

# Stellar Spectra

Nanna Debois Buhl



© Nanna Debois Buhl, *Stellar Spectra* (detail), 2020

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## Press Release

Opening Friday the 10th of January, 5 – 7 pm

January 10th, 2020, Nanna Debois Buhl's solo exhibition *Stellar Spectra* opens at Fotografisk Center, an exhibition that explores the history and aesthetics of astrophotography. In photographic depictions of the sky, speculation meets technological development and visual experiments, and for Nanna Debois Buhl, this is a frame of reference for talking about topics such as the materiality of images, scientific history and future scenarios.

The exhibition consists of two installations, each based on an early pioneer in the field of astrophotography. *Stellar Spectra* encompasses the work of Irish-English astronomer Margaret Huggins and her work on spectroscopy, reflecting on the mechanisms that make things visible or invisible, remembered or forgotten. The installation *A Human Computer* challenges our ideas of what a computer is, has been and can be, based on the scientist Annie Maunder, whose job title was just that; a "human computer".

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*Stellar Spectra* is based on history. However, the questions the exhibition raises are more relevant than ever. Can we sharpen our historical consciousness by taking a closer look at the people and materials that are left out of traditional narratives of astronomy and science? Can we rethink the relationship between the analog and the digital? And can we with the help of new stories imagine alternative futures?

The exhibition will run until March 8th, but already on January 15th you can hear Nanna Debois Buhl talk about *Stellar Spectra* in dialogue with astrophysicist Anja C. Andersen, known for her dissemination of astronomical research. A small catalog is published in connection with the exhibition, with text by art writer Helene Christensen, in addition to educational material and online content.

For further information, press photos, interviews etc. contact Fotografisk Center at 3393 0996 or [info@fotografiskcenter.dk](mailto:info@fotografiskcenter.dk). See also [www.fotografiskcenter.dk/presse](http://www.fotografiskcenter.dk/presse)

Stellar Spectra: Nanna Debois Buhl  
Fotografisk Center  
January 11th – March 8th, 2020

Opening hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 12–6 pm, Thursday 12–8 pm, Sat–Sun: 12–4 pm

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