

# 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

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 Skúrinn/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

2023	BERG Contemporary, <i>'Tis the season...</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
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- Nordic Embassies, *Parallel Dimensions*, Berlin, Germany  
 Y Gallery, *Opnun*, Kópavogur, Iceland  
 Skafffell Art Center, *Composition in Five Movements*, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland  
 2022 Aguélimuseet, *Perpetual Motion*, Sala, Sweden  
 Ars Longa – Contemporary Art Museum, *Rolling Snowball*, Djúpvogur, 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  
 Skafffell Center for Visual Art of East Iceland, *C A B L E*, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland  
 Reykjavík Art Museum, *NO MAN'S LAND: WHERE BEAUTY ALONE REIGNS?* Reykjavík  
 Media Art Festival, Roma, Italy  
 2017 Rolling Snowball/9, Djúpvogur, Iceland  
 The Reykjavík Art Museum, *BOU*, 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  
 The National Gallery of Iceland, *Sound Fields*, Reykjavík  
 Arario Gallery, *Almost Tangible*, Beijing  
 2010 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
- 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]

- 2011 Issue Project Room, *Ultima hits New York*, Brooklyn, New York [performance]  
 Harpa Concert Hall, Reykjavík Center for Visual Music festival, Reykjavík [performance]  
 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

- Adjunct Lecturer at the Iceland University of the Arts (IUA), Reykjavík, 2012–  
 Sessional Teacher at the Iceland Academy of the Arts (IAA), Reykjavík, 2006–2012

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- 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.  
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 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

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The Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland  
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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