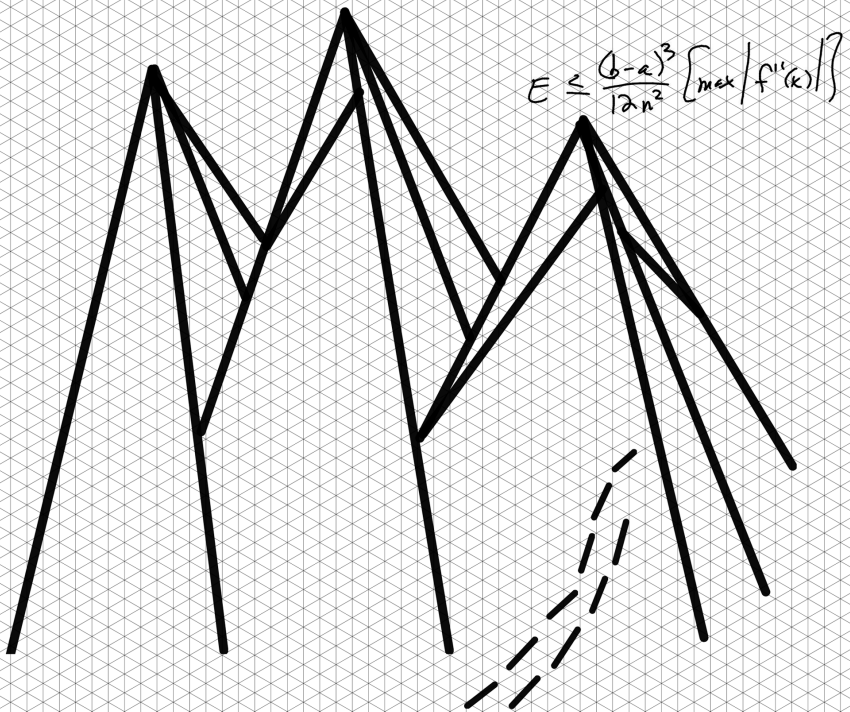


# skammdegi festival'17



INFO 18 artists from 8 countries, 60 days of dark winter . Ólafsfjörður, North Iceland

PLACE Listhus . Landsbjörg . Tjarnaborg . & More

DATE 26-29.1.17

# SKAMMDEGI FESTIVAL '17

Artists' residencies exist all over the world. They provide an opportunity and a creative space in which artists can produce their work. The artist residency, Skammdegi, offering two months in the Dark Winter, is not something that many artists are drawn to. And yet, artists come from all over the world to experience this unique challenge in the small community of Ólafsfjörður, North Iceland. Eighteen artists of all backgrounds and persuasions came for the December and January 2016-17 residency. They came from eight countries. They came wanting the opportunity of an immersive and distant environment outside of their own familiar world. The experience removes them from the expectations and chatter of a competitive art world into the unknown world of prolonged darkness that very few places on earth can offer.

They want to know, "what kind of world exists in this remote place on the planet?" And, "what will this open for me in my consciousness?" and, "how will my experiences and perceptions here translate into my own work?"

You'll see here in the Festival the work of the artists who have worked hard to reflect their experiences and personal impressions of the landscape, the culture, the weather, the people. You will witness the variety of ideas, sources, materials, and inspirations that have resulted in the work they put forward. Enjoy!

Over the course of the four-day Festival five artists will exhibit and perform work that meet the challenges of this interesting venue opportunity at **LANDSBJÖRG**. They have chosen this site for its unusual possibilities and to see what happens with the juxtaposition of contemporary art in a building that does not conform to typical standards of art exhibition.

Composer **Jeffery Shivers** will present three compositions ***slaggrinding in a throughfeed system, bulk modulus and eismatrix[0]***, which engage different issues of sound and space through variations of technology, illumination and interactivity.

**Leung Ka-lun** will exhibit his video work ***zero-sum*** which reflects on the relation between nature and culture, placing an investigation into the inner states and connections to the animal consciousness we all possess.

Landsbjörg & Kaffi Klara are both the sites for **Kim Munro's** immersive audio documentary ***Why do the ducks not fly south?***, which maps natural histories and small local rituals gathered throughout her wanderings in local communities. The piece has an accompanying online interactive element.

**Caitlín Thomson** has engaged the community in making colourful lanterns. The work ***Lighting up Ólafsfjörður with colour*** will light up the dark days of winter.

You will experience an intimate breakfast in **The BREAK / FAST** hosted by **Suzann Cheng** that will be recreated from her use of disposable cameras circulated throughout the Ólafsfjörður community.

**LISTHUS GALLERY** is an exhibition space that allows for a variety of mediums to be shown. Here you will view sculpture, photographs, paintings, ceramic works, and drawings. This venue will display the work of seven artists who interpret the community, the land, and the people using a variety of familiar and unusual materials.

**Corinne Weidmann** creates paintings of abstracted landscapes by accessing the dynamic forces and elements that shaped the earth surrounding Ólafsfjörður in her work ***Under the Surface***.

**Katherine Kavanaugh's** ***Earth Out of Balance*** transforms the endless supply of kelp into a sculptural narrative about the political and environmental shifts and ruptures of our time. She will also exhibit a series of two and three-dimensional drawings.

**Hólmfríður Vídalín Arngrímsdóttir's** ceramic pieces ***Það sem sést og ekki sést / That Which is Seen and Not Seen*** deal with "how the past holds many generations of people who have left us to go on the long journey, but are still among us in spirit -- in the light and in the shadows."

Through the use of the available materials of cotton, acrylic medium, and basalt sand **Tammy McClennan** creates three-dimensional work ***I Will Carry the Creatures With Me***.

**Robert Atwater** presents a dozen small, jewel like photographs of Ólafsfjörður and Siglufjörður in his work ***South of True North***, which show the everyday streets and backyards of the villages.

**Caitlín Thomson's** ***lost treasure/found*** treasure explores and reinterprets the symbolic and aesthetic value of both natural and manmade found objects.

**Hronn Helgadóttir & Alkistis Terzi** present work that carries the theme of ***Portraits***.

**TJARNARBORG** allows for the presentation of multiple performance work including dance, theater, new compositions, collaborations of sound, dance, and music.

**Priscila Chu's** music theater piece ***BATTLE*** uses irony to express the dilemmas and challenges that surround each one of us in the current era.

**Katrine Faber** will perform a theater piece ***Tales From The Trash*** - A Work In Progress with stories, texts, songs, sounds and physical images grounded in Ólafsfjörður, modern civilization and the old Norse Edda poem Völuspá.

An interactive dance theater piece ***Memomentry*** by dancer **Chan Wan Lok Michelle** is described by her: "Each moment is a miracle encompassing everything: the joy and sorrow, the failure and success, the disappointment and happiness, the celebration and grief."

**Thora Karlsdóttir** will show video titled ***Sauðsvart / In the countryside***.

**Gabrielle Cerberville** presents ***between the flo/es***, a conceptual sound sculpture centered around the tenuous relationship with the natural world in her work, specifically the human role in climate change.

**Lara Stefánsdóttir & Hronn Helgadóttir & Alkistis Terzi** present a collaborative visual representation with dancer **Ioanna Kerasopoulou** from the novel ***The Child of Nature***.

**Alkistis Terz** presents a ***dance video*** of an improvisational dance piece performed by dancer **Ioanna Kerasopoulou** which reveals the transition from city life to the natural world, translating the elements of nature: mountains-fire-water.

Apart from the main venues, more artworks are presented at several satellite locations in Ólafsfjörður.

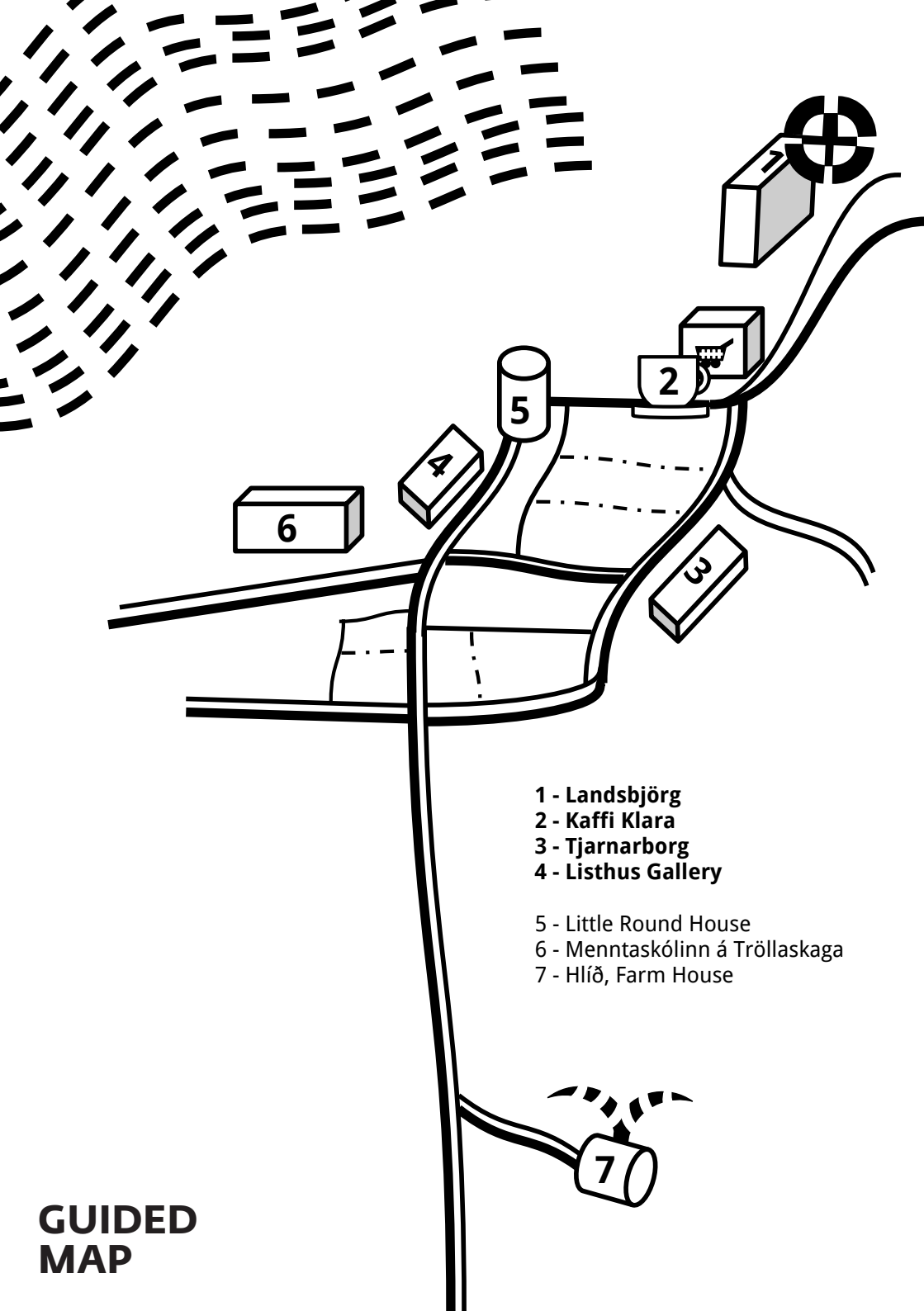
**Tómas Atli Einarsson & Lára Stefánsdóttir** present pictures created with light and scratches in their work ***Ljóstýra í norðri*** at **KAFFI KLARA**.

**Katrine Faber & Katherine Kavanaugh** present an interactive performance piece with projected video titled ***Hymn to the Dark***, representing the Völva that holds the fire and sings our place in the world at the **LITTLE ROUND HOUSE**.

**Katrine Faber** will host a ***Voiceworkshop: "Life of Voice – Voice of Life"***, featuring a basic voice training combined with creative exploring for young people and adults at **MENNTASKÓLINN Á TRÖLLASKAGA**.

**Lára Stefánsdóttir** and **Svanfríður Halldórsdóttir** present **Portrett af kindum / Portraits of sheep** at **FARM HOUSE (HLÍÐ)**.

**Katherine Kavanaugh & Priscila Chu** will host a participatory ritual using fire, sound and movement to call forth the light to fill the darkness in their work ***Calling the Light***. All Skammdegi artists and the Ólafsfjörður community are invited to this farewell event.



- 1 - Landsbjörg
- 2 - Kaffi Klara
- 3 - Tjarnarborg
- 4 - Listhus Gallery

- 5 - Little Round House
- 6 - Menntaskólinn á Tröllaskaga
- 7 - Hlíð, Farm House

**GUIDED  
MAP**

Slaggrinding in a  
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**Jeffery Shivers**

Why do the ducks not  
fly south?

**Kim Munro**

THE BREAK / FAST

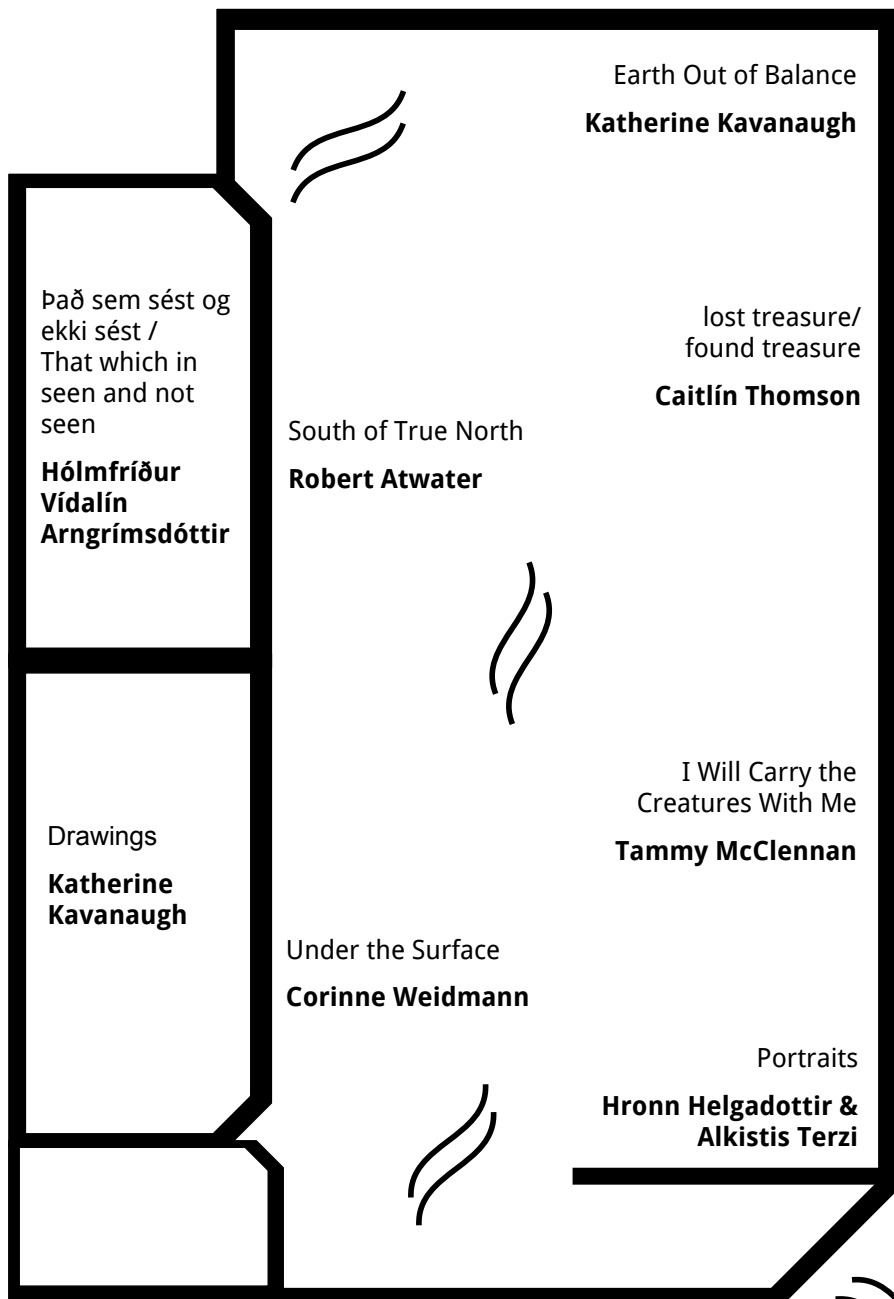
**Suzann Cheng**

zero-sum

**Leung Ka-Lun**

Lighting up  
Ólafsfjörður with  
Colour

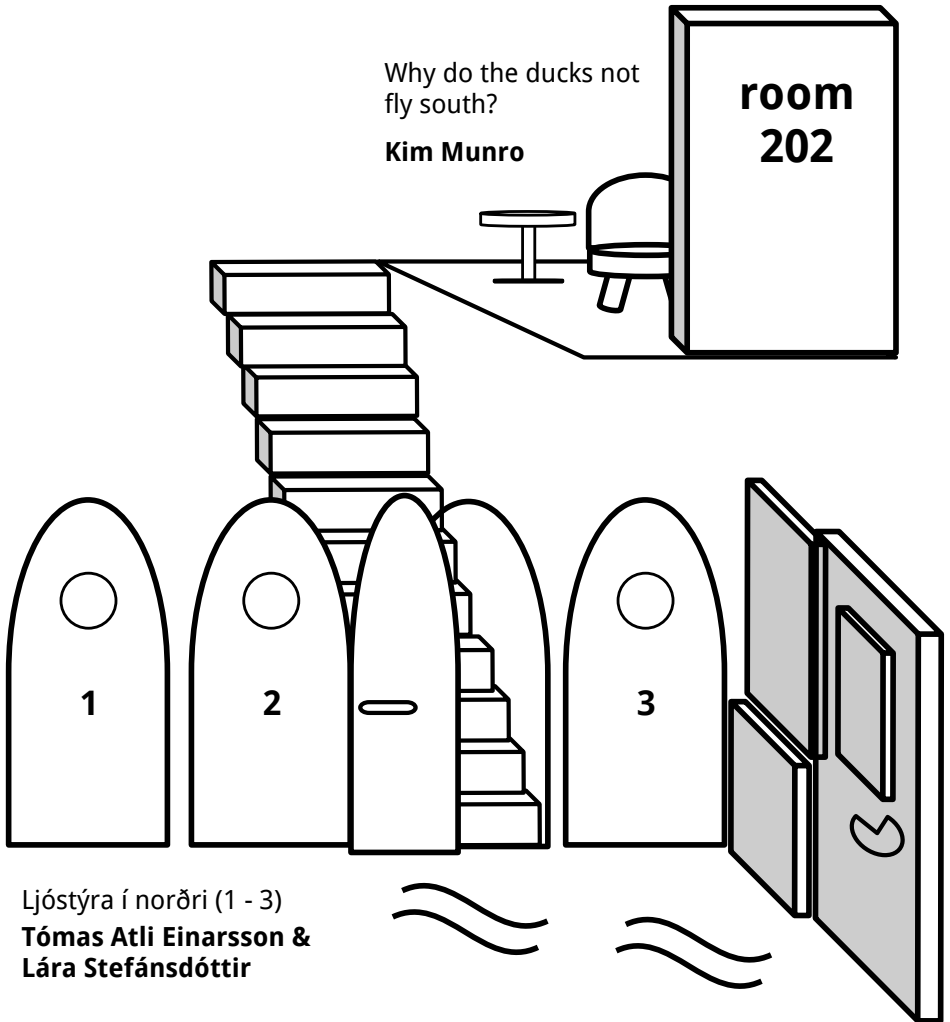
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Why do the ducks not  
fly south?

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Ljóstýra í norðri (1 - 3)  
Tómas Atli Einarsson &  
Lára Stefánsdóttir



## 26. Jan. 2017

### (Guided Tour from 17:00 to 20:00)

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17:00 - 19:00	* Skammdegi Exhibition - Landsbjörg	1 Landsbjörg
17: 45 - 18: 30	* Slaggrinding in a Throughfeed System <b>Jeffery Shivers &amp; Nina Guo</b>	1 Landsbjörg
19:00 - 21:00	* Skammdegi Exhibition - Listhus Gallery	4 Listhus Gallery
20:00 - 21:00	Hymn to the Dark <b>Katrine Faber &amp; Katherine Kavanaugh</b>	5 Little Round House
19:30 - 21:30	Skammdegi Exhibition - Kaffi Klara	2 Kaffi Klara
* Guided Tour starts at 17:00, <b>1</b> - Landsbjörg		

## 27. Jan. 2017

### (Special Student Tour from 12:30 to 14:30)

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11:00 - 17:00	Skammdegi Exhibition - Kaffi Klara	2 Kaffi Klara
16:00 - 18:00	Skammdegi Exhibition - Landsbjörg	1 Landsbjörg
Reservation	The Break / Fast	1 Landsbjörg
16:00 - 18:00	Skammdegi Exhibition - Listhus Gallery	4 Listhus Gallery
19:30	Memomentry <b>Chan Wan Lok Michelle</b>	3 Tjarnarborg
20:15	Sauðsvart / In the countryside <b>Thora Karlsdottir</b>	3 Tjarnarborg

## 28. Jan. 2017

### (Guided Tour from 12:00 to 16:30)

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11:00 - 17:00	Skammdegi Exhibition - Kaffi Klara	2 Kaffi Klara
12:00 - 14:00	* Portrett af kindum/ Portraits of sheep <b>Lára Stefánsdóttir &amp; Svanfríður Halldórsdóttir</b>	7 Hlíð, Farm house
13:00 - 17:00	* Skammdegi Exhibition - Landsbjörg	1 Landsbjörg
Reservation	The Break / Fast	1 Landsbjörg
13:00 - 17:00	* Skammdegi Exhibition - Listhus Gallery	4 Listhus Gallery
15:00	* Tales From The Trash - A Work In Progress <b>Katrine Faber</b>	3 Tjarnarborg
16:30	* Bulk Modulus <b>Jeffery Shivers</b>	1 Landsbjörg

\* Guided Tour starts at 12:00, **7** - Hlíð, Farm house

## 29. Jan. 2017

### (Guided Tour from 14:00 to 16:00)

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11:00 - 17:00	Skammdegi Exhibition - Kaffi Klara	2 Kaffi Klara
13:00 - 14:00	Portrett af kindum/ Portraits of sheep <b>Lára Stefánsdóttir &amp; Svanfríður Halldórsdóttir</b>	7 Hlíð, Farm house
13:00 - 17:00	* Skammdegi Exhibition - Landsbjörg	1 Landsbjörg
Reservation	The Break / Fast	1 Landsbjörg
13:00 - 17:00	* Skammdegi Exhibition - Listhus Gallery	4 Listhus Gallery
14:00	* Battle <b>Priscila Chu &amp; Chan Wan Lok Michelle</b>	3 Tjarnarborg
14:45	* Between the flo/es <b>Gabrielle Cerverville</b>	3 Tjarnarborg
14:30 - 17:30	Voice Workshop: "Life of Voice – Voice of Life" <b>Katrine Faber</b>	6 Menntaskólinn á Tröllaskaga
18:00	Calling the light <b>Priscila Chu &amp; Katherine Kavanaugh</b>	TBC
19:30	Screening: Portraits, The Child of Nature & Dance video <b>Alkistis Terzi, Hrönn Helgadóttir, Lára Stefánsdóttir</b> with dancer <b>Ioanna Kerasopoulou</b>	3 Tjarnarborg

\* Guided Tour starts at 14:00, **3** - Tjarnarborg

## List of the participated artists

Caitlín Thomson (Dublin, Ireland)  
Corinne Weidmann (Erlinsbach, Switzerland)  
Gabrielle Cerberville (Indiana, USA)  
Jeffery Shivers (Massachusetts, USA)  
Katherine Kavanaugh (Baltimore, USA)  
Katrine Faber (Hjortshøj, Denmark)  
Kim Munro (Melbourne, Australia)  
Leung Ka-lun (Hong Kong, China)  
Hrönn Helgadóttir (Olafsfjordur, Iceland)  
Hólmfríður Vídalín Arngrímsdóttir (Olafsfjordur, Iceland)  
Lára Stefánsdóttir (Olafsfjordur, Iceland)  
Chan Wan Lok Michelle (Hong Kong, China)  
Chu Hiu Fong Priscila (Hong Kong, China)  
Robert Atwater (USA)  
Suzann Cheng (Hong Kong, China)  
Tammy McClennan (Mono, Canada)  
Thora Karlsdóttir (Akureyri, Iceland)  
Tómas Atli Einarsson (Olafsfjordur, Iceland)

## Guest artists:

Alkistis Terzi  
Ioanna Kerasopoulou  
Nina Guo  
Svanfríður Halldórsdóttir

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Tjarnarborg



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