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Born in 1964, Iceland
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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	Gallerí Ágúst, *Equivocal: The Sequel*, Reykjavík, Iceland
	Reykjavík Art Museum, *Nowhereland*, Reykjavík, Iceland
2008	Gallerí 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
	Gallerí Skuggi, *Revenants / Proximal Dimension*, Reykjavík, Iceland

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026	BERG Contemporary, *Nuggets*, Reykjavík, Iceland
	BERG Contemporary, *10 years*, Reykjavík, Iceland
2025	BERG Contemporary, *Christmas Exhibition*, Reykjavík, Iceland
	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
	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, Nordisher 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, Reykjavik, Iceland — workshop manager
2018	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland — photography workshop teacher
2016—2022	The School of Photography, Reykjavik, 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	Minstry 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, Reykjavik
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*. Crymogea, Reykjavík, Iceland
2013	*Vanished Summer*. Crymogea, Reykjavík, Iceland
	Nordic Now. Aalto, Helsinki, Finland
2012	*Equivocal*. Crymogea, Reykjavík, Iceland
2011	*Frontiers of Another Nature*. Crymogea, 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