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MASU at 13Festivalen 2018
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Koordinator / Coordinates

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MASU (Mattias Gunnarsson and Susanne Westerberg) at 13Festivalen at Konstepidemin.

Thin wooden sticks, black small cable ties.

Blue workers overalls and red hats.

13Festivalen is an annual (from 2018 biannual) performance festival arranged at the artist studio collective Konstepidemin in Gothenburg. It runs for two days with an extensive program parallel in all different exhibition spaces and outside.

In the performance *Koordinator / Coordinates* we (MASU) built small structures on different sites of the Konstepidemin area out of wooden sticks and cable ties. We worked a full day on different sites and made sculptures that grew like drawings. The collaborative performative work uses both material and the method of on-site slow pace work from previous exhibition work where it was a part of the collaborative and performative drawing project *Spatial Dialogue* at Stadsbyggnadskontoret in 2012, which was the starting point and forming of the collaboration project MASU. It was interesting for us now six years later to re-use this actual material in a new context as the work *Koordinator / Coordinates* is both a performance in itself, but also an opening project for the larger outdoor sculpture work in Halmstad that MASU was engaging in during 2018 where we would also build structures in public space, but on a much larger scale.

Besides thoughts on space and material, we tried to focus our work on the contact with visitors. The dialogue and conversation with people that passed by us or those that engaged in questions of our work, helped us develop the platform for our upcoming project where we knew we would work outside for three weeks. The work of MASU builds on the relation and dialogue of others in the surrounding space of where we work, something that has strengthen during 2018 with the 13Festivalen performance as a start.

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