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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

2025	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

2025	Reykjavík Art Museum, <i>Art is our only hope!</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Reykjavík Museum of Photography, <i>Weathered</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
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 The Northern Photographic Centre, <i>Snowflakes and Other Surprises</i> , 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*, 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
 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

- 2015 National Museum of Iceland, *Andvari / Breeze*, Reykjavík, Iceland
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