

# Katrín Elvarsdóttir

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

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 BERG Contemporary, *Still Life*, Reykjavík, Iceland  
 Reykjavík Art Museum, *Art is our only hope!*, Reykjavík, Iceland  
 Reykjavík Museum of Photography, *Weathered*, 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

- 2012 Hippolyte Gallery, *Frontiers of Another Nature*, Helsinki, Finland  
 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
- 2011 Reykjavík Photography Festival, *Icelandic Contemporary Photography 1990–2011*, Reykjavík, Iceland  
 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 &amp; 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 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