

Sigurður Guðjónsson

Born in 1975, Reykjavík, Iceland

Lives and works in Reykjavík, Iceland

Education

2003–2004	Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna
2000–2003	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavík, B.A.
1998–1999	Billedskolen, Copenhagen

Honors

2022	Iceland's representative at the 59th Venice Biennale
2018	Visual Artist of the Year by the Icelandic Art Prize

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025	The Einar Jónsson Sculpture Museum, <i>Internal Space</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2024	Francisco Carolinum, <i>Scope of Inner Transit</i> , Linz, Austria LÁ Art Museum, <i>Sonic Spectral</i> , Hveragerði, Iceland Ásmundarsalur, <i>Edda</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2023	Akureyri Art Museum, <i>Enigma</i> , Akureyri, Iceland Verksmiðjan Hjalteyri, <i>Conductive Path</i> , Hjalteyri, Iceland
2022	Icelandic Pavilion, 59th Venice Biennale, <i>Perpetual Motion</i> , Curated by Mónica Bello, Venice, Italy Hafnarhúsið – Reykjavík Art Museum, <i>Transits</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland BERG Contemporary, <i>Perpetual Motion</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Regelblau 411, <i>Lightroom</i> , Thyholm, Denmark
2021	BERG Contemporary, <i>Unseen Fields</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2018	ASÍ Art Museum, <i>Inlight</i> , Kleifar, Blönduós, Iceland
2017	ASÍ Art Museum, Former St. Joseph's Hospital, <i>Inlight</i> , Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
2016	BERG Contemporary, Reykjavík, Iceland
2015	Hallgrímskirkja, Reykjavík, Iceland
2014	The National Gallery of Iceland, 700.is Artist of the Month, Reykjavík, Iceland
2013	Menningarhúsið Skúrin/Culture House The Shed, <i>Næturvarp (Night Projection)</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2012	Hafnarborg, Institute of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland Kling & Bang, Reykjavík, Iceland
2011	Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, Norway Rostrum, Malmö, Sweden
2010	South by South West Gallery, Reykjanesbær, Iceland Alessandromarenaproject, Turin, Italy
2008	Galerie Kunstagenten, Gallery Video Lounge, Berlin Gallery Adler, New York, USA
2007	Safn (Collection), Reykjavík, Iceland The Reykjavík Art Museum, D gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland
2006	Kunstverein Langenhagen, Langenhagen, Germany Galerie Adler, Frankfurt, Germany
2004	Kling & Bang, Reykjavík, Iceland

- 2002 Gallery Priestor, Bratislava, Slovakia
- Selected Group Exhibitions
- 2025 Sequences Real-Time Art Festival, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2024 Wuhan Biennale 2024, Wuhan Art Museum (Qintai), China
- 2023 BERG Contemporary, *'Tis the season...*, Reykjavík, Iceland
Icelandic Embassy, Paris, France
Nordic Embassies, *Parallel Dimensions*, Berlin, Germany
Y Gallery, *Opnun*, Kópavogur, Iceland
Skaftfell Art Center, *Composition in Five Movements*, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland
- 2022 Aguélimuseet, *Perpetual Motion*, Sala, Sweden
Ars Longa - Contemporary Art Museum, *Rolling Snowball*, Djúpivogur, Iceland
The National Gallery of Iceland, *Some New Works*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2021 Reykjavík Art Museum, *Eternal Recurrence*, Reykjavík Iceland
- 2020 Kunsthalle Seinäjoki, *Nice to (finally) meet you!*, Seinäjoki, Finland
- 2019 Museum of the History of Photography, *Message to Man - Time and Place. Exhibition of Icelandic Video Art*, St. Petersburg, Russia
Gerðarsafn - Kópavogur Art Museum, *OH, SO QUIET! Music as we look at it: art and cinema*, Kópavogur, Iceland
- 2018 Nordatlantens Brygge, *HIGH AND LOW - contemporary art from Iceland*, Copenhagen, Denmark
Verksmiðjan á Hjalteyri, *OH, SO QUIET! Music as we look at it: art and cinema*, Hjalteyri, Iceland
Skaftfell Center for Visual Art of East Iceland, *C A B L E*, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland
Reykjavik Art Museum, *NO MAN'S LAND: WHERE BEAUTY ALONE REIGNS?* Reykjavík
Media Art Festival, Roma, Italy
- 2017 Rolling Snowball/9, Djúpivogur, Iceland
The Reykjavík Art Museum, *BOUT*, Reykjavík
Hafnarborg Centre of Culture and Art, *Painting - not a medium*, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
- 2016 Scandinavia House, *Another North: Landscape Reimagined*, New York
- 2015 The Royal Society of British Sculptors, *SKULPTUR*, London Gerðarsafn, Kópavogur Art Museum, *New Release*, Kópavogur, Iceland Verksmiðjan Hjalteyri, *Nowhere Else*, Hjalteyri, Iceland
- 2014 Onsite-artprojects, *Ice Ice Baby*, Vienna
Grundemark Nilsson Gallery, *Pushing Reality*, Berlin
The National Gallery of Iceland, *700.is Artist of the Month*, Reykjavík
The Reykjavík Art Museum, *Cadences of Line and Color*, Reykjavík
Hafnarborg, *New Acquisitions*, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
The Reykjavík Art Museum, *Your Compound View*, Reykjavík
- 2013 Nordic Outbreak, New York
- 2012 Liverpool Biennial/City States, Liverpool
Fatamorgana 1, *Terlizzi*, Bari, Italy
The Reykjavík Art Museum, *Kjarvalsstaðir*, Reykjavík
Hangman's Rock - The Delirium of Vision, Reykjavík
Arario Gallery, *Memento Mori*, Beijing
Arario Gallery, *EORUM SANAI*, Cheonan, South Korea
- 2011 The Reykjavík Art Museum, Hafnarhús, *Perspectives-On the Borders of Art and Philosophy*, Reykjavík

- 2010 The National Gallery of Iceland, *Sound Fields*, Reykjavík
Arario Gallery, *Almost Tangible*, Beijing
The Reykjavík Art Museum, Kjarvalsstaðir, *New Acquisitions 2006–2010*, Reykjavík
Palazzo Altan, *Palinsesti 2010*, San Vito al Tagliamento, Italy
Centro per l'arte contemporanea, Casa Masaccio, *NO-WHERE/NOW-HERE*, San Giovanni Valdarno, Italy
- 2009 Standpoint, London
The Living Art Museum, *Event Nr. 1*, Reykjavík
Sequences Real Time Festival, *Event Nr. 2*, Reykjavík, Iceland
Kling & Bang and X Initiative, *No Soul For Sale—A Festival of Independents*, New York
Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, *Dreams of the Sublime*, Vaasa, Finland
- 2008 The Reykjavík Art Museum, Kjarvalsstaðir, *Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere*, Reykjavík
Centre for Fine Arts, *Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere*, Brussels
Dalir og hólar, Iceland
FIFI Projects, *Black Mathematics*, Miami
- 2007 Rekord, Oslo
Kunstverein Heidelberg, *100 days–100 videos*, Heidelberg, Germany
GL Strand, *100 days–100 videos*, Copenhagen
- 2006 National Center for Contemporary Arts (NCCA), *Temporary Cities*, Moscow
Gallery Adler, *The Un-homely*, New York
Sequences Real Time Festival, Reykjavík
Vienna Biennale, *Vienna*
Bus Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
Spielhaus Morrison Galerie, Berlin
Kultur Buro, Barcelona
- 2004 Vooruit Arts Centre, Etoiles Polares, Ghent, Belgium
Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin North, Berlin
- 2003 Bergen Kunsthalle, *Behind the eyes*, Bergen, Norway
- 2002 The Living Art Museum, *Converter Projekt Part 2*, Reykjavík
- 2001 Semperdepot, *Converter Projekt Part 1*, Vienna
- 2000 The Yellow House, Iceland
- Screenings, Performances
- 2024 CERN, *Enigma*, Geneve, Switzerland
- 2023 Winter Lights Festival, *Fuser*, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2022 Reykjavík Arts Festival, *Enigma* performed by the Spektral Quartet, Reykjavík, Iceland
Adler planetarium, *Enigma* performed by the Spektral Quartet, Chicago, Illinois
- 2019 Kennedy Center, *Enigma* performed by the Spektral Quartet (World Premiere), Washington, DC
Blind Whino Gallery, Boulanger Initiative, *Trajectories*, Washington, DC klubkatarakt,
International Festival for Experimental Music, *Trajectories* Hamburg (with Ju-Ping Song)
- 2018 Cinéphémère, *Tape*, Paris
National Sawdust, *Trajectories*, New York
Njord, New Nordic Music Biennale, Copenhagen
- 2017 Addis Video Art Festival, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Cycle Music and Art Lab, *Trajectories*, Hong Kong
- 2016 Abrons Arts Center - Playhouse, OpenICE, New York

- Harpa Reykjavík Concert Hall, *Scape*, Reykjavík
 Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival, Jihlava
 Mengi, *Scape*, Reykjavík
 Sonic Festival, *Trajectories*, Copenhagen
- 2015
 Videoartchannel, *Contemporary video art, online and site-specific screening*
 Malmö Konsthall bookstore, Nordisk Panorama – Nordic Short and Doc Film Festival
 Remembering – a glimpse of a memory Art film from Iceland, Malmö, Sweden
 Kópavogshæli, Cycle Music and Art Festival, *Diptych*, Kópavogur, Iceland
- 2014
 Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, *Trajectories*, Augarten, Vienna [performance]
 Issue Project Room, *Ultima hits New York*, Brooklyn, New York [performance]
 Harpa Concert Hall, Reykjavík Center for Visual Music festival, Reykjavík [performance]
- 2011
 Frankfurter Kunstverein, Video screening program, Frankfurt
 Dorothea Schlueter Gallery, *The Confected Video Archive of Kling & Bang*, Hamburg
 24th Festival Les Instants Vidéo, Marseilles, France
 Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival, Hawick, Scotland
 Bergen Kunsthall, Landmark, Bergen, Norway [Nordic Art Express screening]
- 2010
 Kling & Bang Gallery, *Whirlpool*, Reykjavík
 Fotogalleriet Oslo, *Nordic Art Express*, Oslo
- 2009
 Hendrik Christian Andersen Museum, *Northwave*, Rome
 FISHEYE International Experimental Film and Video Festival, Rome Biennale di Venezia,
 Northwave, Venice [book and video screening project]
- 2008
 Platz der Vereinten Nationen 14a, *The Building*, e-flux video rental, Berlin
 The Film Archive, *Á jaðrinum*, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2007
 Crossing Border Festival, The Hague, The Netherlands
 The Film Archive, Prater Art Sessions, *Vienna 2007*, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2006
 Motorenhalle, *Dark Places*, Dresden, Germany
 KW Institute for Contemporary Art, *Contemporary Video Art from Iceland*, Berlin
- 2002
 Uppsala Short Film Festival, Uppsala, Sweden
 Museums Quartier 21, Sound Performance, Vienna
- 2001
 The Living Art Museum, Polyfonia, Reykjavík

Academia

Professor, Department of Fine Art, Iceland University of the Arts (IUA), Reykjavík, 2025-
 Adjunct Lecturer at the Iceland University of the Arts (IUA), Reykjavík, 2012–2024
 Sessional Teacher at the Iceland University of the Arts (IUA), Reykjavík, 2006–2012

Bibliography

Sigurður Guðjónsson, *Perpetual Motion*, 59th Venice Biennale, Distanz, 2022
 Ragna Sigurðardóttir, *On the Art of Sigurður Guðjónsson*, Skírnir, 2021
 Æsa Sigurjónsdóttir, *Magnetic Memories*, Stara, 2016
 Jón Proppé, *SKULPTUR*, The Royal British Society of Sculptors, Hatje Cantz, 2015
 Ólafur Gíslason, *An Attempt on the Veil of Aesthetics*, Skírnir, 2012
 Oddný Eir Ævarsdóttir, *Perspectives–On the Borders of Art and Philosophy*, The Reykjavík Art Museum, 2011
 Neil Mulholland, *Sequences*, Art Review, Jan-Feb, 2010, page 117
 Shauna Laurel Jones, *Mise en abyme*, Icelandic Art Today, Hatje Cantz, 2009
 Lorella Scacco, *Northwave*, Silvana Editoriale, 2009.

The Reykjavík Art Museum, *Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere*, 2008
BozarExpo, *Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere*, Brussels: BozarExpo, 2008
The Reykjavík Art Museum, *Young Icelandic Artist in D Gallery*, 2008.
Charlie Strand, *Iceland Music/Art/Fashion*, 2008.
Christian Schön, *Sigurður Guðjonsson: Dark Places*, LIST Icelandic Art News, 2006;9
November Paynter, 2006 Reykjavík, *Art Review*, 2006;54.
Gundel-Maria Busse, *Licht, Ton, Schnitt, Zeichnung, Illusion, Ritual-durchbuchstabiert*, Main Echo, 2006
Gernot Gottwals, *Island in Videos und Fotos*, Frankfurter Neue Presse. 2006;27
Gabriele Knapstein, ed. *Berlin North, Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin: Museum für Gegenwart*, 2004

Collections

The National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland
The Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland
ASÍ Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland
Hafnarborg, Institute of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
Gerðarsafn – Kópavogur Art Museum, Kópavogur, Iceland
Arario collection, South Korea
Reydan Weiss, Essen, Germany
Private collections in Iceland, Germany