

Press invitation
City of Copenhagen
9 January 2023

HRH The Crown Prince participates in the official opening of UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture in Copenhagen 2023

Copenhagen is appointed UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture in 2023. The official opening takes place at Copenhagen City Hall on Tuesday 17 January.

In the entire year of 2023, Copenhagen is designated UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture. The City of Copenhagen will officially launch the year of architecture on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 10 am at City Hall. HRH The Crown Prince is patron of the World Capital of Architecture 2023 in Copenhagen and will make a speech at the ceremony.

Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, Sophie Hæstorp Andersen, Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration, Line Barfod, and Mayor of Culture and Leisure, Mia Nyegaard, will also participate in the official opening along with representatives from UNESCO and the UIA – the International Union of Architects.

Lord Mayor Sophie Hæstorp Andersen (The Social Democratic Party) says:

"I am proud that Copenhagen is appointed World Capital of Architecture. It is a unique opportunity to showcase what Copenhagen offers within architecture, urban development, and sustainable solutions, and it is a lever for dialogue about the development of our capital city. If Copenhagen is to remain one of the best cities in the world to live in, we must tackle the city's challenges such as climate change, rising water levels, lack of housing, surplus of soil from building projects, and a metro that needs to be expanded. With more than 300 events during the year, I look forward to exciting talks with Copenhageners and all our international guests about the development of our city."

Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration, Line Barfod, says (The Red-Green Alliance):

"It will be an exciting year, where we will come together to appreciate both the beautiful and special aspects of Copenhagen's architecture, as well as the many new elements in the city, that are necessary for it to become a modern, sustainable metropolis. We will be inspired by and exchange experiences with the many international guests, who come to the city. And we will use the year to discuss with each other, how we can jointly develop Copenhagen and find space for both affordable housing, more biodiversity, more waste sorting, and more green energy, while preserving the city's history and our shared cultural heritage."

Mayor of Culture and Leisure, Mia Nyegaard, (The Social Liberal Party) says:

"In many ways, culture and architecture are intertwined. The previous city architect in Copenhagen said, "Urban life over urban spaces over buildings". I have taken that to heart. Therefore, I think we should use the year of architecture to rethink what kind of life we would like to have in Copenhagen and how culture and architecture support each other. This will allow us to create a Copenhagen that provides the framework for the good city life, inspiring urban spaces and sustainable buildings"

At the opening event, a panel discussion between the mayors will take place. Furthermore, the Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration, Line Barfod, will hand over an award to the winner of an architectural design competition with students from the Royal Danish Academy within Architecture, Design, and Conservation. The students are to make an interpretation of the City Tower's appearance and design. The tower will be renovated from February to December 2023, and the award-winning design will be illustrated on a banner on the tower during the renovation period.

Moreover, the Mayor of Culture and Leisure, Mia Nyegaard, will inaugurate an exhibition at the City Hall loft named "Martin Nyrop's architectural studio – the creation of Copenhagen City Hall". The exhibition is developed by the City of Copenhagen including the Museum of Copenhagen in collaboration with scenographer Cicki Lakha.

Contact

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Contact to the Mayor of Culture and Leisure, Mia Nyegaard, including information on the exhibition at City Hall, please contact Head of Press, Anders Reinholdt Jonssen, at tel. 23 44 83 63 or xa9x@kk.dk

For information om the program of the official opening please contact Head of Protocol, Acela Maliachi Christoffersen, at tel. 28 16 21 14 or xe13@kk.dk

Program for the opening ceremony

Time and place	Activity
Main entrance	
10:00	HRH The Crown Prince arrives at Copenhagen City Hall and is received by the Lord Mayor.
Banquet Hall	
10:05	Opening speech by Lord Mayor.
	Speech by HRH The Crown Prince.
	Speech by Director for UNESCO World Heritage Center, Lazare Eloundou.
	Panel discussion with mayors.
	Speech by Chairman for the UIA Joint Committee, Dominique Perrault.
	The Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration announces the winner of the architectural design competition.
	The Mayor of Culture and Leisure inaugurates the exhibition "Martin Nyrop's architectural studio – the creation of Copenhagen City Hall".

11:15	End of the official opening. HRH leaves the Banquet Hall.
11:15	Press slot with Lord Mayor, Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration, and Mayor of Culture and Leisure in the Banquet Hall.
11:25	End – press leaves.
	The press is invited to visit the City Hall exhibition. Registration must be made in advance to: Anders Reinholdt Jonssen at xa9x@kk.dk

Press accreditation at the official opening

Press is only admitted when registered in advance. For accreditation, please contact press officer Anette Amalie Juhl Lindschouw at jg9q@kk.dk no later than **Friday 13 January 2023 at 13:00**.

Press pool outside (press pool 1) at the stairs by the Main Entrance: Covers the arrival of HRH The Crown Prince.

Press pool inside (press pool 2) in the Banquet Hall: Covers the official opening event with speeches, panel discussion, and press slot with the Lord Mayor, the Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration, and the Mayor of Culture and Leisure.

Please note the following when applying for press accreditation for the event:

- Do you apply for accreditation for press pool 1 (arrival) **or** press pool 2 (Banquet Hall – opening ceremony).
- Do you apply for accreditation for both press pool 1 (arrival) **and** press pool 2 (Banquet Hall – opening ceremony and press slot with mayors).

Allocation of press accreditation for both press pool 1 and 2 will depend on the number of press applications.

Meeting time and place for the press: Main Entrance of Copenhagen City Hall at 9:15.

FACTS

- For further information, press materials, press photos, etc.: [World Capital of Architecture 2023 | Arkitekturhovedstad 2023 \(kk.dk\)](#)
- [Architecture in Copenhagen | Wonderful Copenhagen](#)
- [World Capital of Architecture 2023 - Danish Architecture Center - DAC](#)