

KIRSTEN ORTWED

Born 1948, Copenhagen, Denmark
Lives and works in Denmark

Kirsten Ortwed work is characterized by a sort of artistic research exploring what sculpture fundamentally is and can be. She works with a wide range of materials, from traditional material such as bronze, onyx and ceramics to the far more unconventional ones, e.g. beeswax, polyurethane, and aluminium. The combination and relationship between form and material is essential to Ortwed's artistic practice, just as she examines the relationship between form and space, with special attention to process and transformation. Through decades she has been working with the concept of 'negative form', the form around the form, where she makes what is absent from the center, the work itself.

Ortwed has been active on the international art scene since the 1970s when she first moved from Copenhagen to New York and then for decades after lived and worked in Cologne, Germany, and Pietrasanta in Italy. Ortwed recently moved back to Denmark, where she now lives and works.

EDUCATION

1972-75 The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Presents*, palace enterprise, Copenhagen, Denmark
2022 Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art (w/ Rosemarie Trockel and Lawrence Weiner),
Copenhagen, Denmark
2021 Galerie Jahn und Jahn, München, Germany
2020 *Head Turned*, Galerie Jahn und Jahn, Munich, Germany
2017 *Turning Time*, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
2016 *West Dealer*, Galerie Nordenhake Berlin, Berlin, Germany
2014 *Skulpturen | Bozzetti | Arbeiten auf Papier*, Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
2013 *Run Time*, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
2009 *Kirsten Ortwed – Bozzetti und Zeichnungen*, Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
2008 *Favoritter*, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Full Length, Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark
2006 *Heavymetalopenspace*, Kewenig Galerie, Cologne, Germany
2002 DCA Gallery, New York
KUNSTEN, Aalborg, Denmark
Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
2001 Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Unibank, Copenhagen, Denmark
2000 Horsens Kunstmuseum, Horsens, Denmark
Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Overgaden, Copenhagen, Denmark
1999 Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
Malmö Konsthall, (Kirsten Ortwed, Lawrence Weiner, Barry Le Va), Malmö, Sweden
Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
1998 Centre for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, Poland
1997 The Danish Pavillion at the Venice Biennale, Italy
1996 Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

- 1995 Galerie Jule Kewenig, Cologne, Germany
DCA Gallery, New York, USA
Kunstforeningen Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1994 Musée Des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, Nantes, France
- 1993 Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
Städtische Museen, Heilbronn, Germany
Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1992 Nordic Arts Centre, Sveaborg, Helsinki, Finland
Galeri Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
The Living Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 1991 Miller Nordenhake, Cologne, Germany
Galerie Riis, Oslo, Norway
- 1990 Galerie Nodenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1989 Galerie Maria Wilkens, Cologne, Germany
- 1988 Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany
Overbeck-Gesellschaft, Lübeck, Germany
Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen, Germany
- 1987 Galerie Lång, Malmö, Sweden
- 1986 Kunsthalle Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany
Galerie Tilly Haderek, Stuttgart, Germany
Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
- 1985 Galerie Jurka, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1984 Galerie Olsson, Stockholm, Sweden
Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
- 1983 Galerie Anders Tornberg, Lund, Sweden
- 1982 Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
- 1981 Galerie Nemo, Eckernförde, Germany
Galleri Arnesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
I.e. grafik (with Troels Wörsel), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1980 Galerie Nordenhake, Malmö, Sweden
- 1979 Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark
- 1976 Galleri 38, Copenhagen, Denmark

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Marble*, KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark
- 2021 *New Acquisitions*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
- 2019 Nordkystens Kunstriennale, Denmark
- 2018 Youtoo, Kunstnergruppe, Cologne, Germany
- 2016 *Poor Art – Rich Legacy. Arte Povera and Parallel Practices 1968–2015*, Nasjonalmuseet, Oslo, Norway
The Snoring Princess, Kunstgruppe, Cologne, Germany
- 2015 *Embracing Modernism: Ten Years of Drawings Acquisitions*, The Morgan Library & Museum, New York, New York, USA
- 2014 *100 x Forår*, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
Museumsbygningen/Skulpturi.dk, Copenhagen, Denmark
Køge Kunstforening, Richters Gård, Køge, Denmark
- 2013 *lost for words*, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
CHART Art Fair 2013, Copenhagen
Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2012 Market Art fair 2012, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2011 *WAX – Sensation in Contemporary Sculpture*, Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark

- 2010 KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark
Skulpturudstilling, Veksølund, Veksø, Denmark
 Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Tilløb Til Rum – Billedhuggertegninger, Clausens Kunsthandel, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2009 *Den Frie Udstilling*, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008 *Förlust*, Wanås, Knislinge, Sweden
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Op i limningen, Skulpturi.dk, Copenhagen, Denmark
Kunsten bag tremmer – En udstilling om kunsten i Danmarks bedst sikrede fængsel,
 Kunstmuseet Køge Skitsesamling, Køge, Denmark
- 2007 *10 Jahre*, Skulpturenpark Köln, Cologne, Germany
- 2006 *Et skridt i den rigtige retning*, Gl. Holtegaard, Gl. Holte, Denmark
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Trapperummet, Den Danske Radeerforeing 2005, Kunsthallen Nikolaj, Copenhagen
- 2005 *højde, bredde, dybde*, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2004 Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
Beyond Posters: a visual history of Galleri Susanne Ottesen, DCA Gallery, New York, USA
- 2002 Eventyrhaven, Odense, Denmark
 Umedalen Skulptur 2002, Umeå, Sweden
- 2001 *Vor-Sicht Rück-Sicht, 8. Triennale Kleinplastik*, Fellbach, Germany
- 2000 Veksølund, Veksølund, Denmark
- 1999 *Raoul Wallenberg Minnesmärke in Stockholm*, Skissernas Museum, Lund, Sweden
Malmö Konstmuseum besöker Wanås, Wanås Slot, Sweden
Hvid, Charlottenborg Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
Colour Phenomena, Painted Sculptures in Danish Art 1947-1998, Kunsthal Charlottenborg,
 Copenhagen, Denmark
Les Adieux, Galerie Jule Kewenig, Haus Bitz, Frechen-Bachen, Germany
- 1998 Platser Statens Konstråd, Riksarkivet, Stockholm, Sweden
Ordet (Nedbruten), Storkyrkan, Stockholm, Sweden
Something is rotten in the State of Denmark, Fredricianum, Kassel, Germany
Skulpturen, Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich, Germany
- 1997 *Graphit auf Papier*, Galerie Thomas von Lintal, Munich, Germany
Højt skum, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
- 1996 *Dansk Skulptur i 125 år*, SMK - National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Aalborg, Denmark
 Fyns Kunstmuseum, Odense, Denmark
 Horsens Kunstmuseum, Horsens, Denmark
Broken Leg - Contemporary Danish Art, Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway
- 1995 *Referencer*, Museet for Samtidskunst, Oslo, Norway
 Lillehammer Kunstmuseum, Lillehammer, Norway
 Bergen Kunstforening, Bergen, Norway
 Galerie Aurel Scheibler, Cologne, Germany
The Hour Of The North, Centro Culturale del Duque, Madrid, Spain
 Pia Almoina, Barcelona, Spain
Gravity's Angel, The Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, The United Kingdom
 4th International Istanbul Biennale, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1994 *Dialogue With The Other*, Kunsthallen Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
Dialogue With The Other, Norrköping Konstmuseum, Norrköping, Sweden
Dialogue With The Other, Galleri Tommy Lund, Odense, Denmark
Seven Galleries, Seven Artists, DCA Gallery, New York, USA
- 1993 *Juxta-position*, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
Udsyn - Med Moderna Museet ind i 90'erne, Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1992 *Mnemosyne*, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
 Wanås Slot, Sweden

- 1991 *Questions du sens*, Credac, Centre d'Art d'Ivry, Paris, France
Abject, The Nordic Art Centre, Helsinki, Finland
Gulliver's Reisen, Galerie Sophia Ungers, Cologne, Germany
- 1990 *Parcours privés*, Paris, France
Nye Arbejder (w/ Rosemarie Trockel), Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1989 *Skulls*, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1988 *Made in Cologne*, Dumont Kunsthalle, Cologne, Germany
Själen omfattar kroppen, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1987 Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster, Germany
Drawings, Galerie Jurka, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Grafik Biennale, Baden-Baden, Germany
- 1986 *Säulen*, Galerie Jule Kewenig, Cologne, Germany
Köpfe, Galerie Biedermann, Munich, Germany
- 1985 *Dänische Skulptur im 20 Jh.*, Wilhelm Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, Germany
Trigon 85 - Synonyme für Skulptur (w/ Trockel and Genzken), Neue Galerie Graz, Austria
- 1984 *Kunstlandschaft Bundesrepublik Region Cologne*, Bremen, Germany
Treppen, Galerie Gugu Ernesto, Cologne, Germany
Grønningen, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1983 *Grønningen*, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1983 KUNSTEN, Aalborg, Denmark
Perspektive, Göteborg Konstmuseum, Sweden
- 1981 *Skulpturudstilling*, Odense, Denmark
- 1980 XI Biennale de Paris. Paris, France
Sara Hilden Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
Ung dansk kunst, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1979 *Den Frie Udstilling*, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1978 *Fysisk Poesi*, Kunstforeningen Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark
11 unge kunstnere, Sophienholm, Copenhagen, Denmark
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1975 *Ny dansk kunst*, Vikingsberg Museum, Hälsingborg, Sweden
Exposition Internationale d'art Contemporain, Allones, France
- 1974 *Septemberudstillingen*, Sophienholm, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1972 *Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1971 *Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1970 *Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling*, Copenhagen, Denmark

SITE SPECIFIC WORKS

- 2020 *Reflektor* (2019-2020), Rigshospitalets Nordfløj, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018 *Ferdinand*, Hjorthagsparken, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 *The Gate*, Main entrance, Copenhagen University, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 *14-7-2006*, Nesparken Moss, Norway
- 2015 *Full Length* (2008), Havnegade, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 *Platform* (2004-2006), East Jutland State Prison, Horsens, Denmark
- 2005 *Memorial stone for King Håkon*, on the occasion of the Nordic Royal house's centenary,
Charlottenlund Slot, Charlottenlund, Denmark
- 2004 *Syntax & Section* (2002-2004), Lund University, Centre for Language and Literature, Lund,
Sweden
Stones for Courtyards (2002-2004), Frederiksberg Grammar School, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2002 *Bering Island* (2000-2002), Kirketorvet, Horsens, Denmark
- 2001 *Monument to Raoul Wallenberg* (1998-2001), Raoul Wallenberg Torget, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1996 *Precious Tower* (1995-1996), Kirketorvet, Aars, Aars, Denmark
Well (1995-1996), Anlægstorvet, Aars, Denmark

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

ARKEN, Museum for Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
ARoS, Aarhus, Denmark
Centre Pompidou, Musée national d'art moderne, Paris, France
Centro Cultural Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, Mexico
Danish Arts Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark
FRAC Fonds Regional d'Art Contemporain, Orleans, France
Göteborgs Konstmuseum, Göteborg, Sweden
Horsens Kunstmuseum, Horsens, Denmark
KIASMA Museum for Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
KUNSTEN, Aalborg, Denmark
Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
Magasin 3, Stockholm, Sweden
Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö, Sweden
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Morgan Museum, New York, USA
Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, Nantes, France
Museum of Contemporary Art, Oslo, Norway
Neue Pinakothek Graphische Sammlung, Munich, Germany
Neues Museum Weserburg, Bremen, Germany
New Carlsberg Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark
Novo Nordisk Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark
Skizzernes Museum, Lund, Sweden
SMK - The National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
Städtische Kunsthalle, Mannheim, Germany
Städtische Museen, Heilbronn, Germany
Statens Konstråd, Stockholm, Sweden

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2017	Niels Wessel Bagges Art Foundation Art Grant
2009	Vilhelm Pacht's Artist Award
2002	Thorvaldsen Medal
1998	Carl Nielsen and Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen's Award of Honour
1997	Painter Niels Larsen Stevns and Wife Annas Award
1997	Ruth and Finn Torjussens Foundation's Award
1996	Sculptor Viggo Jaris Award
1995	Eckersberg Medaillen (The Eckersberg Medal)
1994	Tagea Brandt's Award
1993	The Danish Art Foundation's Working Scholarship
1993	Edstranska Stiftelsen Nordic Price
1993	Eina og C.T. Hollesen's Artist Award
1987	The Danish Art Foundation's three-years Scholarship
1986	The Danish Art Foundation's Working Scholarship
1983	Silkeborg Artist Award
1981	Bendix
1975	Handelsbankens Scholarship

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2008 *Kirsten Ortwed. Full Length*, Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen
- 2007 Dickhoff, Wilfried (ed.): *Heavymetalopenspace Kirsten Ortwed*, DuMont Litteratur und Kunst Verlag, Cologne
- 2001 Thomas Deecke: *Vor-Sicht Rück-Sicht*, Corner Pieces, 8, Triennale Kleinplastik, Fellbach
Out of the Blue, Dansk skulptur - udtryk, udvikling og sprog, Gyldendals Forlag, Copenhagen
Installation, Den Store Danske Encyklopædi, bd. 14, Danmarks Nationalleksikon, Copenhagen
Monument for Raoul Wallenberg, Dansk Kunst 2001, Forlaget Søren Fogtdal AS, Copenhagen
Second Sights - Robert Hopper and the Henry Moore Foundation, The Henry Moore Foundation, Leeds
- 2000 Hagedorn, Claus & Wörsel, Troels: *Kirsten Ortwed. The Sculptor's Palette*, Horsens Kunstmuseum, Horsens, interview with Kirsten Ortwed by Merete Pryds Helle & Morten Søndergaard
Ortved, Kirsten: Skulpturudstilling Veksølund, Veksølund, Veksø
- 1999 Barbusse, Marianne: *Hvid*, Charlottenborg Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen
Christenson, Göran: *Malmö Konstmuseum besöker Wanås 1999*, Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö
Lausten, Thorbjørn & Bogh, Mikkel: *Farve fænomener. Bemaalede skulpturer i dansk kunst 1947-1998*, Charlottenborg Udstillingsbygning, Copenhagen
Kirsten Ortwed, Lawrence Weiner, Barry Le Va., Malmö Konsthall, Malmö
- 1998 Bogh, Mikkel: *XVIII Tre balkoner af Kirsten Ortwed*, Carlsbergfondets Årbog, Copenhagen
Bogh, Mikkel: *Inside Outside Three Balconies by Kirsten Ortwed*, Centre for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, interview: Rosemarie Trockel/Kirsten Ortwed Block, René, Larsen, Lars Bang & Jørgensen, Ursula Angkjær: *Something is rotten in the State of Denmark*, Museum Fredericianum, Kassel
Olofsson, Anders: *Kirsten Ortwed*, Statens Konstråd, Stockholm
Sandquist, Gertrud: *Ordet (Nedbrudet)*, Stockholm
The continued Evolution of a Collection. Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk
- 1997 Bogh, Mikkel: *On Kirsten Ortwed*, La Biennale di Venezia XLVII, Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Electa, Venice
Burkard, Lene, Bogh, Mikkel & Pohlen, Annelie: *Kirsten Ortwed. The Venice Biennale 1997*, Center for Dansk Billedkunst, København, Foreword by Lene Burkard, text: *Erfaringens øer* by Mikkel Bogh, *Et tilbageblik fra hvor vi står idag* by Annelie Pohlen Heeg, Erik van der: *Between Chance and Necessity*, Journal of Contemporary Art, Material no. 31, Stockholm
Simans, Franklin: *The Proximity of Post-Minimalism*, Siksi The Nordic Art Review, XII no. 2
47 Biennale Venedig 1997 Special
- 1996 Bogh, Mikkel: *Dansk skulptur i 125 år*, Gyldendal, Copenhagen
Steinhaus, Jon Ove: *Broken Leg*, Kunstnerens Hus, Oslo
- 1995 Berhnt, Helle; Sabroe, Charlotte & Olofsson, Anders: *Kirsten Ortwed, Materiens Uendelige Lethed*, Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen
Curtis, Penelope: *Gravity's Angel*, The Henry Moore Institute, Leeds
Meyer, Peter S.: *La hora del Norte. Kirsten Ortwed*, Nordisk Ministerråd, Copenhagen
Wamberg, Jacob: *Seeing-Machines. On Kirsten Ortwed*, Siksi, 2, Helsinki
Orientation. Istanbul Biennale, Istanbul

- 1994 Bogh, Mikkel: *Dialogue With The Other*, Kunsthallen Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense
 Bogh, Mikkel: *Kirsten Ortwed. Situationer i rum*, Bie & Vadstrup, Synoptik, Kulturministeriet, Copenhagen
 Storsve, Jonas: *Kirsten Ortwed Les Yeux du Portrait*, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, Nantes
- 1993 Bogh, Mikkel: *Juxtaposition*, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen
 Pfeiffer, Andreas & Ortwed, Kirsten: *Torso in zwei Teilen*, Städtische Museen Heilbronn, Heilbronn
Udsyn med Moderna Museet ind i 90'erne. Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen
- 1992 Birnbaum, Daniel; Hårleman, Carl Frederik & Holm, Eva Lotte: *Utsagn bortom intuition och begrebb*. Material no. 11, Stockholm
 Runólfsson, Halddór Björn: *Kirsten Ortwed*, The Nordic Arts Center, Helsinki, Interview by Rosemarie Trockel
Wanås 1992. Marika & C-G Wachtmeister, Wanås
- 1991 Tøjner, Poul Erik: *Questions du sens*, Credac Centre d'Art d'Ivry, Paris
Sammlerkonzepte Zeitgenössischer Kunst. Das neue Museum Weserburg, Bremen *Gulliver's Reisen*, Dumont Buchverlag, Cologne
 Dickhoff, Wilfried: *Ortwed. Trockel*, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Copenhagen Artforum. Vol. XXX No. 4, dec. 1991, New York
- 1990 Honned, Klaus: *Parcours Privés*, Paris
 Sandquist, Gertrud: *Before Shape, Siksi b, 3*, Helsinki
- 1989 *Tendenser i Dansk Skulptur*, Aarhus Kunstforening, Aarhus
- 1988 Deecke, Thomas & Pohlen, Annelie: *Kirsten Ortwed Skulpturen*, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Overbeck-Gesellschaft, Lübeck & Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen
 Honnef, Klaus: *Made in Cologne*, Dumont Buchverlag & Dumont Kunsthalle, Cologne
 Pohlen, Annelie: *Kirsten Ortwed, Punkt 3, Kunst im Nordwesten*, Siegfried Salzmann, Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen
- 1987 *The Print Collector's Newsletter*. Vol. XVII, No. 6 Jan.-Feb., New York
- 1986 *Skulpturelle synspunkter*, Kunstforeningen, København & Esbjerg Kunstforening, Copenhagen & Esbjerg, Interviews by Annelie Fuchs & Kirsten Ortwed
- 1985 Heidt, Renate & Pohlen, Annelie: *Dänische Skulptur im 20. Jahrhundert*, Wilhelm Lehbruck Museum, Duisburg
 Honnef, Klaus: *Synonyme für Skulptur. Trigon 85*, Neue Galerie am Landesmuseum Joanneum, Graz
 Kronjäger, Jochen & Wörsel, Troels: *Kirsten Ortwed Skulpturen*, Städtische Kunsthalle Mannheim, Verlag Fred Jahn, Munich
 Ortwed, Kirsten & Pohlen, Annelie: *Skulptur 85*, Kunstforum Band 79 *Der Blaue Berg 13*. Köln-Schwartz Weiss & Der Blaue Berg, Bern
- 1984 Pohlen, Annelie: *Kunstlandschaft Bundesrepublik, Region Köln*, Klett Cotta, Cologne
Treppen, Gugu Ernesto, Prometh Verlag, Cologne
- 1983 Wörsel, Troels: *About Kirsten Ortwed's Work, Perspektivet*, Gothenburg
 Pohlen, Annelie: *Skulpturen machen oder lieber Bilder*, *Kunstforum*, no. 62
- 1982 *Durchschnitt. Kirsten Ortwed Skulpturen*. Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich
- 1980 *XI Biennale de Paris*. Paris

- 1979 Kirsten Ortved. *3 rækker med 17 forskellige*. Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus Fysisk Poesi. Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen
- 1978 Brøgger, Stig (ed.): *Elleve unge kunstnere*, Sophienholm, Lyngby
- 1977 *North 4*. Kirsten Ortved, Bent Petersen
- 1975 *Indtryk fra Danmark*, Vikingsberg Konstmuseum, Helsingborg