

Hreinn Friðfinnsson

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Lives and works in Amsterdam

EDUCATION AND MORE

1965

Co-founder of Gallerí SÚM, Reykjavik, Iceland

1958-1960

Icelandic Academy of Arts and Crafts, Reykjavik, Iceland

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022

Conduct 10, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik

To Light, Shadow and Dust, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

By the Waterfall, EENWERK, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2021

For the Time Being, Museum of Modern Art and Design, Miami, Florida

One Thing and Another, and Then Some More, Galería Elba Benitez, Madrid, Spain

2020

MIDNIGHT JUMP, Rozenstraat - a rose is a rose is a rose, Amsterdam, Netherland

A Group of Pieces, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

Dark, Light and Green, The Icelandic Folk and Outsider Art Museum, Svalbarðsströnd, Iceland

2019

To Catch a Fish with a Song: 1964–Today, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Geneva, Switzerland; KW
Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

Moving Image Department #11 IMAGE (of) SILENCE, National Gallery Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

2018

By the Ocean, Eenwerk, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2017

Hulduklettur, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

2016

Gallerí Gangur / The Corridor, Reykjavik, Iceland

2015

I Collected Personal Secrets, Kunstverein, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Between what and what not, Meessen-De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium
Echoes and Reflections, Gallerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

2014

A Portrait of a Sculptor of a Sculpture, with a Sculpture by the Sculptor, i8 Gallery, Reykjavík
Time and time again, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

2013

Around and About, Galeria Elba Benitez, Madrid, Spain
Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Gallerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Hreinn Fridfinnsson: Untitled, Meessen de Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2012

House, Hafnarborg – Center of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnafjörður, Iceland

2011

Recent Works, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland

2010

More or Less, i8 Gallery, Reykjavík
To spin and swing You need a Beat, Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

2009

Galería Elba Benitez, Madrid, Spain
Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2008

The Fall, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden
Bergen Konsthall, Bergen, Norway
Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Gallerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

2007

Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

2006

Sögubrot og Myndir, Sudsudvestur, Keflavík, Iceland
Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

2005

Reykjavík Arts Festival, Gallery Slunkaríki, Ísafjörður, Iceland

2004

Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

2003

Safn Collection, Reykjavík, Iceland

i8 Gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland

2002

Galerie Papillon-Fiat, Paris, France

Domaine de Kerguéhennec - Centre d'art contemporain, Bignan, France

Kyoto Art Center, Kyoto, Japan

2001

E 541 Art House, Iceland

Something Black, Something White, Something Neither Black Nor White, Ljósaklif, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

2000

Galerie Papillon-Fiat, Paris, France

Hreinn Friðfinnsson. Ars Fennica 2000, Wainö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku;

Hämeenlinnan Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, Finland

Museum of Earth, Warsaw, Poland

1999

Galerie Alexandra Von Scholz, Berlin, Germany

i8 Gallery, Reykjavík

Gallery Anhava, Helsinki, Finland

Edition Camomille, Brussels, Belgium

1998

Another Place, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Gallery Fiskurinn, Reykjavík, Iceland

Gallery 20m2, Reykjavík, Iceland

1997

Gallery Corridor, Reykjavík, Iceland

Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

1996

Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

Gallery Sólon Islandus, Reykjavík, Iceland

Gallery Alexandra von Scholz, Berlin, Germany

1995

Gallery Riis, Oslo, Norway

i8 Gallery, Reykjavik

1994

Ultima Thule, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
The Living Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
Gallery Riis, Oslo, Norway
Gallery Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
Galerie Camille von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

1993

National Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
Icelandic Pavillon (with Johann Eyfells), Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1992

Rhythms in Space, ICA, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

1991

Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1990

Reykjavik Arts Festival, Reykjavik, Iceland
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

1989

Gallery Slunkariki, Isafjörður, Iceland
Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

1988

Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Kunstnerens Hus, Oslo, Norway
Nordic Arts Center, Gallery Augusta, Helsinki, Finland

1987

Le Magasin/Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Grenoble, France
Gallery Suzanne Biederberg, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Forum, Galerie Bama, Zürich, Switzerland

1986

Galerie Bama, Paris, France

1985

Gallery Suzanne Biederberg, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1984

Galerie Bama, Paris, France

1979

Galerie Bama, Paris, France
Gallery Helen Van der Meij, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1977

Seriaal, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Galleri Sudurgata 7, Reykjavík, Iceland

1976

Galerie Elsa Von Honolulu, Gent, Belgium
Galerie Gaëtan, Geneve, Switzerland

1974

Gallery SÚM, Reykjavík, Iceland

1973

Hreinn Friðfinnsson, In-Out Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Gallery Fignal, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1972

In-Out Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1971

Gallery Balderich, Mönchengladbach, Germany
Gallery Fignal, Haarlem, The Netherlands
Gallery 845, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022

Nr 4 Umhverfing / No 4 Around, Academy of the sense, Westfjords, Iceland
A Family Story, MAC Lyon, Lyon, France

2021

AbraKadabra, Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

2020

Fortieth Anniversary Exhibition of The Corridor, Gallerí Gangur / The Corridor,
Reykjavík, Iceland
For Eyes That Listen, Arter, Istanbul, Turkey
Dark, Light and Green, The Icelandic Folk and Outsider Art Museum, Svalbarðsströnd, Iceland

2019

30 ans pile!, Galerie Papillon, Paris, France
Outline, Gerðarsafn - Kopavogur Art Museum, Kopavogur, Iceland

2018

Speak of Money and Love, Galerie Papillon, Paris, France
Honey, I Rearranged the Collection, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany
The Unending Gift, Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium
Una fornace a Marsiglia / A furnace in Mareille, Cirva, Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, Italy
After Finitude, a selection by Elena Damiani, Galerie Nordenhake, Mexico City, Mexico

2017

The Unique versus Series versus the Multiple, Galerie Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Salon Hang bi-annual, Kunstverein, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Happy People, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland
Skulptur Projekte Münster, Münster, Germany
Many. More. Most., Nordiska Akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, Sweden
Rolling Snowball /9, Djúpvogur, Iceland
Fact of the Matter – Draft of Contemporary Art History in Iceland [1.0], Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

2016

TEXT, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland
Cycle Music and Art Festival, Gerdarsafn Kópavogur Art Museum, Kópavogur, Iceland
Lightpaint, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland
Once we were next-door neighbours with John Zurier, ASÍ Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland
Blancs d'hiver, Galerie Papillon, Paris, France
Expanding Frontiers, Fundacion Hippocren, Paris, France
Frequent Long Walks, Hannah Barry Gallery, London, United Kingdom
After Gerolama Cardano's suspense, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
198920072016, Galerie Papillon, Paris, France

2015

25 años, Galería Elba Benítez, Madrid, Spain
My first summer in the Sierra, Frac île-de-france - Château de Renteilly, Paris, France
Real Life, Skaftfell Art Center, Seydisfjörður, Iceland
Notions of Time, with Roman Signer, Safn, Berlin, Germany
Narrativas monumentales. Figuras, paisajes y rituales, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Gas Natural Fenosa (MAC), A Coruña, Spain
A.N.T.H.R.O.P.O.C.E.N.E., Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2014

Pushing Reality, Grundemark Nilsson Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Solides Fragiles, Mudam Luxembourg, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
Your Compound View, Listasafn Reykjavíkur/Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Hreinn Fridfinnsson & Bruce McLean, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria
Saint Jerome, Meessen de Clercq, Brussels, Belgium
DRAWN, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Do it Moscow, Garage Center for Contemporary Culture / GOCC, Moscow, Russia

2013

Works on Paper, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik
Otremare, Gallery Vistamare, Pescara, Italy
Mon Île de Montmajour, Abbaye de Montmajour, Arles, France
Only To Melt, Trustingly, Without Reproach, Galerija Skuc, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2012

The Imminence of Poetics, 30th São Paulo Biennial, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Performing Abstraction, Galeria Luciana Brito, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Ends of the Earth – Land Art to 1974, MOCA, Los Angeles, USA;
 Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
Disserting Nature, Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, USA
Explorateurs, Musée de l'Abbaye Sainte-Croix des Sables d'Olonne, Les Sables d'Olonne, France

2011

Perspectives - On the Borders of Art and Philosophy, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
Be Nice To Me, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Faster and Slower Lines, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
 The Icelandic Folk and Outsider Museum, Svalbarðsströnd, Iceland
I like to watch, curated by Hlynur Hallsson. Kuckei+Kuckei, Berlin, Germany
In Between, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
A for artists, E for exhibitions, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2010

Exhibition, Exhibition, Castello di Rivoli - Museum of Contemporary Art, Turin, Italy
Cornered Rooms – Facing In – Facing Out, Waterside Project Space, London, UK
In the Face of Spatial Grandeur, Circuit, Lausanne, Switzerland
Konstruktioner, Västerås Konstmuseum, Västerås, Sweden
Objects are like they appear, Meessen de Clercq, Brussels, Belgium
The Ephemeral, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2009

Volcano Lovers – From Iceland and Japan, Ise Cultural Foundation, New York, USA
Quiet Revolution, Hayward Touring Curatorial Open 2009, Southbank Center, London, UK
Mirrors, MARCO Vigo, Vigo, Spain
Several Friends, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

2008

Icelandic Art, Quint Contemporary Art, San Diego, USA

Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere in Contemporary Icelandic Art, Reykjavik Art Museum, Iceland
Pleinairism, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik
Experiment Marathon Reykjavik, Reykjavik Art Museum, Iceland
Le bruissement des images, Centre Photographique d'Ile de France, Pontault Combault, France

2007

Ad mynda ord, Hoffmannsgallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
Drawing A Tiger, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
O-Nattura Alas Nature, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland
Le Bruissement des Images, CPIF/Centre Photographique d'Ile de France,
 Pontault Combault, France

2006

Northern Images, Hoffmannsgallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
 EMMA - Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
Chers Amis, Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Bignan, France
Wintery Cold, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
In Between, The Nordic Watercolor Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden

2005

Material Time / Work Time / Life Time, Reykjavik Arts Festival, Iceland
Polyfoni, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland
Tivolí, Hveragerdi, Iceland
Horizontal Memories (Water Event), Astrup Fearnley Museum, Oslo, Norway
Winterly cold, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2004

Out of Place, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Ars Fennica, Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Turku, Finland;
 Russian State Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia
Where do we go from here, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, USA
Handlungsanweisung, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria
Les mêmes et même quelques autres, Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France
Éblouissement, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

2002

Kyoto Arts Center, Kyoto, Japan

2001

Somewhere of the rainbow, FRAC Haute Normandie, Sotteville-lès-Rouen, France
 Ljósaklif, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

2000

Azerty, un avécédaire autour des collections du FRAC Limousin, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Museum of Earth, Warsaw, Poland

64°N - 20°V, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

In the Mirror of Space & Time, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavik, Iceland

Árátta, Gerðarsafn - Kópavogur Art Museum, Kópavogur, Iceland

Interplay, Contemporary Art Museum, Oslo, Norway

Amateur / Eldsjál, Goteburg Art Museum, Göteborg, Sweden

Norden – Zeitgenössische Kunst aus Nordeuropa, Kunsthalle, Vienna, Austria

Carnegie Art Award 2000, Helsinki, Oslo, Goteborg, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Reykjavik

1999

Natures Mortes, Galerie Papillon-Fiat, Paris, France

Museum of Foreign Art, Riga, Latvia

Dularfulli gardurinn, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavik, Iceland

OO, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1998

Look me in the eyes, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Losse werken, rake klappen, Gallery van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1997

Tekeningen, Gallery Maria Chailoux, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

De Verbouwing, de Verhuizing & de Verandering, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1996

Maisons-Cerveaux, La Ferme du Buisson, Noisiel, France

Dix ans de Création à Marseille, CIRVA, Musée de la Charité, Marseille, France

Landscape, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland

1995

Pas pour la galerie, Galerie Camille Von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium

Tekeningen & tekeningen, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Collection, FRAC Limousin, Limoges, France

Maisons-Cerveaux, FRAC Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France

1994

Wanås 94, Knislinge, Sweden

1993

Reconsidered images, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Edities & unica, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1992

Artscap Nordland, Hattfjelldal, Norway

Il paesaggio Culturale, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy

Ijsland - Island, Zeeuws Museum, Middelburg, The Netherlands
Gallery Van der Berge, Goes, The Netherlands

1991

They see the light, Gallery van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France
Kunst Europa 1991 - Island, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, Germany
Six logos around the carpet, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1990

Nordic Art Center, Helsinki, Finland
The Nordic '60s - Upheaval and Confrontation, National Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
The End of the Century, The Museum for Crafts, Moscow, Russia
Achilles de kwetsbare plek, Kasteel Groenevald, Baarn, The Netherlands
New Nordic Art, The Central House of Artists, Moscow, Russia
Ruhrfestspiele, Kunsthalle Recklinghausen, Recklinghausen, Germany
Utopies, Grand Palais, Paris, France

1989

Many Pearls for a Line, Gallery Van Gelder, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Utopies 89 - L'Europe des Créateurs, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Gallery Suzanne Biederberg, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Borealis 4, Nordic Art Center, Helsinki, Finland; Louisiana, Humlebaek, Denmark
SÚM 1965-1972, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

1988

Nýlistasafnid 10 ára, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
Aldarspegill, National Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland

1986

Nordanad, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden; Musée des arts décoratifs, Paris, France

1984

10 gestir á Listahátíð, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland

1983

ARS '83, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

1982

Sleeping Beauty - Art Now, Scandinavia Today, The Port of History Museum, Philadelphia, USA; Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA; The Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
Einkaheimar - Personal Worlds, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland

1981

Aspects de l'art déaaujourd'hui 1970-80, Musée d'Art et d'Histoire, Genève, Switzerland

1978

Personal Worlds – Reality as Metaphor, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Elva moderna isländska konstnärer, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

1977

Ça va? Ça va, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

1975

Galerie Waalkens, Finsterwolde, The Netherlands
Kunstmuseum Lucerne, Lucerne, Switzerland

1974

Driemans-tentoonstelling, Galerie t'Hoogt, Utrecht, The Netherlands
H2O, St. Nicolaj Kirke, Copenhagen, Denmark
Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, The Netherlands

1973

8th Biennale de Paris, Musée d'art moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France

1972

Communications, Gallery Inhibodress, Sydney, Australia
SÚM á Listahátid í Reykjavík 1972, Gallery SÚM, Reykjavík, Iceland

1971

SÚM IV, Museum Fodor, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1969

SÚM III, Gallery SUM, Reykjavík, Iceland

1967

UM '67, Laugardalshöll, Reykjavík, Iceland

1966

Den Nordiske Ungdomsbiennale for Bildende Kunst, Louisiana, Humlebaek, Denmark

1965

SÚM I, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavík, Iceland

PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS

2007

Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Sculpture Park, France

2006

Ísafjörður Collage, Ísafjörður, Iceland

2004

Reykjavik Energy, Reykjavík, Iceland

1993

Artscape Nordland, Hattfjellidal, Norway

1982

Amsterdam City Hall, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

FRAC – Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain Bourgogne, France

FRAC – Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, Clisson, France

FRAC – Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, Limoges, France

FNAC - Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

Liechtensteinische Staatliche Kunstsammlung, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

ASÍ Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö, Sweden

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

Musée national d'art moderne - Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland

National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

Netherlands Government Collections, The Hague, The Netherlands

Netherlands Institute for Cultural Heritage (ICN), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Vehbi Koc Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey