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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

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

2024	BERG Contemporary, <i>Christmas Exhibition</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
	National Museum of Iceland, <i>Photo Gallery for 20 years</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2023	BERG Contemporary, <i>'Tis the season...</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2022	Landskrona Foto, <i>Snowflakes and Other Surprises</i> , Landskrona, Sweden
	Fotografisk Center, <i>Snowflakes and Other Surprises</i> , Copenhagen, Denmark
	Akureyri Art Museum, <i>Black and White</i> , Akureyri, Iceland
	Ísafjörður Art Museum, <i>Nr4 Umhverfing</i> , Ísafjörður, Iceland
	Ars Longa Art Museum, <i>Rolling Snowball</i> , Djúpvogur, Iceland

- 2021 National Gallery of Iceland, *Staged Moments*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 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
- 2020 LÁ Art Museum, *Iðustreymi*, Hveragerði, Iceland
 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
 Künstlerhaus 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'Élysée, *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, *Afhjúpanir/Exposures*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2018 Photographic Center North, *This Island Earth*, 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

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 Kehrer 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