

# Copenhagen Light Festival 2024 simmers in the dark

**Look forward to the 2nd - 25th of February 2024, when Copenhagen Light Festival lights up across Copenhagen.**



More than 35 installations and pop-up events such as light-themed weddings, concerts, runs, and treasure hunts will again form part of February's Copenhagen Light Festival, which will be the 7th of its kind. **Blue Earth by Maj D. (2023) Photo: Copenhagen Light Festival**

Winter time is upon us, and the team behind Copenhagen Light Festival is working hard to finalise the programme for the 2024 edition of the festival. With a record number of applicants responding to the festival's Open Call, designers and artist groups from at home and abroad have sent in more than 180 unique light installations to the festival's curatorial team.

**Jesper Ravn, architect, light-designer, and member of the festival's curatorial team, says:**

“It's a dream scenario for a team of curators to be able to choose from such a broad range of light installations. We wish to build the festival in a way that welcomes both children and adults, regardless of whether they are truly interested in art or are simply looking for a way to experience light in February's darkness with a cup of hot chocolate in hand. The festival will feature installations that comment on current events of societal importance. There will also be installations that deal with themes such as death, while others invite guests to play or to experiment with mixing light and sound.”



You will be able to experience the installations in several parts of the city: near the canals in the city center, in Nørrebro, Refshaleøen, and Vester Kirkegård, near DR-Byen and in Ørestaden. The installation entitled “For peace!” by sedemminut will through the month of February be found in Ørestaden, along Kalvebod Fælled. **For peace! by sedemminut. With support from GFS Ørestad. Photo: sedemminut**

## **The light festival spreads across Copenhagen**

Already 25 fascinating installations have been mapped out in the city center, as well as in areas on Refshaleøen, Nørrebro, and Vestre Kirkegård, in Ørestaden and by DR’s concert house; and more are on their way. Once again the festival is garnering much interest from institutions and private actors across the city, where many are collaborating closely to pick out just the right installation for just the right location.

“Copenhagen Light Festival attempts to accommodate the serious and the strange, side by side with the beautiful, the decorative, and the impressive, sometime even with humorous twist. In the darkness, the artistic unfolding of light becomes an experience, and once again this year we will for instance turn on a few of the installations during the mornings, in order to spice up people’s journey to their workplaces,” says Jesper Ravn, who is one of three members constituting the curatorial team, the other two members being Vivian Nagy and Jesper Kongshaug.

### **Experiences for everyone**

The programme will furthermore have exciting offers such as guided tours along the city’s canals, and beer-, wine-, or bicycle-themed tours along the installations. A treasure hunt will be arranged, where you can win a delicious beverage, once you’ve found 10 light installations. Or, if you’ve not yet found the way to propose to your loved one, the festival will give you the opportunity to do so in front of an installation by Knasten on Havnegade street. Finally, we are arranging a short as well as long route for this year’s light-themed running event.



The festival's main programme opens the 2nd of February, the day of Candlemas, an old holiday which marks that we are half-way through the winter. The installation entitled 'Reflected' by Scenograferne+ will be revealed for the first time ever at in Vestre Kirkegård graveyard, along with three other installations. The names of the other three installations will be revealed on the 18th of January, 2024, as a pre-premier of the festival. **'Reflected' by Scenograferne+. With support from Områdefornyelse Bavnehøj. Photo collage: Elisabeth Holager Lund.**

## **Copenhagen Light Festival benefits from extensive support and publicity**

Copenhagen Light Festival is a non-profit organisation, that offers free access to all events making up the main programme.

An analysis of the publicity received by the festival in 2023 showed that 720 million people had experienced the festival

through television and online news, and that the festival had been mentioned 6.2 million times on social media. Studies have shown an increase of 11% more visitors to Copenhagen in the month of February, and we hope the festival's presence during that month has been a reason for that development.

## **Copenhagen Light Festival is supported by**

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The associations board of directors consists of partners from Tivoli, Stromma Denmark, vnr.TV, Annette Juhl, Pia Allerslev, Kasper Hammer, and Jacob Helenius.

The festival's daily operations and planning are carried out by Copenhagen Light Festival's secretariat.