

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

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	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

2022	Landskrona Foto, <i>Snowflakes and Other Surprises</i> , Landskrona, Sweden Fotografisk Center, <i>Snowflakes and Other Surprises</i> , Copenhagen, Denmark Akureyri Art Museum, <i>Black and White</i> , Akureyri, Iceland
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- 2021 Ísafjörður Art Museum, *Nr4 Umhverfing*, Ísafjörður, Iceland
 Ars Longa Art Museum, *Rolling Snowball*, Djúpvogur, Iceland
 National Gallery of Iceland, *Staged Moments*, Reykjavík, Iceland
 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
 2020 LÁ Art Museum, *lðustreymi*, Hveragerði, Iceland
 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
 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
 2012 Hippolyte Gallery, *Frontiers of Another Nature*, Helsinki, Finland
 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-nærvidd*, 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
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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-nærvidd*. 12 Tónar, Reykjavík, Iceland
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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
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
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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

Grants

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

Academia

2020	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland — workshop manager
2018	Iceland Academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland — photography workshop teacher
2016-2022	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
Hafnarborg – Center of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland
Private collections in Iceland, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Sweden and the United States

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