



Ulla Jokisalo, *Dandy*, 2015

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### Press Release

#### *The Log Lady – Ulla Jokisalo & Hilla Kurki in Dialogue*

9 June – 12 August 2018.

Opening 8 June 17:00 – 20:00.

Finland has always had a special relationship with photography. At Fotografisk Center we are therefore proud to present an exhibition featuring two striking photographers associated with the so-called Helsinki School, Ulla Jokisalo and Hilla Kurki.

*The Log Lady – Ulla Jokisalo & Hilla Kurki in Dialogue* is a duo exhibition in which the two photographers from different generations meet in the setting of Fotografisk Center, where each is able both to unfold her work in all its distinctiveness and at the same time engage in a dialogue around themes such as identity, the body and gender.

For both photographers clothes, textiles and needlework also play a special role. This has a great deal to do with personal history. For Ulla Jokisalo (b. 1955) it takes the form of her mother's international women's magazines, memories and photographs from her childhood, while in the case of Hilla Kurki (b. 1985) it is the memory of her dead sister that forms the starting point for the works in the series *Of Loss and Light*. Both photographers have also been inspired by the French-American visual artist Louise Bourgeois.

The exhibition has borrowed its title from a well known character in the TV series *Twin Peaks* – partly because a certain eerie atmosphere recurs in both the TV series and the pictures of the two photographers, and partly because the Log Lady's ability to communicate between this and another world fits well with the balance among reality, memory and imagination in Jokisalo's and Kurki's pictures.

This is the first time Ulla Jokisalo and Hilla Kurki are exhibiting solo in Denmark. The exhibition is part of Copenhagen Photo Festival and is being shown with support from the Finnish Cultural Institute in Denmark, the Visual Arts Committee of the Copenhagen City Council and the Danish Arts Foundation. It is accompanied by a small catalogue with text by the art critic Maria Kjær Thomsen. For further information, press photos, interview appointments etc., contact Fotografisk Center at +45 3393 0996 or [info@fotografiskcenter.dk](mailto:info@fotografiskcenter.dk)

The press are welcome to the opening on Friday 8 June at 17:00–19:00 at Fotografisk Center. The exhibition will be opened by Esa Alanne, director of the Finnish Cultural Institute in Denmark, and Hilla Kurki will also be present.

On Saturday 9 June at 14:00 we are holding a FotoForum with Hilla Kurki, where she will talk about her works at the exhibition and her photographic practice in general.

Opening hours:

Tue. – Fri. 12:00 – 18:00, Thur. 12:00 – 20:00,

Sat. – Sun. 12:00 – 16:00.

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