

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

- 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

- 2023 BERG Contemporary, *'Tis the season...*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 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*, Djúpvogur, 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
 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'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

- 2008 Ridgefield Guild of Artists, *Camera Works 2009*, Ridgefield, CT, USA
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
- 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, <i>The Icelandic Photography Festival</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2019–2022	Chairman of The Professional Committee, The Photography School, Reykjavík
2012–2015	Co-Founder, Board Member, <i>Photography Days Festival</i> , 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	<i>Songbirds</i> , self-published, Reykjavík, Iceland
2020	<i>Silent Spring</i> . Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
2019	<i>The Shed</i> . Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag, Reykjavík, Iceland
2016	<i>Double Happiness</i> . Crymogeia, Reykjavík, Iceland
2013	<i>Vanished Summer</i> . Crymogeia, Reykjavík, Iceland
	<i>Nordic Now</i> . Aalto, Helsinki, Finland
2012	<i>Equivocal</i> . Crymogeia, Reykjavík, Iceland
2011	<i>Frontiers of Another Nature</i> . Crymogeia, Reykjavík, and Kehrer Verlag, Heidelberg/Berlin
2008	<i>Reflection: Icelandic Contemporary Photography</i> . National Museum of Iceland, Reykjavík
2005	<i>Mórar-nærvídd</i> . 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