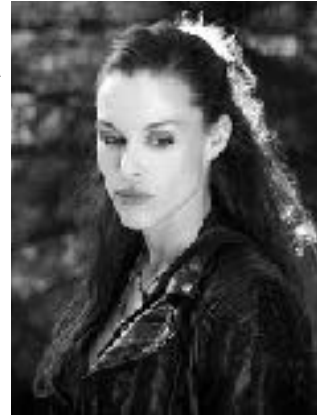


María Kjartans

artist - photographer b. 1980

Icelandic born artist María Kjartans graduated with her MFA from Glasgow school of Art in 2007. Since then she has been living and working in London, Glasgow, Granada, Paris and now most recently Reykjavik, exhibiting her photography and video art around the world. María was rewarded Signature Art Award in London and the IdeasTap / Magnum Photographic awards for her photography projects and recently nominated for best Icelandic short film at Reykjavik Short & Docs festival.

Alongside doing visual art María is the co-founder of Vinnslan www.vinnslan.is, which is a collective of Icelandic artists who create and curate interdisciplinary art projects.



"As much an explorer as photographer, Maria's fascination and obsession with life cycles and events, across cultures, dominate the subject matter of her pieces and drives her to visit often remote and unusual locations. The results are bewitching insights and stories that present the viewer with a captivating sense of discovery, honesty and empathy for her subjects." Elinor Olisa, DegreeArt-Gallery

Education

2005 - 2007 M.F.A. Glasgow school of Art, Glasgow, UK

2002 - 2005 B.A. The Icelandic academy of the Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland

2000 - 2001 Art school of Reykjavik, Reykjavik, Iceland

1995 - 2000 Studio Hugskot, assistant photographer, Reykjavik

Awards

2012 IdeasTap / Magnum awards, London, photography & film

2011 IdeasTap / Magnum awards, London - 1st price, environmental photography

2011 Signature Art Awards, 1st price, photography

2007 The scottish Press Awards, Glasgow, 2nd price, photography

Solo Exhibitions

2017 "Ótal Andlit Iðunnar" Gerðuberg culturehouse, & Anitamarga studio, Reykjavík

2015 "Spiritual Landscapes" Stefnumót Arts and culture, Keflavík

2013 "Spiritual Landscapes", Edinborgarhúsið, Ísafjörður

2013 "Spiritual Landscapes", DegreeArt Gallery, London

2011 "Clearly Remote", Labworlds gallery, Paris

2009 "Lonely Place dwellers", Miraggio club, London

2009 "Shared Future", Empire Gallery, www.degreeart.com, London

2006 Landálfur (land daemon)", The Wine Bar, Reykjavik

2004 "Granadino", The Wine Bar, Reykjavik

2003 "Icelandic Ghost Photos", Spiritual Society of Reykjavik, Reykjavik

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 "Portrait Now", The Museum of National History, Ljungberg, SE
2017 "Portrait Now", Ljungbergmuseum, Frederiksborg, DK
2017 "FÍSL2017, Gömlu verbúðirnar, Höfn í Hornafirði
2016 "Microwave International New Media Arts Festival", Hong Kong Design Institute, Hong Kong
2016 "Vogandi". Gallery Kænavogur, Reykjavík
2016 "Maria in each country- all over the world", Oslo
2015 "Parallax art fair", Chelsea town hall, London
2015 "ÍSÓ/FÍSL", Old shrimp factory, Isafjordur
2014 "LFAT Festival Off", Paris
2014 "Steypa", Old Herring factory, Djupavík

2013 "Betur sjá augu en auga", Reykjavík Museum of Photography, Reykjavík

2012 "Sample 12", Print Space, London
2012 "Magmart festival", Execution room, Napoli

2011 "ÖÖ-Was it a Dream #3", Helios cinema, Tallinn

2011 "IdeasTap-Magnum Photographic awards", Old Truman Brewery, London

2011 "2nd Roma Pavilion"-Media archive, Venice Biennale, Venice

2010 "Art Takes", (AAF), Battersea Park, London

2010 "Pedder Photography Exhibition", Bigger Picture Gallery, London
2010 "Foolery", City Arts and Music Project, London
2010 "The Signature Art Award" O Gallery,
2010 "The Pursuit of Happiness", Arsenal Gallery, Poznan

2009 "Cold Horizons", Museum de Nervi, Genoa, Nervi, Italy

2008 "Berlin New Live festival", Berlin, New York

2008 Nordic moods- contemporary landscapes, Arken Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen
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Stage Based Projects

- 2011- current Art director, **Vinnslan Art Group**, Reykjavík

2013 - current singer and a songwriter with artist-composer **Biggi Hilmars**, Reykjavík
2010 - 2011 Visual Artist / Board Member, Maddid Performance-Art Theatre. London
2008 - 2009 Art Director and Stage Designer MOMO band, London, Barcelona, Ibiza,
2008 - 2009 Visual Artist/ Board Member / Photographer, Admiration Theatre, London
2007 - 2008 Photographer, The Iceland Dance Company/ **IDC**, Reykjavík
2007 - 2009 Art Director, Blindfold band, London, Reykjavík, New York, Toronto
2005 Photographer, Union of Knives band, Glasgow
1998 - 2007 Art Director & Photographer, AMPOP band, Reykjavík, Glasgow, London,

Films & Productions

- 2016 Art director, "Mamma ætlar að sofna" short film by Vala Ómarsd. Reykjavík

2012-current Art director, Vinnslan #1-8, Norðurpóllinn & Tjarnarbio Theatre, Reykjavik
2013 Director, ROF, short film - Vinnslan, Reykjavik
2012 Director, We are weather, - short film, Open Your Eyes and Listen
2010 Director, Dream in Places, - short film, Open Your Eyes and Listen
2011 Visual artist, As Soon As They Know Me, MADDID, Norðurpóllinn
2009 Art director, Sun Moon Bright, Vulpes Vulpes, London

Publications

2015 Art Reveal magazine, issue #8 [read here](#)
2011 "Clearly remote", Labworlds, Paris
2011 "Park - art magazine" Issue #2
2009 "Framelines Magazine" Online publishing, Australia
2008 "Seconds"online publishing project issue 9
2008 "20x20 magazine"issue 1, London,
2008 "Nordiske Stemninger"-Landscape photography of our time, Arken Museum of modern Art, Copenhagen
2007 "Camera Austria"-magazine, issue 99, Graz

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