

# The Founders of Little Sun



Frederik Ottesen (left) & Olafur Eliasson

**OLAFUR ELIASSON's** critically acclaimed artworks have appeared in and been collected by major museums around the world since 1997. In 2003 he installed **The weather project** in Tate Modern, London, which was seen by more than two million people. **Take your time: Olafur Eliasson**, a survey exhibition organised by San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, travelled until 2010, including a stop in New York at MoMA. **Seu corpo da obra** (Your body of work) (2011) engaged with three institutions around São Paulo. Projects in public space include the **New York City Waterfalls**, commissioned by Public Art Fund in 2008 with the support of Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Eliasson also created the crystalline façades for **Harpa**, the Reykjavik Concert Hall and Conference Centre, which won the European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award 2013. Eliasson is the recipient of the 2014 Eugene McDermott Award in the Arts at MIT, one of the most generous cultural honours in the US.

As a professor at the Berlin University of the Arts, Eliasson led the **Institute for Spatial Experiments** (2009–14), an experimental programme in arts education. In 2014, Eliasson was made Associate Professor at the **Alle School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**. In 2015, Eliasson held his first solo exhibition in Addis Ababa, **Time-sensitive activity**, at the **Modern Art Museum: Gebre Kristos Desta Centre**.

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**FREDERIK OTTESEN** is an experienced entrepreneur with a background in mechanical engineering and economics. A strong believer in sustainable technologies, Ottesen works closely alongside **Solar Flight's** engineers and aviators in realising the company's new projects, such as the world's first passenger-carrying solar-powered airplane – now flying – and a larger solar-powered utility aircraft currently in development. He is the former CEO of **Matriks A/S**, a software company he started in 1998. Ottesen's passion for adventure took him on a two-year circumnavigation of the globe. Upon returning, he was invited to be part of the maritime safety think tank run by the **Danish Maritime Institute**.