



## Stannes Schwarz : **The Gallery of the Polar Travellers** : To be Guest in Greenland

Project for a travelling exhibition about the heroical history of polar exploration.

Since centuries Greenland has been target and starting point of polar expeditions. Lot's of the men being portraited in **The Gallery of the Polar Travellers** visited the island. The way how Inuit could survive in this climate became an inspiration for anyone, travelling the arctic regions, since at least the Greenland expedition of Fridtjof Nansen. To exhibit these portraits in Greenland is very tempting, it's like a 'meeting of veterans' in their old realm. The exhibition brings the part, being played by Greenland and it's population, and their influence on the conquest of the Arctic to a new awareness.



The picture series **The Gallery of the Polar Travellers** came into existence in the years 1999/2000. It tells the story of the history of 400 years of polar exploration via 24 portraits. Together with every portrait, a short biography tells the visitor, what motivated the portaited one, what actions he undertook and what environment was like.

Remarkable are the materials the portraits are made of. Raw planks, as have been picked up on the beach, are the picture carrier for black paint and wrapping paper. Brass is framing them and gives them the appearance of an icon, and truly these men are icons of their guild and role models for todays adventurers.

Picture on the right: Robert Edwin Peary 1909

Robert E. Peary is an archetype for the conflicting contact of explorers concerning native people. Although Peary lived with the Inuit for long years and had children born by an Inuit woman, he didn't resile to abduct native men to the US to present them to the audience, for earning money for his journeys.



Size: 39 x 52 cm

For about one and a half years, starting in summer 2016, six local museums, from Tasiilaq in the east to Aasiaat in the west, will make room for a time amidst their collections, to show **The Gallery of the Polar Travelles** to the inhabitants and their guests.



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### Invitation Letter

The following local Museums of Greenland are delighted to presenting your exhibition

*The Gallery of the Polar Travellers A story of the Polar Exploration in 24 Portraits*  
by Stannes Schwarz

Nanortalik - Lasse Meyer  
Maniitsoq - Peter Nygaard  
Kangaamiut - Peter Nygaard  
Paamiut - Vinni Solvblad  
Tasiilaq - Carl-Erik Holm  
Aasiaat - Michael Rasmussen.

The proposed tour will take about 1½ years time for the public to visit the different local exhibitions. Greenland Museums will kindly meet transport costs throughout the country but regrettably will not cover international shipping.

We will have the pleasure to show The Gallery of the Polar Travellers in the Museums of Greenland starting from winter this year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carl-Erik Holm".

Carl-Erik Holm

Chairman of the Board of NUKAKA, the Association of Museums Greenland.







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