

## LOVE KILLS MY WORDS

**Pushwagner presents: Øistein Sæthren Dahle**

**Opening Thursday February 4th. 18.00 – 20.00**

Pushwagner Galleri has the pleasure of inviting you to the opening of Øistein Sæthren Dahle, *Love Kills My Words*, in Window Box. Pushwagner wishes to support the independent art scene by giving artists a space to show their work in Window Box, which bimonthly presents artshows curated by Thale Fastvold.



The pictures in this show are from a photographic project which will be published by Kodoji Press in book format at a later date.

*Love Kills My Words is a photographic narrative with strong autobiographical elements. I started taking pictures for the project in 2009, at a time when I was beginning a relationship and one of my closest friends had died in a rock climbing accident. The contrast between these two events marked the work's process. The photographs are made between 2009 and 2016. The material does not follow a narrative in the traditional sense but is rather intended to be experienced as visual poetry. The project consists of portraits, landscapes, texts, notes, drawings, and paintings. The portraits are of young people from my daily surroundings. There are both staged photographs and snapshots. I use them to reveal the vulnerability within myself and in others. Simultaneously, I want them to express dignity and raise questions about life in general. The landscapes are not conventional documentary images. They are meant to express memories and emotions. For me, it is exciting to see the ways elements in a landscape refer to inner feelings, and it is interesting to see how the landscapes affect the other material in the book and vice versa. The notes and sketches document my working process and create a link between the active photographing and the editing that happens afterward. I also see them as an expression of the insufficiency of photography, representing my ongoing desire to make photographs more complex. - Øistein Sæthren Dahle 2015*

Øistein Sæthren Dahle (b.1988, Langhus) is finishing his Bachelor in Photography at Academy Valand, Gothenburg summer 2016. Before starting at Valand he attended two years at Atelier Smedsby in Paris.

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