

# 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

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 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, *'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  
Reykjavík 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  
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

- 2009 Centro per l'arte contemporanea, Casa Masaccio, *NO-WHERE/NOW-HERE*, San Giovanni Valdarno, Italy  
 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  
 2008 Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, *Dreams of the Sublime*, Vaasa, Finland  
 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

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

## 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.  
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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