

HREINN FRÍÐFINNSSON

Born 1943 in Dölum, Iceland
Lives and works in Amsterdam since 1971

Education

Studies at the Icelandic College of Arts and Crafts, Reykjavík, Iceland, 1958-60
Co-founder of the SÚM artist's group and Gallerí SÚM, 1965

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023

Artist in the air, Galerie Papillon, Paris, France

2022

By the Waterfall, EENWERK, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Nr.4 Umhverfing | No 4 Around, Academy of the Senses, Public Art Project in Dalasýsla, Iceland
About the day and the ray, Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium
Conduct 10, i8 Gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland

2021

One Thing and Another, and Then Some More, Galería Elba Benítez, Madrid, Spain
For the Time Being, Museum of Art & Design at MDC, Miami, USA

2020

A Group of Pieces, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
Midnight Jump, Rozenstraat/A rose is a rose is a rose, Amsterdam, Netherlands
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, Switzerland and KW
Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

2018

By The Ocean, EENWERK, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2017

Hulduklettur, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

2015

Echoes and Reflections, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
I collected personal secrets, Kunstverein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Between what and what not, Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2014

Time and time and again, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland
A portrait of a Sculptor as a Sculpture, with a Sculpture by the Sculptor (with Kristinn E. Hrafnsson), i8 gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland
Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2013

Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Around and About, Galería Elba Benitez, Madrid, Spain

2012

House, The Hafnarfjörour Centre of Culture & Fine Art, Reykjavík, Iceland*

2011

Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland

2010

To Spin and Swing You Need a Beat, Claudine Papillon, Paris, France
More or Less, Galerie I8, Reykjavík, Iceland

2009

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

2008

Bergen Kunstmuseum, Bergen, Norway
Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
The Fall, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden*

2007

Serpentine Gallery, London, UK*
Reykjavík Art Musuem, Reykjavík, Iceland*

2006

Sudsudvestur, Keflavik, Iceland
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

2005

Reykjavik Arts Festival, Gallery Slunkariki, Ísafjörður, Iceland

2004

Hreinn Friðfinnsson, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

2003

i8 galleri, Reykjavík, Iceland

2002

Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Centre d'Art contemporain, Centre culturel de rencontre, Bignan, France*
Kyoto Art Center, Kyoto, Japan

2001

Something Black, Something White, Something Neither Black Nor White, Ljósaklif, Hafnarjördur, Iceland
Lightcliff Art, Ljósaklif, Hafnarjördur, Iceland

2000

Ars Fennica, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku & Hämeenlinnan Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, Finland*
Museum of Earth, Warsaw, Poland
Galerie Papillon-Fiat, Paris, France

1999

Editions Camomille, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland*
i8 galleri, Reykjavík, Iceland
Galerie A. Von Scholz, Berlin, Germany

1998

Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1996

Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

1995

Camille von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France

1994

Galerie Camille von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France
Stichting Ultimathule, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1993

Listasafn Islands, Reykjavík, Iceland
Venice Biennial, Icelandic Pavilion (with Johanni Eyfells), Venice, Italy
National Gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland*

1992

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

1991

Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1990

Galerie Claudine Papillon, Paris, France
Reykjavík Arts Festival, Reykjavík, Iceland*

Listahátíð in Reykjavík, Galleri 11, Reykjavík, Iceland

1989

Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
Slunkaríki, Ísafirði, Iceland

1988

Nordic Art Center, Sveaborg/ Galleria Augusta, Helsinki, Finland*
Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway

1987

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

1986

Galerie Bama, Paris, France

1985

Suzanne Biederberg Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1984

Galerie Bama, Paris, France
10 gestir Listahátíðar '84 á Kjarvalsstöðum, Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavík, Iceland

1981

Aspect de l'art d'aujourd'hui 1970-80, Musée d'art et d'histoire, Geneva, Switzerland

1979

Galerie Helen van der Meij, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Galerie Bama, Paris, France

1978

*Personal Worlds – Reality as Metaphor, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands**

1977

Gallerí Sudurgata 7, Reykjavík, Iceland
Seriaal, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1976

Galerie Gaetan, Geneva, Switzerland
Galerie Elsa von Honolulu, Ghent, Belgium

1974

Gallerí Sum, Reykjavík, Iceland

1973

In-Out Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Galerie Fingal, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1972

In-Out Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1971

Galerie Fingal, Haarlem, Netherlands

Galerie Balderich, Mönchen-Gladbach, Germany

Gallery 845, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023

The source. 1983-2023, a look at the Frac des Pays de la Loire collection, Frac des Pays de la Loire, Nantes, France

2022

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

A Family Story, Collection(s) Robelin, Musée d'art contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France

ThisPlay, Arter, Istanbul, Turkey

18 Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland

2020

Fortieth Anniversary Exhibition of The Corridor, Gallerí Gangur / The Corridor, Reykjavík, Iceland
For Eyes That Listen, Arter, Istanbul, Turkey (curated by Melih Fereli)

2019

Outline, Kópavogur Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

30 ans pile!, Galerie Papillon, Paris, France

Moving Images Department #11: Image (of) Silence, National Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic

Untitled, no author, Gallery Port, Reykjavík, 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

Happy People, The Living Art Museum Reykjavik, Reykjavík, Iceland

Skulpturprojekte Münster, Münster curated by Kasper König, Germany*

The multiple versus the unique work, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2016

Lightpaint, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

Once we were next-door neighbours with John Zurier, ASÍ Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Yoko Ono: One More Story..., Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

2015

25 años, Galería Elba Benítez, Madrid, Spain

Narrativas monumentales. Figuras, paisajes y rituales, MAC, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, A Coruña, Spain

My first summer in the Sierra – Works from the Centre national des arts plastiques, Frac île-de-france - Château de Renteilly, Paris, France

Múltiples mundos, CarrerasMugica, Bilbao, Spain

Real Life, Skaffell Art Center, Seydisfjörður, Iceland

Gathered Fates, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

Le verre vivant II, MUDAC, Laussane, Switzerland

Notions of Time, Homecomings at SAFN Berlin, Berlin, Germany

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

Saint Jerome, Meessen de Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

DRAWN, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

Solides Fragiles, Mudam, Luxemburg

Hreinn Fridfinnsson & Bruce McLean, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria

Do it Moscow, Garage Center for Contemporary Culture / GCCC, Moscow, Russia

2013

Mon île de Montmajour, Abbaye de Montmajour, Arles, France

Works on Paper, i8 Gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland

Only To Melt, Trustingly, Without Reproach, Galerija Skuc, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Otremare, Galeria Vistamare, Pescara, Italy

homecomings, HORSE, Berlin, Germany

2012

Ends of Nature, Los Angeles MOCA, travelled to Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

The Imminence of Poetics, 30th Sao Paulo Biennial, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Performing Abstraction, Galeria Luciana Brito, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Saint Jerome, Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

Dissecting Nature, Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, San Diego, CA, USA

Particles, Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2011

Faster and Slower Lines, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Be Nice to Me, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

Perspectives. On the Border of Art and Philosophy, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

La Vie Mode d'Emploi (Life A User's Manual), Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2010

Exhibition, Exhibition, Castello di Rivoli, Turin, Italy

Cornered Rooms - Facing In - Facing Out, Waterside Project Space, London, UK

In the Face of Spatial Grandeur, Circuit, Lausanne, Switzerland

Objects are like they appear, Meessen De Clercq, Brussels, Belgium

2009

Mirrors, MARCO Vigo, Vigo, Spain

Several Friends, National gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

Zweimal hat ihn niemand gesehen, Künstlerhaus, Bremen, Germany

La Boucle et la spirale, FRAC Bourgogne, Dijon
Volcano Lovers, Ise Cultural Foundation, Soho, New York, USA

Quiet Revolution: A Hayward Touring Exhibition, Milton Keynes Gallery, Milton Keynes, UK

2008

Pleinarism, i8 galleri, Reykjavík, Iceland

Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Experiment Marathon Reykjavík, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Le bruissement des images, Centre photographique d'Ile-de-France, Pontault Combault, France

2007

Drawing A Tiger, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

O-Nattura Alas Nature, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

Marseille Artistes Associés 1997-2007, Chapelle de Vieille Charité (CIRVA), Marseille, France

2006

In Between, Nordiska Akvarellmuseet - The Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden

Chers amis, Domaine de Kerguéhennec - Centre d'Art Contemporain, Bignan, France

2005

Material Time/Work Time/Life Time, Reykjavík Arts Festival, Reykjavík, Iceland

Horizontal Memories (Water Event), Astrup Fearnley Museum, Oslo, Norway

2004

Éblouissement, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

Handlungsanweisung, Kunsthalle, Vienna, Austria

Where do we go from here, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, USA

Ars Fennica, Russian State Museum, St-Petersburg, Russia / *Aboa Vetus Ars Nova*, Turku, Finland

Out of Place, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

Do it, e flux

2002

Kyoto Art Center, Kyoto, Japan

2001

Ljósaklif, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

2000

64 N. – 20 V., (with Kristján Guðmundsson, Sigurdur Guðmundsson), Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden

Carnegie Art Award 2000 (Helsinki, Oslo, Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Reykjavík)*

Amateur / Eldsjäl, Göteborgs Konstmuseum, Göteborg, Sweden*

Norden – Zeitgenössisches Kunst aus Nordeuropa, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria*
Interplay, Contemporary Art Museum Oslo, Oslo, Norway
Museum of Earth, Warsaw, Poland
Áráttá, Listasafn Kópavogs, Iceland
In the Mirror of Space and Time, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavík, Iceland*
Azerty, un abécédaire autour de collections de FRAC Limousin, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France*

1999

Natures Mortes, Galerie Papillon Fiat, Paris, France
Museum of Foreign Art, Riga, Latvia*
00, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands*
Dularfullig gardurinn, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavík, Iceland

1998-99

Look me in the eyes, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1998

Losse werken, rake klappen, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1997-98

Tekeningen, Galerie Maria Chailloux, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1997

De Verbouwing, de Verhuizing & de Verandering, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1996

Dix ans de création à Marseille, CIRVA, Musée de la Charité, Marseille, France
Maisons-Cerveaux, FRAC, Reims, La Ferme du Buisson, Noisiel, France*
Landscape, Kjarvalsstaðir Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

1995

Maison-Cerveaux, FRAC Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France*
Pas pour la galerie, Galerie Camille von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium

1994

Wanås Exhibition 1994, Knislinge, Sweden

1992

Ijsland – Island, Galerie van den Berge, Goes och Zeeuws Museum, Middelburg, Netherlands
Artscape Nordland, Arctic Circle, Norway*
Il Paesaggio Culturale, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy

1991

Kunst, Europa 1991, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, Germany*
Six Logos around the Carpet, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands
They see the Light, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1990

Ruhrfestspiele, European Workshop, Recklinghausen, Germany*
The End of the Century, The Arts and Crafts Museum, Moscow, Russia
New Nordic Art, The Artists' Center, Moscow, Russia*
The Nordic '60s, Upheaval and Confrontation, Listasafn Islands, Reykjavík*

1989

SUM 1965-1972, Kjarvalsstadir, Reykjavík, Iceland*
Borealis 4, Nordiskt Konstcentrum, Helsinki and Louisiana, Humlebaek, Denmark*
Galerie Claude Papillion, Paris, France
Suzanne Biederberg Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Utopia 89, L'Europe des Createurs, Grand Palais, Paris, France*
Many Pearls for a Line, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1988

Aldarspegill, Islensk myndlist í eigu safnsins 1900-1987, Listasafn Island, Reykjavík, Iceland*
Nylistasafnid 10 ára, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland*

1986

Nordanad, Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

1984

10 gestir Listahátíðar '84 á Kjarvalsstöðum, Kjarvalsstadir, Reykjavík, Iceland

1983

ARS 83, Ateneumin Taidemuseo, Helsinki, Finland

1982-83

Sleeping Beauty - Art Now, Scandinavia Today, Guggenheim Museum, New York; The Port of History Museum, Philadelphia, PA; Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA

1982

Einkaheimar - Personal Worlds, Nylistasafnid, Reykjavík, Iceland

1981

Aspects de l'art d'aujourd'hui 1970-80, Musée d'art et d'histoire photographie, Les Genevois collectionment, Genève, Switzerland

1978-79

Elva moderna isländska konstnärer, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden*

1978

Personal Worlds - Reality as Metaphor, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1977

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

1975

Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland
Galerie Waalkens, Finsterwolde, Groningen, Netherlands

1974

H2O, St. Nikolaj Kirke, Copenhagen, Denmark
Driemans-tentoonstelling, t'Hoogt, Utrecht, Netherlands
Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands (with Kristjan Gudmundsson and Sigurdur Gudmundsson)

1973

8ème Biennale de Paris, Musée d'Art Moderne de la ville de Paris, Paris, France

1972

SUM á Listahátíð í Reykjavík 1972, Gallerí SUM, Reykjavík, Iceland
Communications, Galerie Inhibodress, Sydney, Australia

1971

SUM IV, Museum Fodor, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1969

SUM III, Gallerí SUM, Reykjavík, Iceland

1967

UM'67 (Ungir myndlistarmenn), Laugardalshöll, Reykjavík, Iceland

1966-67

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

1965

SUM I, Asmundarsalur, Reykjavík, Iceland

*=Catalogue

Works in public collections

Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain (FRAC), Bourgogne, France
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain (FRAC), Clisson, France
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain (FRAC), Limoges, France
Fonds National d'Art Contemporain (FNAC), Paris, France
Liechtensteinische Staatliche Kunstsammlung, Vaduz, Liechtenstein
Listasafn ASÍ, Reykjavík, Iceland
Listasafn Reykjavíkur, Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavík, Iceland
Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö, Sweden
Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Museum of Contemporary Art, Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
National Gallery, Reykjavík, Iceland

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

Netherlands Government Collections, Haag, Netherlands

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Vehbi Koç Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey