



Weight of Wood by Dinesen x Christian+Jade

During Designers' Saturday, Dinesen x Christian+Jade present Weight of Wood - a playful, explorative exhibition to awaken your curiosity about wood.

Weight of Wood is an exploration of the life of a tree and wood as a commodity. Dinesen's showroom in Copenhagen will showcase a number of tactile, balancing objects made of Dinesen wood, visualising wood's various weights and inviting you to touch, explore and interact with them.

Play along, feed your fascination and learn as you go.

When: 8 – 10 September

Where: Dinesen Showroom Oslo, Drammensveien 130, B9

Wood has played a vital role in human life, helping us evolve – giving us fire, shelter, and tools. But somewhere in time, we neglected its worth. Today, wood remains all around us – silently present in our floors, walls, tables, and chairs, yet we have never been further removed from the forest and its trees.

Weight of Wood bridges the gap between our perception of a forest, the growing trees and wood as a commodity. This exhibition explores wood through one of its most defining characteristics – its weight. Wood's weight teaches us about its personality and temperament, and we get a glimpse of the environmental conditions in which it was nurtured.

Weight of Wood showcases our experimental quest to spark a new appreciation for the value, role and historical weight wood has on our material life.

Dinesen never ceases to investigate wood as a material, as there are countless perspectives to explore.

By focusing on the weight and density of wood, Christian+Jade inspires a new and deeper understanding of the connection between forests, wood, and humans. Through a study of wood's weight, Christian+Jade has opened up a world of knowledge. From this perspective, we convey how the tree has grown, and how it acquired its distinct personality as well as its essential role for people.

The title - Weight of Wood - refers both to the importance of wood for people and our climate, as well as the actual weight and density of the wood - the weight of the wood tells the story of the forest and the soil in which the tree has grown, the life the tree has lived and how people have lived around it.

The Three Stages of the Weight of Wood Exhibition

Forest and Wood

Forest and Wood introduces the concept of wood density and teaches us about the environment in which a tree grows.

The forest determines the growth of a tree, yet every forest is different thus every forest can transform a tree's character. Changes in the tree's growth and journey can impact the weight of its wood.

We look at wood closely, and it reminds us that wood is not just a dead substance to be harvested and processed, but a living, breathing entity that is connected to the life of every other organism on the planet.

Wood and Wood

Wood and Wood presents wood from trees that have grown in Schwarzwald, where most of Dinesen's wood comes from.

This part of the exhibit teaches us about each tree species as unique individuals and the roles they play in our lives. On display are each wood's weight translated into a variety of visual and interactive forms, allowing the wood's character and strength to shine.

Wood and Human

Wood and Human concludes the exhibition with three furniture pieces, that bring the knowledge gained through the experiments and research back into our homes and lives: A Rocking Horse, a Seesaw and a Rocking Chair.

The three furniture pieces have each played a role in the cycle of life. The objects have been re-imagined using wood's varying qualities, resulting in a playful balance of weight and movement, crafted with Dinesen Oak, Ash, Douglas and Pine.

Weight of Wood has taken us a step closer to understanding the importance of the forest and its trees.

The Design Objects

The Rocking Horse

Constructed of 87% Dinesen Douglas and 13% Dinesen Ash

The Rocking Chair

Constructed of 75% Dinesen Pine and 25% Dinesen Oak

The Seesaw

Constructed of 50% Dinesen Douglas and 50% Dinesen Oak

Christian+Jade explains their thoughts and ideas behind each design object in the Weight of Wood exhibition:

"The Rocking Chair and the Seesaw are designed like a balancing scale to visualise the weight of the different types of wood.

The base of the Rocking Chair (where the chair rocks) is the pivot point of the seat and the backrest, and the seat and the backrest have the exact same volume, but react differently because each wood has different density, and that is why the seat leans backwards.

Similar, the base of the seesaw (where the seesaw rocks) is the pivot point of the two seats. This one is easier to see and understand, as both seats have the exact same volume, but also the same length. As oak has a higher density, it will always fall to the oak side.

The Rocking Horse is a more abstract interpretation, it was something we discovered through making a sculpture and playing with how weight can be used to shift a balancing point."

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About Dinesen

Dinesen is founded on a love for wood and a fascination with its endless potential. For as long as the company has existed, the strive to inspire and collaborate with people who share the same curiosity have been key driving forces. In meaningful partnerships, boundaries burst, and projects emerge, reflecting the bond between humans and nature in the most remarkable ways. This year, Dinesen is celebrating its 125th anniversary and the passion for wood that sprouted in 1898.

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