

KATRÍN ELVARSDÓTTIR

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

Awards

2017	EIKON Award (+ 45), Vienna, Austria
2009	The Deutsche Börse Photographic Prize, nomination, Germany Ridgefield Guild of Artists, First Prize in <i>Camera Works</i> , 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 <i>Krappy Kamera</i> , New York, NY, USA
2002	South Shore Art Center, Third Prize in <i>White, Black and Shades of Gray</i> , Cohasset, MA, USA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2019	Residence of the Ambassador of Iceland, Space Time-Continuum – 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	Gallerí Ágúst, <i>Equivocal: The Sequel</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland Reykjavík Art Museum, <i>Nowhereland</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland
2008	Gallerí 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 Gallerí Skuggi, <i>Revenants / Proximal Dimension</i> , Reykjavík, Iceland

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Gerðarsafn, *Imprint*, Kópavogur, Iceland
Hafnarborg, *Silent Spring*, Hafnarfjörður, 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

- 2003 Klink og Bank Gallery, *Sound & Vision*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 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
-

Bibliography

- 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-nærvidd*. 12 Tónar, Reykjavík, Iceland
-

Curatorial Work

- 2019 Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Afhjúpunar/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, <i>Photography Days Festival</i> , Reykjavik, Iceland
2011-2015	Board Member, Icelandic Art Center, Reykjavik, Iceland
2012-2015	Professional Committee, Icelandic Art Center, Reykjavik, Iceland
2009-2012	Board Member, SÍM - Visual Artist Association, Reykjavik, Iceland
2007-2013	Co-Founder, Board Member, The Icelandic Contemporary Photographers' Association, Iceland

Grants

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, Reykjavik, Iceland Ministry of Culture, 6 month artist stipend, Iceland
2016	Danish Arts Foundation, travel grant, Denmark Icelandic Art Center, project grant, Reykjavik, Iceland Kulturkontakt Nord, mobility grant, Helsinki, Finland Muggur, residency grant, Reykjavik, Iceland Icelandic Art Center, travel grant, Reykjavik, Iceland
2015	The Northern Lights Confucius Institute, publishing grant, Reykjavik, 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 Reykjavik, project grant, Reykjavik, 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 Reykjavik, project grant, Reykjavik, 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, Reykjavik, 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

Academia

2020	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland – workshop manager
2018	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland – photography workshop teacher

2016-2020	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

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
Private collections in Iceland, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Sweden and the United States

For more information, please visit
www.bergcontemporary.is