre-Snede, DK//June 2010

"Skurvogn for X" (Barrack for X) is a gathering point for the young people of Nørre-Snede. Placed next to the former central teenage hang-out of the own, the gas station, "Skurvogn for X" has become an important part of the lives and the identity of the young people that built and staged it together with Bureau Detours.

It is now the base for a series of ongoing smaller urban development initiatives involving the teenagers, Bureau Detours and other inhabitants of Nørre-Snede. Over the course of the project it has become an evident example of the need to involve and encourage children and teens in city planning, thus securing a viable and flourishing living environment for all ages.

### **CYKELKÆLDEREN**

Place//Time Nørre-Snede School, Nørre-Snede, DK// October 2010

A run-down and scary basement turned hot and inviting bicycle hang-out!

On the 9th graders own initiative, seven days of hard work resulted in not only a secure bicycle keeping, but also a popular workshop for mending bikes.

Together with Bureau Detours, nine boys and girls spent their fall vacation in school (!), learning by doing. By taking part in both the planning and execution of the project, they learned to take responsibility for their surroundings and achieved a sense of competence and ownership at the same time.



















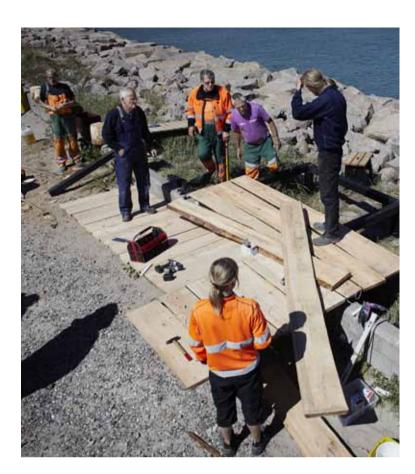
### GENVEJE TIL TRIVSEL

- Skabes gennem opbygningen af en kreativ og åben kultur, hvor medarbejderne har indflydelse på eget arbejde. Ved at gøre plads til kreativitet og personlig udfoldelse som en helt central del af løsningen af almindelige driftsopgaver øges trivslen. Medindflydelse på definitionen af kerneopgaven og tillid fra lederne til den enkelte medarbejder er ligeledes et centralt element, der fremmer trivslen på arbejdspladsen. Blomstring/ fremgang/ vækst lykke/ opkomst/ udvikling/ (Dansk Synonym Ordbog)

# PARKUWA

Place//Time Frederikshavn Municipality, Skagen, DK//June 2010

The project consists of three inspirational events of which this is the third and last one. The event itself is part of the "Viva Parkuwai" project as a whole, and the goal was to inspire the municipal Park and Road workers of the cities of Frederikshavn. Sæby and Skagen to turn things upside down and work together across unit borders. The participants in the Skagen event achieved immediate contentment and satisfaction by carrying out such a task together.











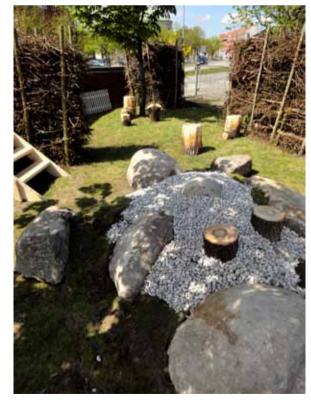
# PARKUWAI

Place//Time Frederikshavn Municipality, Frederikshavn, DK// June 2010

Friday May 21st Frederikshavn received their very own "Pocket Park". In no time the small area behind the walls at DSB (the Danish National Railway station) was transformed into a miniature park — a small place to breathe and relax in the middle of the city.

The idea was to work together to make a minipark – a place where people would want to spend their time – but only use a limited amount of time, materials and effort in the process.





















#### Place//Time

Frederikshavn Municipality, Sæby, DK//May 2010

Friday May 28th Sæby got a brand new hearth. In one single morning, the area between the rowing club and the ocean was transformed into "Sæby new hearth".

There used to be a hearth on the spot, so it was obvious to renew the area and add some extraordinary furniture – a huge bench and a gigantic chair.



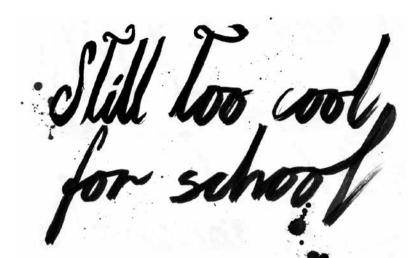


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Place//Time Højvangsskolen, Aarhus, DK//April 2010

A large, coherent, robust furniture module placed centrally in the common room in the primary school of Stavtrup. Focus is multi functionality as both a group room and stage. A first class aesthetic expression with emphasis on interesting form, good lighting and quality materials. It also contains a docking station for a mobile partition wall, single study rooms and storage for the big mattress under the platform/stage. Spot oriented light to break the pattern of the normal light.

The school and the children contacted Bureau Detours because they wanted something funky but not expensive. The management and some of the teachers took part in the design process of the master plan, the so called "garden plan" as it is known in the Detours universe. Also, selected children got a crash-course in "immediate design" and tool handling, on a high level.









### **KUNDSKABENS TRÆ**



Place//Time Skødstrup Library, Skødstrup, DK//August 2010

The "Tree of knowledge", standing in a school library on an island of green grass. A central space where the youngest can surround themselves with an old oak tree, seemingly standing there for more than mankind itself, with all its stories and knowledge.

Encompassed by a new building and a room filled with books and children, the old oak tree creates a space where the children can absorb knowledge and socialize together.

Produced with organic plywood and coated with environmentally friendly wood oil.

# CITYHALL



Place//Time Aarhus Rådhus, Aarhus, DK//April 2010

The city's town hall wanted to celebrate the day of the children and young people in Aarhus;

"A 100 days for the children and young people of the city".

The arena for the celebration was the town hall itself and since this day was devoted to children and young people, everything was built in small scale. We saw the town hall as a big "water basin" emptied for water, where a small island appeared with a house on it. With one room for writers' workshops. one for film interviews, a room in a room in room... Furniture and partition walls were made in order to create streets on each side of the island.

Herbs, flowers, tree pots and more grew up from the island.





### TRACKING DESIGN



Place//Time Den Skandinaviske Designhøjskole, Randers, DK//April 2010

A student workshop where the aim was to create an arena for movement as well as a dwelling structure for people and sheep. All set on of the school's green grounds, an area which is surrounded by a moat.

With the bike as a design tool and landscape art as a base, nearly 70 people were introduced to tools and construction philosophy. The result is an Indiana Jones'ish oasis with raft, manual ferry, furniture, sheep shelters, various bridges, bike tracks and some secret chill-out spots.

















#### Place//Time

Arc en Rêve Centre d'Architecture + Le CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, FR//Phase I October 2009, Phase II November 2009

Invited to participate in the art festival "Insiders" in Bordeaux at the Arc en Rêve, it was our ambition and also an experiment to start up a French department of Bureau Detours during the exhibition period. In phase 1, one functional work station was created in close collaboration with a group of French architectural students — a physical symbol of the new department in Bordeaux. In phase 2, we kept building and the installation kept growing all the way up under the ceiling in the beautiful, old customs house in Bordeaux.











Place//Time Københavns Projekthus, København, DK//February 2010

A kitchen built on the fact that the party always ends up in the kitchen. Functional, logically laid out with built-in party functions. When the food is ready the light changes to party lighting and the sound system can be turned up.







### LØMBELPARKEN



Place//Time Nørrebro, København, DK//April 2010

Natural playground, that doesn't dictate how children are supposed to play. On the contrary, it appeals to free thinking and pure fantasy. Space for grown ups is also a part of the concept. The idea is to create an overall environment that appeals to everybody:

- Everybody can continue building if they want.
- Old elements can be reused and rethought
- It ramifies into the whole garden area
- It is approved by an official playground inspector

























### CHARLOTTEN-BORG

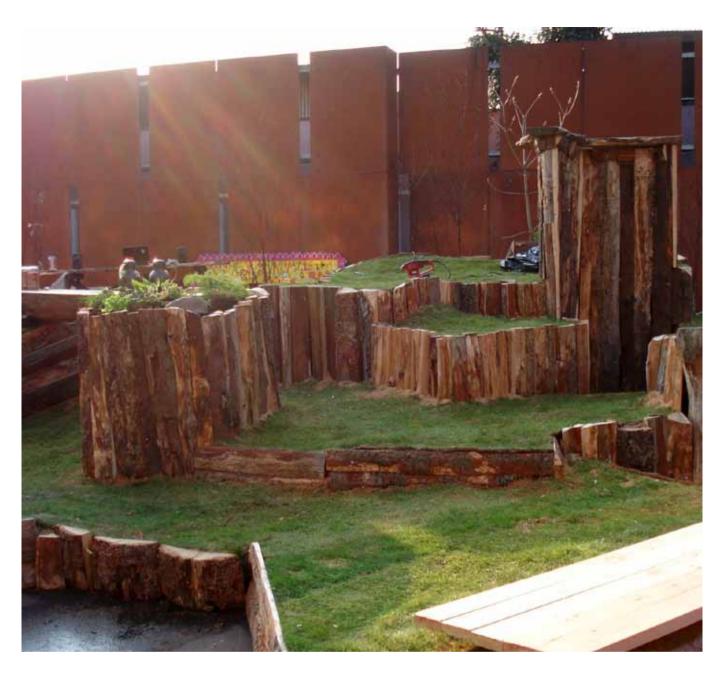
#### CHARLOTTENBORG

Place//Time

"Værker der Virker", Charlottenborg Kunsthal, København, DK//June 20th – August 30th 2010

"Between white cubes", a contribution to the exhibition "Works at work". The installation invites the viewer to move into the work and discover a universe that is completely opposite to the white walls.

"Works at work" is an exhibition that focuses on the process and the experiment, on works that don't stop with the artist's finishing touch, but continue to change due to the visitors contributions and interactions during the exhibition period.





### **NICOLAI**

Place//Time Kolding, DK//April 2009

"Nicolai for children" (a cultural centre under the municipality of Kolding) wanted, in connection to the building, a new, contemporary public play room. Emphasis was to be laid on the organic, the sculptural and the playful.

2nd Generation City Planning executed.















Place//Time Den Skandinaviske Designhøjskole, Randers, DK//April 2008

Workshop for the students at the department of graphics at The Scandinavian Design College. The assignment was to build a catwalk and a corresponding environment for the final fashion show for the students of fashion and textile.

# Too cool for school

Place//Time Højvangskolen, Aarhus, DK//March 2009

Interior design and furnishing of the common room for the 6th – 8th grade students at Højvangskolen. Bulletin boards, seating and a plug-and-play station is part of the concept.







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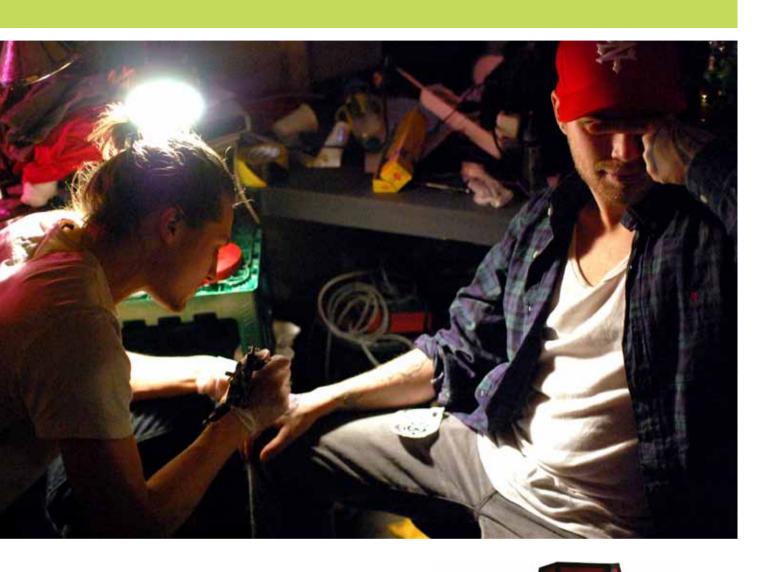
Norsk Design- og Arkitektursenter, Oslo, NO//January 2009 – February 2009

Our first office. STOP. Another curator is put to the test. STOP. Building mock-ups; material samples for Platform 6000, Bolsjefabrikken and World Out Games. STOP. Experiment: OPEN SOURCE OFFICE. FULL STOP.

























# THE GREY ESCAPE

Place//Time Henrik Vibskov shop, Oslo, NO//July 2009

Interior design and furnishing of the Henrik Vibskov concept store in Oslo.

The conceptual design is derived from a down scaled version of the ground plan of a medieval city.























## LÖGET

Place//Time

Dansk Arkitektur Center, København, DK//May 2008

In the project THE SPLASH, a part of the urban space project "get Lost" in the city of Copenhagen, lead by the Danish Architecture Centre, immediate and contemporary architecture is employed as a tool to focus on the special and social conflict zones of Copenhagen.

Attached to the Centre itself, "Løget" (The onion) has two sides, almost like a piece of graffiti, but with access from the exhibition inside the building. It becomes a piece of architecture, with natural lighting effects almost like in a cathedral.





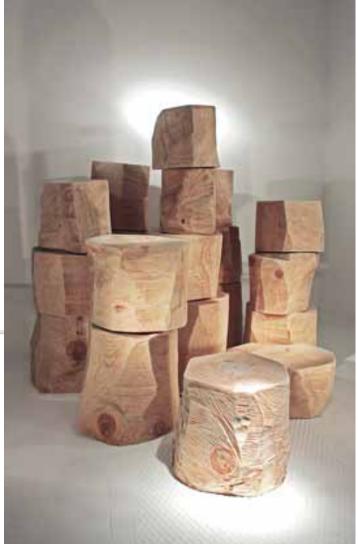


# OBJECTS













Place//Time Aarhus Festuge, Aarhus, DK//August - September 2008

In short the project can be described as a multifunctional oasis in the middle of the public room, located around The Aarhus Art Building during the annual Aarhus cultural week.

"Operaen" (The Opera) is a multipurpose, spatial sculpture that contains mobile art units, floating gardens, "parasites" in public space, swings and hammocks, soup kitchen, bar, surprises and much, much more. Everything in one single sculptural built structure and with a basal area of 500 m2 and an elevation that reaches the third floor.















# FLEMMINGS

## hus & have

Place//Time Machwerket, Aarhus, DK//January 2008

"Flemmings hus & have" (The house and garden of Flemming) is an indoor, tropical pocket in the darkness of the winter.

Located in the small gallery room of MA-CHWERKET in Vestergade, one can explore the wonderful world of Flemming. A flamboyant cocktail of architecture, favela building, summer and sun, an exquisite art collection, birds flying free and a pleasant sound picture in the backdrop.

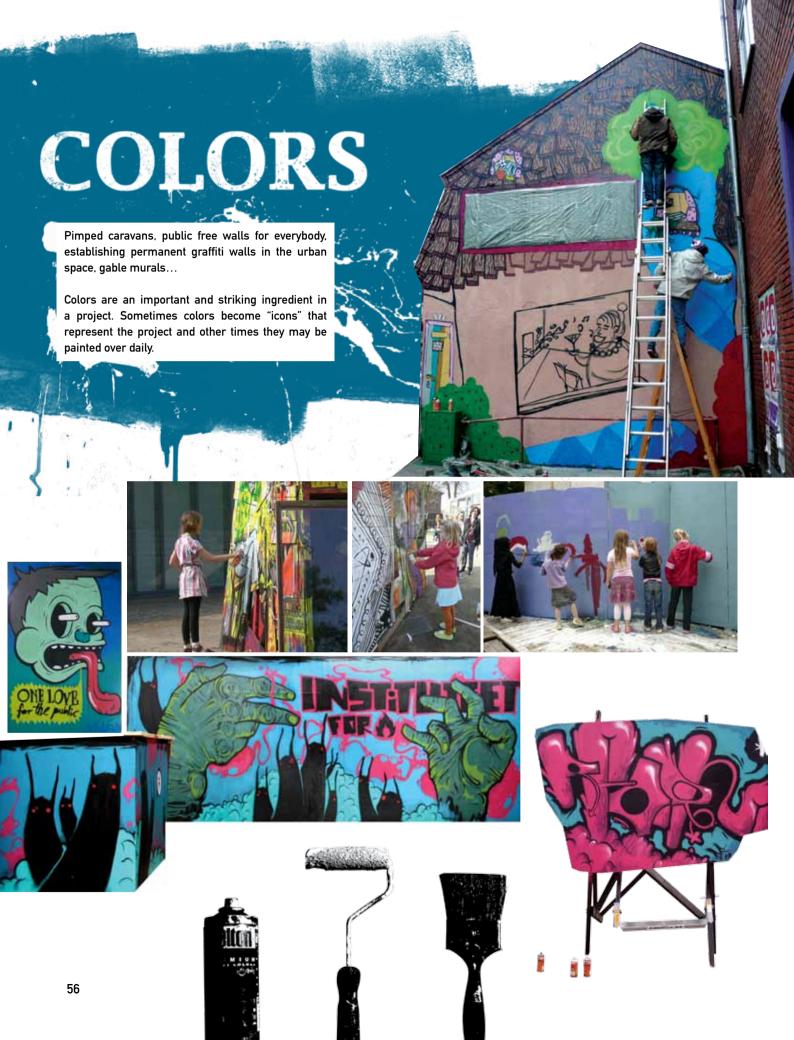




















Place//Time Pitstop, Kolding, DK//September 2009

Establishing a smokers patio at the "Pitstop" venue in Kolding.







Place//Time Bolsjefabrikken, København, DK//May 2009

Setting up a cinema at the independent culture house "Bolsjefabrikken."



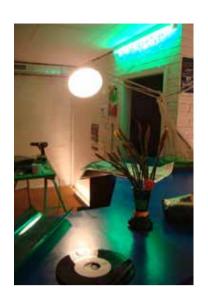




## **KOLDING** CITYCENTER

Place//Time Kolding, DK//March 2008

Cultural centre and rendezvous point for young people and creative souls in Kolding. The centre is a result of a collaboration with the municipality Kolding, who realized the value of an open and creative base that is selfgoverned and evolves from the bottom and up.







### Skabelsesberetningen

Place//Time Toldboden, Aarhus//November 2008

Gateway to the event "Leg med dig selv" ("Play with yourself"). The lights in the portal could be controlled by a joystick that was a built-in part of the structure.



# Par Sitten

Place//Time Aarhus Festuge, Aarhus, DK//September 2007

Establishing an informal collaboration between the underground and the municipality. To work with the potential of the urban space. To challenge urban planning. To create a public park, that is targeted for young people, and which functions as a live gallery where one can see the graffiti being painted live.

















Place//Time
Puls Festival, Aarhus, DK//June 2007

Establishing an alternative music venue. Included in the concept is an embellishment of the local area as well as gardening.







Parasite(ism) or interventions with the established, the already acquainted, is the drive behind the idea of creating a Mobile Museum in the Museum. Programme art, architecture, design and music. To establish a direct contact between the visitor and an experiment in the making.











### M.UE

Place//Time Sønderboulevard, København, DK//May 2007

With a Mobile Exhibition Unit, art can reach people as an exciting experience and interruption in the daily routine.









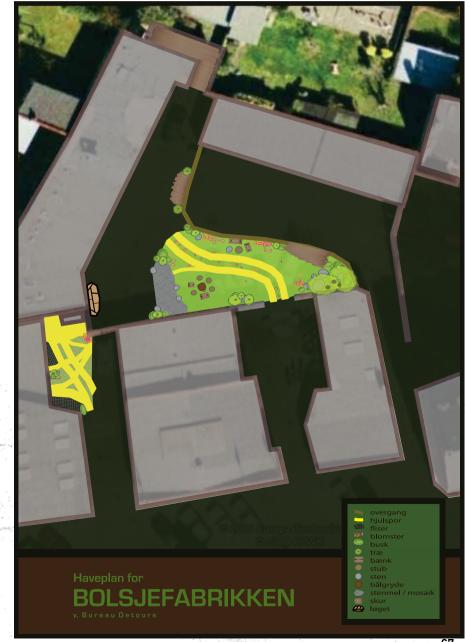


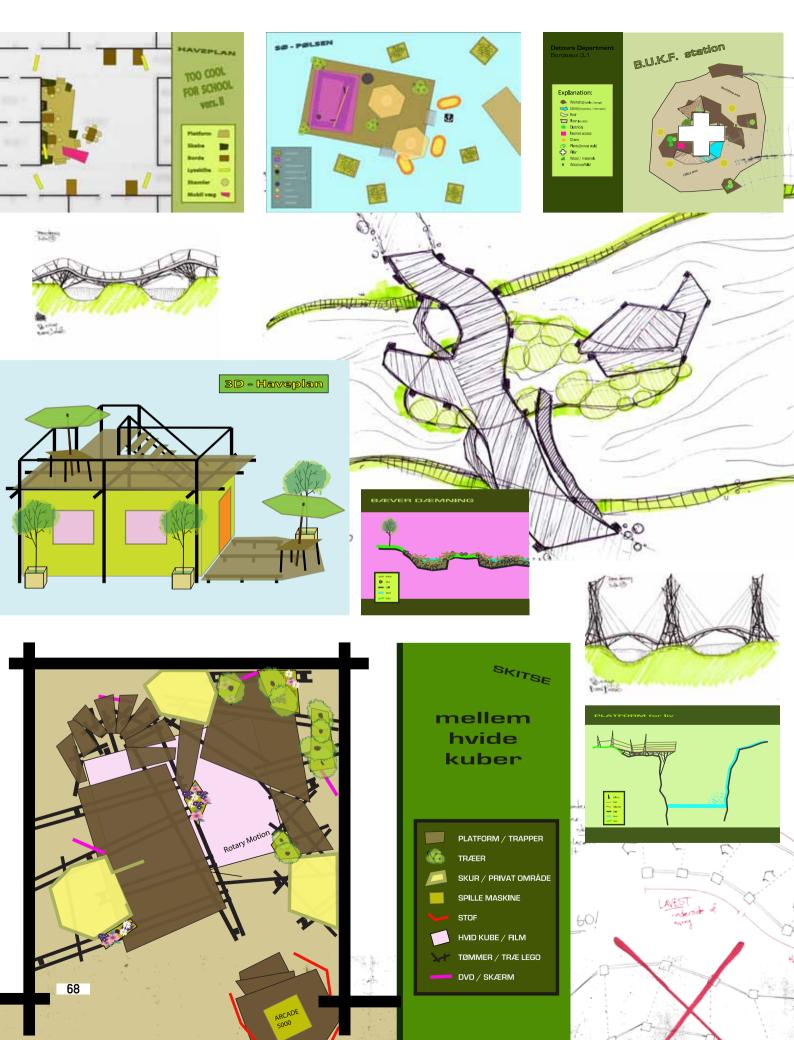


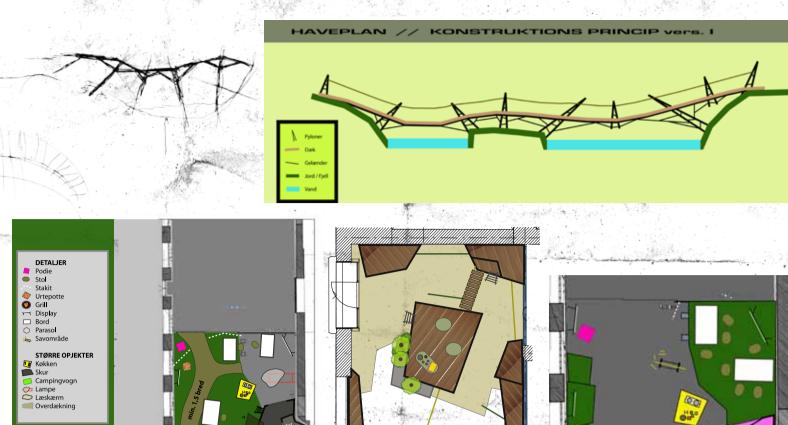


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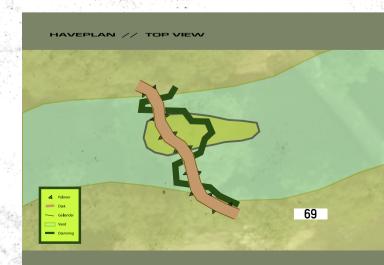






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## **BUREAU DETOURS CV:**

#### Comissioned exhibitions:

2010: "U.S.E." - Urban Space Expander, Festival de Wereld de Witte With - Street Festival, Rotter-dam. NL

2010: "PRAMMEN" (The barge), Smukfest (Skanderborg Music Festival), Skanderborg lake, Skanderborg, DK

2010: "City Hall", Aarhus City Hall, Aarhus, DK

2010: "Anthill", Detours & ArtInAVan London, Institute for (X), Aarhus, DK

2009: "BDX", for "Insiders" at Arc en Rêve Centre d'Architecture + Le CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, FR

2009: "One Love City", World OutGames, Cph, DK

2009: "Between white cubes" for "Works that work", Charlottenborg Kunsthal, Cph, DK

2009: "More is More!" - Open Office, DogA The Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture, Oslo, NO

2008: 'iNatur[E]', Galleri Udengaard, Aarhus, DK

2008: "OPERAEN", Aarhus Kunstbygning, Aarhus, DK

2008: "Løget" for "Get Lost" at DAC - the Danish Architecture Centre, Cph, DK

2008: Instant Urbanism for DAC - the Danish Architecture Centre, Cph, DK

2008: "Flemming's Hus & Have ", Galleri Machwerket, Aarhus

2008: "ÅKO" – Åbyhøjsk Kultur Oprustning, Aabyhøj, DK

2007: "ParaSitten", Aarhus Festuge, Aarhus, DK

2007: "MMIM" for "SPRING07", Aarhus Kunsthal

2007: "M.o.U.E.", Cph DK

2007: Galleri 5, Middelfart, DK

2006: Galleri La Giraff e, Berlin, DE

2006: Påskeudstillingen, Aarhus, DK

2006: Spring Exhibition Charlottenborg Kunsthal, Cph, DK

2005: Den frie, Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling, Cph. DK

2005: Påskeudstillingen, Aarhus Kunsthal, Aarhus, DK

2002-06: Galleri Fraktionitten, Aarhus, DK

#### Commissions:

2011: Meeting room facilities and chill zone for Tvilum-Scanbirk, The International Furnishing Show IMM Cologne, DK/DE

2010: Furniture and interior design, Oslo Architecture Triennale 2010, DogA - the Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture, Oslo, NO

2009: Exhibition Interior, Trapholt, Museum of Art and Design, Kolding, DK

2009: Chicken House for feature in Samvirke magazine by The Institute for (X), Aarhus, DK

2009: One Week Gallery, Aarhus, DK

2009: Tool shed / Cycle Parking, Aabyhøj, DK

2009: City Scouts, Fredericia C, Fredericia, DK

2009: Sukkerdunken, Bolsjefabrikken Culture House, Cph, DK

2009. Mobility- and nature trail for the multihandicapped and disabled, Herley, DK

2009: To Cool for School, Interior design and build, Højvang Public School, Stavtrup, DK

2008: Interior design and build, Henrik Vibskov Shop, Oslo, NO

2008: Interior design, build and lectures, Ry Folk high school, Ry, DK

2008: Summer Sumarum, Stage build, DR - Danish National Radio, DK

2007: Private, Serier, Taarbæk, Liseleje, Aarhus, DK

2006: Private 5 Platforms, Nedre Fløjstrup, DK

### Workshops/Lectures:

2011: Disturbances in public space, The January conference, Danish Adult Education Association, DK

2010: Temporariness in public space, City conference on the temporary use of public space, Odense Municipality, DK

2010: Creativity as engine for grass root growth (keynote speaker), Powwow Conference, Museum for Communications, Den Haag, NL

2010: Radical Design, Kolding School of Design, DK

2010: Public Community Service, Park & Vej, Frederikshavn Municipality, DK

2009: Project management / Furniture & Lighting Design / Planning Design and Concept& Project Development. DK

2009: Design at Eyelevel, Hang Loose Crypt, Nørre-Snede Elementary School, DK

2009: No More Models, the Scandinavian Design College, Randers, DK

2009: The role of the arts, Aarhus Kunstbygning, Aarhus, DK

2008: City & Life, Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies, Cph, DK

2008: Metropolis, Offentligt Rum, Cph, DK

2003: + 05 + 08 Planning & Design, Ry Folk High School, Ry, DK

### 2nd Generation City Planning:

2010: Laguna Mangrova, New development and large scale areal planning for Smukfest (Skanderborg Music Festival), Skanderborg, DK

2010 - : City Scouts 1 - 3, Nørre-Snede City development, Nørre-Snede, DK

2010 - : The Institute for (X), City areal planning and culture/business house combined, Aarhus, DK

2009: Tools for City Development, Bispebjerg Kulturhus, Cph, DK

2009: Tools for City Development, CityPark development, Skanderborg, DK

2009: Contemporary sculptural public space play area, Nikolaj Culture House, Kolding, DK

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