

# Editorial

This double issue of *The Nordic Journal of Aesthetics* covers a diversity of themes and subjects.

The first part – which comprises an interview with Thierry de Duve and articles by Ingebjørg Seip and Birgit Eriksson – deals from different angles with aspects of the topicality of Kantian aesthetics in contemporary aesthetic theory. Then two pieces on architecture follow: Larry Shiner on aesthetics and function in recent art museum design and Anders V. Munch on Jean Nouvel's DR Concert Hall and the *Gesamtkunstwerk*. Shiner's piece was given as a keynote lecture at the 2008 meeting of the Nordic Society of Aesthetics in Uppsala, the purpose of which was to highlight conceptions of aesthetics and the aesthetic from an historical and/or contemporary perspective. Another keynote at the 2008 meeting was Dagmar Mirbach on the concept of *magnitudo aesthetica* and ethical aspects in Baumgarten's *Aesthetica*. The last part – to be continued in the next issue – deals with the philosophy of Richard Shusterman and comprises Stefan Snævarr's critical analysis of Shusterman's views on popular culture and Shusterman's response to this critical interpretation of his positions. The issue is rounded off by Søren Kjörup's review of Stefán Snævarr's *Kunstfilosofi*.

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