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Born in 1964, Iceland

Lives and works in Reykjavík Iceland

Education

1993	Art Institute of Boston, B.F.A.
1990	Brevard Community College, photography
1988	University of Iceland, B.A. in French

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2026	Hafnarhús - Reykjavík Art Museum, <i>A Botanical Future</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2025	Galleri Guðmundsdóttir, <i>A Botanical Future</i> , Berlin, Germany Gallerie Käytävä, <i>A BOTANICAL FUTURE</i> , Helsinki, Finland
2023	BERG Contemporary, <i>Fifty Plants for Peace</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2021	Hafnarborg, <i>Songbirds</i> , Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
2019	Residence of the Ambassador of Iceland, <i>Space Time-Continuum</i> – Berlin, Germany
2018	BERG Contemporary, <i>The Search for Truth</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2016	Gerðarsafn, <i>Double Happiness</i> , Kópavogur, Iceland
2015	Schody Galeria, <i>Equivocal</i> , Warsaw, Poland
2014	Deborah Berke, <i>Vanished Summer</i> , New York, NY, USA
2013	ASÍ Museum, <i>Vanished Summer</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2012	The Shed, <i>Here You'll Find No Roses Growing</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2010	Galleri Ágúst, <i>Equivocal: The Sequel</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Reykjavík Art Museum, <i>Nowhereland</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2008	Galleri Ágúst, <i>Equivocal</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Reykjavík Museum of Photography, <i>Home-Away</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2007	National Museum of Iceland, <i>Without a Trace</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland ASÍ Museum, <i>Of This World</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2005	Ísafjörður Art Museum, <i>Longing</i> , Ísafjörður, Iceland SÍM House, <i>The Savior</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2004	Hafnarborg Institute of Culture and Fine Art, <i>Memory</i> , Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
2003	Mokka, <i>Breathless</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Seventh and Second Gallery, <i>Revenants</i> , New York, NY, USA
2002	Akureyri Art Museum, <i>Revenants</i> , Akureyri, Iceland Galleri Skuggi, <i>Revenants / Proximal Dimension</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026	BERG Contemporary, <i>10 years</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2025	BERG Contemporary, <i>Christmas Exhibition</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland BERG Contemporary, <i>Still Life</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Reykjavík Art Museum, <i>Art is our only hope!</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Reykjavík Museum of Photography, <i>Weathered</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland

- 2024 BERG Contemporary, *Christmas Exhibition*, Reykjavík, Iceland
National Museum of Iceland, *Photo Gallery for 20 years*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2023 BERG Contemporary, *'Tis the season...*, Reykjavík, Iceland
The Northern Photographic Centre, *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Oulu, Finland
- 2022 Landskrona Foto, *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Landskrona, Sweden
Fotografisk Center, *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Copenhagen, Denmark
Akureyri Art Museum, *Black and White*, Akureyri, Iceland
Ísafjörður Art Museum, *Nr4 Umhverfing*, Ísafjörður, Iceland
Ars Longa Art Museum, *Rolling Snowball*, Djúpivogur, Iceland
National Gallery of Iceland, *Staged Moments*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2021 Reykjavík Art Museum, *Eternal Recurrence*, Reykjavík, Iceland
Streetlevel Photoworks, *Forever changes*, Glasgow, Scotland
Bærum Kunsthall, *PULS-ISLAND*, Oslo, Norway
Fotografisk Center, *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Copenhagen, Denmark
Dunker's culture house, *Nordic Salong 2021*, Helsingborg, Sweden
Reykjavík Art Museum, *Abracadabra*, Reykjavík, Iceland
LÁ Art Museum, *Iðustreymi*, Hveragerði, Iceland
- 2020 Gerðarsafn, *Imprint*, Kópavogur, Iceland
Sláturhúsið, MMF, *LAND*, Egilsstaðir, Iceland
Reykjavík Museum of Photography, *Fjarski og nánd*, Reykjavík, Iceland
Hafnarborg, *Silent Spring*, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
BERG Contemporary, *Vegetation*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2019 The Icelandic Literary Society, *The Shed*, Reykjavík, Iceland
Benaki Museum, *Athens Photo Festival*, Athens, Greece
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, *Exposures*, Reykjavík, Iceland
Reykjanesbær Art Museum, *Light and Time*, Reykjanesbær, Iceland
- 2018 Forum Box, *Cyclone 2*, Helsinki, Finland
The Museum of Photography, *Nature as Playground*, Seoul, Korea
Kunstlerhaus 1050, *EIKON Award*, Vienna, Austria
FLUSS, *Ultima Thule*, Schloss Wolkersdorf, Austria
Gerðarsafn, *Embody*, Kópavogur, Iceland
- 2017 Martin Asbæk Gallery, *Human;Nature*, Copenhagen, Denmark
Martin Asbæk Gallery, *Summer in the City*, Copenhagen, Denmark
Mikligarður, *FÍSL 2017*, Höfn í Hornafirði, Iceland
- 2016 Titanik Gallery, *Cyclone 3*, Turku, Finland
Fotobook Festival, *A Decade of Icelandic Photobooks*, Youngstorget, Oslo, Norway
National Gallery, *Lightpaint*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2015 Musée de l'Elysée, *Nuit des images*, *Rökkur*, Lausanne, Switzerland
Hafnarborg, *No Site*, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
The Factory, *ÍSÓ 2015*, Ísafjörður, Iceland
University of Richmond Museum, *Anti-Grand*, Richmond, VA, USA
- 2014 Hillyer Art Space, *Visible Iceland*, Washington, D.C. USA
Reykjavík Museum of Photography, *From a Different Angle*, Reykjavík, Iceland
LÁ Art Museum, *Cyclone*, Hveragerði, Iceland
Akureyri Art Museum, *Icelandic Contemporary Portrait*, Akureyri, Iceland

- 2013 Eskilstuna Konstmuseum, *Nordic Art Station*, Eskilstuna, Sweden
 ASÍ Museum, *Auglitis til auglitis*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Hippolyte Gallery, *Frontiers of Another Nature*, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 Hafnarborg, *Skia-Shadow*, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
 Voies-Off Festival, *Family Business/Photography From the North*, Arles, France
 LÁ Art Museum, *Nautn og notagildi*, Hveragerði, Iceland
 La Sala, *Art of Darkness*, New York, NY, USA
 Reykjavík Photography Festival, *Icelandic Contemporary Photography 1990–2011*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2011 Frankfurter Kunstverein, *Frontiers of Another Nature*, Frankfurt, Germany
 Akureyri Art Museum, *Awakening*, Akureyri, Iceland
- 2010 Reykjanes Art Museum, *Window Mirrors*, Reykjanesbær, Iceland
- 2009 LÁ Art Museum, *Flash at a Moment of Danger*, Hveragerði, Iceland
 Ridgefield Guild of Artists, *Camera Works 2009*, Ridgefield, CT, USA
- 2008 National Museum of Iceland, *Reflection – Icelandic Contemporary Photography*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Eagle Art Gallery, *Magic Silver*, Murray, KY, USA
- 2007 Stay Gold Gallery, *Blowup*, New York, NY, USA
- 2005 C.A.T. Nordlicht, *Myth & Melancholy*, Cologne, Germany
 Living Art Museum, *Mórar-nærvídd*, with M. Hemstock, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2004 La Maison Européenne de la Photographie, *SYN*, Paris, France
 Klink og Bank Gallery, *Sound & Vision*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2003 Society for Contemporary Photography, *Current Works 2003*, Kansas City, MO, USA
 Gallery Korea, *Haunted*, New York, NY, USA
 LBI Foundation of the Arts and Sciences, *Photography and Digital Images*, Loveladies, NJ, USA
 Rathaus, *Nordischer Klang 2003, Contemporary Reykjavík*, Greifswald, Germany
 Reykjavík Art Museum – Kjarvalsstaðir, *New Times in Icelandic Photography*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Korean Cultural Center, *Cultural Narratives*, Los Angeles, CA, USA
 Soho Photo Gallery, *Krappy Kamera*, New York, NY, USA
 Reykjavík Museum of Photography, *Light-Speed*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2002 Moscow House of Photography, *Seasons of Icelandic Photography*, Moscow, Russia
- Awards, Grants and Academia
- 2024 Ministry of Culture, 9-month artist stipend, Iceland
- 2017 EIKON Award (+ 45), Vienna, Austria
- 2009 The Deutsche Börse Photographic Prize, nomination, Germany
 Ridgefield Guild of Artists, First Prize in *Camera Works*, Ridgefield, CT, USA
- 2007 Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, Honorary Award nomination, Iceland
- 2003 Society for Contemporary Photography, Merit Award, Kansas City, MO, USA
 Soho Photo Gallery, First Prize in *Krappy Kamera*, New York, NY, USA
- 2002 South Shore Art Center, Third Prize in *White, Black and Shades of Gray*, Cohasset, MA, USA
- 2022 Ministry of Culture, 6-month artist stipend, Iceland
- 2021 Icelandic Art Center, travel grant, Iceland
 The Visual Arts Fund, Project Grant, Iceland
 Ministry of Culture, 6-month artist stipend, Iceland
- 2020 Ministry of Culture, 3-month artist stipend, Iceland
- 2019 Ministry of Culture, 6-month artist stipend, Iceland

	Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, project grant, Iceland
	The Visual Arts Fund, Project Grant, Iceland
2018	The Icelandic Finnish Cultural Foundation, Finland
2017	Icelandic Art Center, travel grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
	Ministry of Culture, 6 month artist stipend, Iceland
2016	Danish Arts Foundation, travel grant, Denmark
	Icelandic Art Center, project grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
	Kulturkontakt Nord, mobility grant, Helsinki, Finland
	Muggur, residency grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
	Icelandic Art Center, travel grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
2015	The Northern Lights Confucius Institute, publishing grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
2014	Ministry of Culture, 12 month artist stipend, Iceland
2013	The Visual Arts Fund, Project Grant, Iceland
	Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, travel grant, Iceland
	Ministry of Culture, 3 month artist stipend, Iceland
	City of Reykjavík, project grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
2012	Ministry of Culture, 6 month artist stipend, Iceland
	Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, project grant, Iceland
2011	Ministry of Culture, 3 month artist stipend, Iceland
2010	City of Reykjavík, project grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
2009	Künstlerhaus Lukas, 1 month scholarship, Ahrenshoop, Germany
	Ministry of Culture, 6 month artist stipend, Iceland
2008	Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, project grant, Iceland
	Icelandic Art Center, project grant, Iceland
2007	Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, travel grant, Iceland
	Muggur, Residency Grant, Reykjavík, Iceland
	Stockholm Cultural Fund, travel grant, Stockholm, Sweden
2004	Bank of Iceland, Cultural Fund Grant, Iceland
2003	Ministry of Education, travel grant, Iceland
2002	Icelandic Visual Arts Copyright Association, project grant, Iceland
	Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture Fund grant, Iceland
2020	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland — workshop manager
2018	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland — photography workshop teacher
2016–2022	The School of Photography, Reykjavík, Iceland — part-time teacher
2016–2018	The School of Photography, Reykjavík, Iceland, Annual Review Committee Member
2016–2018	The School of Photography, Reykjavík, Iceland, workshop teacher
2016	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland, guest lecturer
2015–2018	The Reykjavík School of Visual Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland, part-time teacher
2015	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland, guest lecturer, M.A. studies program
2013	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland, guest lecturer, M.A. studies program
2006–2009	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland, Photography As an Artistic Medium
2005	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, Iceland, guest lecturer

Curatorial Work

2019	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, <i>Afhjúpanir/Exposures</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2018	Photographic Center North, <i>This Island Earth</i> , Oulu, Finland

- Reykjavík Museum of Photography, *This Island Earth*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Pingyao Photography Festival, *This Island Earth*, Pingyao, China
 2017 Galleri Image, *This Island Earth*, Aarhus, Denmark
 Photobook Week Aarhus, *A decade of Icelandic Photobooks*, Aarhus, Denmark
 2016 Fotobook Festival, *A decade of Icelandic Photobooks*, Youngstorget, Oslo, Norway
 National Museum of Iceland, *Andvari / Breeze*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2015 Musée de L'Elysée, *Rökkur*, La Nuit Des Images, Lausanne, Switzerland
 2014 National Museum of Iceland, *From a Different Angle*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Reykjavík Museum of Photography, *From a Different Angle*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Norwegian House, *Landform*, Stykkishólmur, Iceland
 2010 Nordic House, *Núna-The Present is Now*, Reykjavík, Iceland

Boards & Committees

- 2015–2022 Co-Director, Co-Founder, *The Icelandic Photography Festival*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2019–2022 Chairman of The Professional Committee, The Photography School, Reykjavík
 2012–2015 Co-Founder, Board Member, *Photography Days Festival*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2011–2015 Board Member, Icelandic Art Center, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2012–2015 Professional Committee, Icelandic Art Center, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2009–2012 Board Member, SÍM – Visual Artist Association, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2007–2013 Co-Founder, Board Member, The Icelandic Contemporary Photographers' Association, Iceland

Bibliography

- 2025 *A Botanical Future*, self-published, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2021 *Songbirds*, self-published, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2020 *Silent Spring*. Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
 2019 *The Shed*. Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2016 *Double Happiness*. Crymogeia, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2013 *Vanished Summer*. Crymogeia, Reykjavík, Iceland
Nordic Now. Aalto, Helsinki, Finland
 2012 *Equivocal*. Crymogeia, Reykjavík, Iceland
 2011 *Frontiers of Another Nature*. Crymogeia, Reykjavík, and Kehrler Verlag, Heidelberg/Berlin
 2008 *Reflection: Icelandic Contemporary Photography*. National Museum of Iceland, Reykjavík
 2005 *Mórar-nærvídd*. 12 Tónar, Reykjavík, Iceland

Collections

- The Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland
 The National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland
 The Reykjanes Art Museum, Reykjanesbær, Iceland
 The National Museum of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Gerðarsafn Kópavogur Art Museum, Iceland
 Reykjavík Museum of Photography, Reykjavík, Iceland
 Akureyri Art Museum, Akureyri, Iceland
 Hafnarborg – Center of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
 Private collections in Iceland, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Sweden and the United States