

KRISTJÁN GUÐMUNDSSON / CV

Born in 1941 on Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Iceland. Lives and works in Reykjavik.
Kristjan Gudmundsson passed away in Reykjavik in the Autumn of 2025.

Solo Exhibitions (selected)

- 2026 Affinities of Form, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
2025 Kristján Gudmundsson, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
As Far as the Space Allows, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
2020 Mostly Drawings, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
2016 Olympic Drawings, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
2015 Rappaz Museum, Basel, CH
i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
Marc Straus, New York, US
2014 Tourist Poems & Olympic Drawings, Gallery Gamma, Reykjavik, IS
Exhibition Seconds, Skúririnn, Reykjavik, IS
Faster and Slower and Cause and Consequence (including works by Donald
Judd), Safn, Berlin, DE
2013 Dessins & Dessins Olympiques, Galerie Martine Thibault de la Châtre, Paris, FR
2011 i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
2010 Paintings in Grey and White Frames, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
Paintings and Drawings, Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
Galleri Andersson Sandström, Umeå, SE
Paintings in Grey and White, Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, California, US
Kristján Gudmundsson, Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA, US
2009 National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
2007 Drawings I-XV & Other Works, Safn, Reykjavik, IS
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
2006 Blue Transmission, Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
2005 New Works, Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, SE
2004 Architecture, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
New Works, Listasafn Árnesinga, Hveragerdi, IS
2004 Drawings, Sleeper Gallery, Edinburgh, SC
2003 Slunkaríki, Ísafjörður, IS
AP Galerie, Amsterdam, NL
Kompan, Akureyri, IS
2002 Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, DE
Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, NO
2001 Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavik Art Museum - Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavik, IS
2000 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
1999 i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
Slunkaríki, Ísafjörður, IS
1998 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
1997 i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
Galleri Gulp, Reykjavik, IS
1996 Galleri Saevar Karl, Reykjavik, IS
Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, SE
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
Galleri Hulda Ágústdóttir, Reykjavik, IS
1995 Slunkaríki, Ísafjörður, IS

- 1994 Galleri F 15, Moss, NO
Retrospective, Rooseum, Malmö, SE
Albrecht Dürer Gesellschaft & Institut für Moderne Kunst, Nürnberg, DE
Sjö teikningar cid fundna syningarska, Galleri Sævar Karl, Reykjavík, IS
- 1993 Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
Boekie Woekie, Amsterdam, NL
Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, DE
Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock, DE
Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
- 1992 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
Galerie Miller-Nordenhake, Cologne, DE
Galleri II, Reykjavík, IS
Galleri Gangur, Reykjavík, IS
- 1991 Galerie Martina Detterer, Frankfurt am Main, DE
Slunkaríki, Ísafjörður, IS
Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, SE
Galerie Dörrie-Priess, Hamburg, DE
Gallerí Krókur, Reykjavík, IS
- 1989 Teikningar/drawings 1972-88, Reykjavik Art Museum - Kjarvalsstadir,
Reykjavík, IS
Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
- 1988 Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, SE
- 1987 Slunkaríki, Ísafjörður, IS
Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Drawings and Sculpture, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavík, IS
Kristján Guðmundsson/Andrea Toppel, Boekie Woekie, Amsterdam, NL
- 1986 Galerie "A", Amsterdam, NL
Between Poetry and Measurement, American Scandinavian Foundation,
New York, US
Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
- 1985 Gallery Gudmundur Árnason, Reykjavík, IS
- 1983 ASÍ Art Museum, Reykjavík, IS
- 1982 The Red House, Akureyri, IS
- 1981 Safnahúsid, Húsavík, IS
Rádhúsid, Dalvík, IS
- 1978 Gallery SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
Library of Ísafjörður, Ísafjörður, IS
- 1975 Seriaal, Amsterdam, NL
Gallery SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
Paleis voor Schone kunst, Brussel, BE
Kunstmuseum, Luzern, CH
- 1974 IN-OUT-CENTER, Amsterdam, NL
- 1973 Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
IN-OUT-CENTER, Amsterdam, NL
- 1972 Galerie 845, Amsterdam, NL
Gallery SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
Galerie Balderich, Mönchengladbach, DE
Galerie Fignal, Amsterdam, NL
- 1970 Galleri SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
- 1969 Galleri SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
- 1968 Mokka, Reykjavík, IS

Group Exhibitions (selected)

- 2024 Monochromy. On the aesthetics of published art, Weserburg Museum für moderne Kunst, Bremen, DE
Rolling Snowball 16, ARS LONGA, Djúpivogur, IS
Experiments in Concretism, EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art, FI
- 2023 hvað var - hvað er - hvað verður? ARS LONGA, Djúpivogur, IS
- 2022 A Line has Time in it - Revision, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Sea Lava Circle: Works from the Pétur Arason and Ragna Róbertsdóttir Collection, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
Are you glad if you can ask something?, LÁ Art Museum, Hveragerði, IS
- 2021 Inconsistent Ways of Seeing, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
- 2019 Rúllandi snjóbolti / 12, Djúpivogur, IS
Really, Sequences IX, Kling & Bang, Reykjavik, IS
Cutting Edges: Nordic Concrete Art from the Erling Neby Collection, Scandinavian House, New York, US
- 2017 Rolling Snowball/9, Djúpivogur, IS
1hv (w/ Örn Alexander Ámundason), Reykjavik, IS
Literally – Concrete Poetry in Iceland from 1957 to the Present Day, Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, IS
- 2016 TEXT, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
- 2015 Selected Portraits from the Collection of the National Gallery of Iceland – From the Rustic to the Selfie, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
- 2014 Rolling Snowball 5, Djúpivogur, IS
Franz Graf: See What Sees You, The Bevedere, Vienna, AT
DRAWN, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, DE
Your Compound View – Selection from the collection from 1970-2010, Reykjavik Art Museum, IS
- 2013 Works on Paper, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS
Embracing Impermanence, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavik, IS
B.A.B.E. – The Best Artist Books and Editions, Immanence – Espace d’art Contemporain, Paris, France
Elemental, Boden Arts Center, Boden, Sweden
- 2012 Hangman´s Rock – The Delirium of Vision, Reykjavík Art Museum - Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavík, IS
Ends of the Earth: Land Art to 1974, MOCA Los Angeles, USA; Haus der Kunst, Munich, DE
Explorateurs, Musée de l'Abbaye Sainte Croix des Sables d'Olonne, FR
Minning um Myndlist, ASÍ Art Museum, Reykjavik, IS
To Make a Show It Takes A Thought and More than One Word, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
- 2011 Arbeiten Aus dem Bleistiftgebiet, Van Horn, Düsseldorf, DE (curated by Gregor Hildebrandt)
Perspectives - On the Borders of Art and Philosophy, Reykjavik Art Museum – Hafnarhus, IS
A for Artist / E for Exhibitions, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
TEXT, Kuckei + Kuckei, Berlin, DE
Faster and Slower Lines - From the Collection of Pétur Arason and Ragna Róbertsdóttir, Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavik, IS
Kind Of Nice, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
The Erling Neby Collection, Henie Onstad Art Centre, Høvikodden, NO
Rolling Snowball, Chinese European Art Center, Xiamen, CN
- 2010 Winter Show, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, IS

- straumur / burðarás, Akureyri Art Museum, Akureyri, IS
Carnegie Art Award, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS; The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm, SE; Kunstneres Hus, Oslo, NO; 798 Art Space, Beijing, CN; Royal College of Art, London, UK; Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI; Centre International d'Art Contemporain, Carros/Nice, FR
Abstract, Almost Abstract II, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Starter Works from the Vehbi Koç Foundation Contemporary Art Collection, Arter | Space for Art, Istanbul, TR
- 2009 Carnegie Art Award 2010, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
Central Periphery (curated by Alan Johnston), RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
Latte in Watte, Galleri Riis, Oslo, NO
In Deep Water, Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, IS
Islands & Ghettos, Über territoriale Segregation in Städten des 21. Jahrhundert, Kunstraum Kreuzberg / Bethanien, Berlin, DE; NGBK / Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, DE
Several Friends, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
- 2008 Ad Absurdum - Energies of the Absurd From Modernity to Contemporary Art, Marta Herford, DE
Dreams of the Sublime and Nowhere, Reykjavík Art Museum - Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavik, IS
Icelandic Art, with Thor Vigfusson, Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, US
Islands & Ghettos, Heidelberger Kunstverein, Heidelberg, DE
No TV on Thursdays, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Lika för lika, Gävle Konstcentrum, Gävle, SE
- 2007 Drawing A Tiger, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, DE
Colour First, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Im Fluss, Neues Museum Weserburg, Bremen, DE
Gjensyn og fremtiden (Future Revisited), Vigeland museet, Oslo, NO
- 2006 In Between - from the collection, Nordiska Akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, SE
Regarding facts, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Næsti bar, with Sigurdur Gudmundsson, Reykjavik, IS (curated by Ólafur Ó. Lárusson)
- 2005 Material Time, Life Time, Work Time, Reykjavík Arts Festival, Gerðarsafn - Kópavogur Art Museum, IS
Skyndikynni, Reykjavíkúrákademían, Reykjavík, IS
Winterly Cold, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
Touché, Galerie Michael Sturm, Stuttgart, DE
- 2003 Sea and Music, Xiamen, CN
Meistarar Formsins, Akureyri Art Museum, Akureyri, IS
- 2002 BLUE, Place Arte Contemporanea, Cavagnolo, IT
D.R.A., Álafoss, Mosfellsbær, IS
Carnegie Award, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2001 D.R.A., City Gallery, Pece, HU
Drawing Iceland, Galleri 54, Gothenburg, SE
Tegnerforbundet, Oslo, NO
Nothing, Rooseum Center for Contemporary Art, Malmö, Sweden; Contemporary Art Center, Vilnius, LT
- 2000 In the Mirror of Space & Time, Ásmundarsalur, Reykjavík, IS
Galleri áhaldahús, Vestmannaeyjar, IS
64 N-20 V, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, SE
Dieter Roth Akademie, Ackermannshof, Basel, CH
Painting, Galerie Micheal Sturm, Stuttgart, DE
- 1999 Drei Kuenstler aus Island, Galerie Michael Sturm, Stuttgart, DE

- HH 1, Xiamen, CN
Ainsi de Suite 3, Centre régional d' Art Contemporain, Sète, FR
Galerie Artek, Helsinki, FI
Hommage à Dieter Roth, Galerie Heinz Holtmann, Cologne; NORD LB Galerie, Braunschweig, DE
00, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
- 1998 Ground, Galerie Stadtpark, Krems, Austria; Akureyri Art Museum, Akureyri, IS
Galerie Peter Lidner, Vienna, AT
Losse werken, rake klappen, Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL
10 years 1988-1998, Magasin 3, Stockholm Konsthall, Stockholm, SE
- 1997 Absence/Presence, Kópavogur Art Museum, Kópavogur, IS
Ground, Ground, Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney, SC
Jahresmuseum 1997, Kunsthaus, Mürzzuschlag, AT
Gúlp á hvolfi, Gallerí Gúlp, Reykjavík, IS
- 1996 Antarctica Brahma, Galerie Nächst St. Stephan, Vienna, AT
AQUELO, The Nordic Arts Centre, Helsinki, FI
- 1995 La Hora del Norte, Centro Cultural del Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain; Pia Almoína, Barcelona, ES
Art Festival, Seydisfjörður, IS
AQUELO, Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna, AT
Galerie d'Arte Moderna, Bologna, IT
Botngróður, IS
- 1994 Ludwig Gosewitz und seine isländischen Freunde, Haus am Lützowplatz, Berlin, DE
Juxtaposition, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
Det nordiska önskemuseet, Göteborgs Konstmuseum, Gothenburg, SE
- 1992 Das steinerne Licht, Ostee-Biennale 1992, Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock, DE
Art Festival, Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður, IS
Kunst, Europa-Island, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, DE
Borealis V, Porin taidemuseo, Pori, FI
Trans / Mission, Rooseum, Malmö, SE
We won't party alone, St. Gallen Kunstverein, St. Gallen, CH
Von Angesicht zu Angesicht, Gegenwartskunst aus dem Ostseeraum, Kunsthalle zu Kiel, DE; Kunsthalle Latvija, Riga, LV; Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, DE
- 1990 The 8th Sidney Biennale, Sidney, AU
Northlands, The Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, UK
The Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, IE
Noli me tangere, Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Sion, CH
The Art of Drawing, Kunsterns Hus, Oslo, NO
End of the Century, Museum for Decorative Arts, Moscow, RU
Bridges, Persons & Lindell Gallery, Helsinki, FI
Threshold, Museet for Samtidskunst, Oslo, NO
Worlds 90, Joensuu Art Museums, FI
11 cities, 11 nations, Friesland Hal, Leeuwarden, NL
- 1989 Resource Kunst, Akademie der Künste West-Berlin, Germany; Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken, DE
SÚM 1965-72, The Municipal Museum, Reykjavík, IS
The Living Art Museum 10th anniversary, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, IS
- 1988 Reykjavík Arts Festival, The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, IS (with Donald Judd & Richard Long)
Både / och, The Nordic Arts Center, Sveaborg, Helsinki, FI
- 1987 Kunsthallen Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, DK

- Galerie van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL (with John M. Armleder & Arno Van der Mark)
- 1986 Bone in a cold oven, The Nordic Arts Center, Sveaborg, Helsinki, FI
- 1985 Nordic House, Reykjavík, IS
Konst i Norden, The Nordic Arts Center, Sveaborg, Helsinki, FI
A nordic quintessence, ASF Gallery, New York, USA
- 1984 Time – The 4th Dimension, Société des Expositions du palais des Beaux Arts, Brussels, BE; Geneva, CH; Mannheim, DE; London, UK
ICELAND: The art revealed, Franklin Furnace, New York, US
10 visitors, Reykjavík Arts Festival, Reykjavik Art Museum - Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavík, IS
- 1983 The Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, IS
- 1982 La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, IT (with Jón Gunnar Árnason)
- 1981 The Red House, Akureyri, IS (with Sigríður Guðjónsdóttir)
Malmö, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, SE
- 1978 Elva moderna isländska konstnärer, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, SE
- 1977 Ça va? Ça va?, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, FR
- 1975 Galerie Waalkens, Finsterwolde, NL
Kunstmuseum Luzerne, Luzerne, CH
- 1974 H2O, St. Nikolaj Kirke, Copenhagen, DK
Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, NL
- 1973 8e biennale de Paris, Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, FR
Omaha Flow System, Joslin Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska, USA
- 1972 SÚM, Reykjavík Art Festival, Galleri SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
Communications, Gallery Inhibodress, Sidney, AU
IN-OUT-CENTER, Amsterdam, NL
- 1971 SÚM IV, Museum Fodor, Amsterdam, NL
SÚM II & SÚM III, Galleri SÚM, Reykjavík, IS
- 1968 Nordisk Ungdomsbiennale, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, FI

Works in Collections

Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
Stedelijk Museum Voor Actuele Kunst, Gent, BE
City of Espoo, FI
B.K.R., Amsterdam, NL
National Gallery of Iceland, IS
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE
Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, DE
Safn, Reykjavík, IS
Saastamoinen Foundation, Helsinki, FI
Magasin 3 Stockholm Konsthall, Stockholm, SE
Reykjavik Art Museum, IS
The Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, SE
Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Puteaux, FR
Museum of Contemporary Art, Oslo, NO
Living Art Museum, Reykjavík, IS
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
Skjerstad Kommune, NO
Frankel Foundation, Michigan, USA