

Katrin Fridriks

Born in 1974, Reykjavik (Iceland), Katrin Fridriks is an abstract painter who explores speed, gravity and the interactions of human beings with the forces of nature.

Fridriks artistic work focuses on the exploration of natural phenomena and the limits of human dexterity. Experimenting with both techniques and the strength and agility of her own body, Fridriks continuously pushes the limits of painterly expression. She has developed a set of different techniques in connection with her explorations many of which she now combines to create works of art that are truly unique.

As they are based on the exploration of fundamental experiences, Fridriks works are immediately captivating. Having different layers that unfold over time, each new contemplation is rewarding and gives way to discoveries.

Her art is deeply connected to nature, drawing its energy from the bright green valleys, glacier-cut fjords, black sand beaches, roaring rivers and steaming geysers of Iceland, a country where some of her earliest works converse directly with the landscapes where they are located. Her paintings, too, draw their power from a connection to the forces of nature. Even though Fridriks never represents nature mimetically, her works' connection to the natural world can be felt everywhere. They are "non-figurative" only in the most superficial sense as they really confront us not with the appearance of things, but with the fundamentals of existence on earth and beyond. Gravity, flow, energy, speed, impact and growth appear in condensed form, unbound by the various objects in the world. Relating to our most basic instincts, they captivate us on a level beyond understanding. In recent years, her preoccupation with the state of our planet has led her to also reflect on concerns like waste management and limited resources, discovering radically new ways to express these issues in her visual language.



Showcased at the Venice Biennale, Kjarval Museum & the Icelandic Art Center in Reykjavik, the Circle Culture in Berlin, the Museum Arts Center in Seoul, ART13 in London as well as the Liverpool Biennale, her works are in many public and private collections. Fridriks has received commissions from Westlotto, Michael Goss Foundation, Ralph Lauren Foundation, Bacardi, Land Rover, Jack Barclay Bentley as well as the French Ministry for Youth & Sports.

Selected Artworks



Katrin Fridriks
Soul Traveler, 2020
Acrylics on canvas
100 x 100 cm



Katrin Fridriks
Noble Messenger - Blue Avians Alliance, 2019
Acrylics/Flash
230 x 150 + 10cm

Katrin Fridriks CV

b. 1974- Reykjavik, Iceland

Lives and works in Luxembourg.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 *A Certain Blue Enters Your Soul*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *Wish Eye Could Fly*, Isolation series, Online, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *Grey Area*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Waste*, Circle Culture Gallery & Avant Arte, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Supreme Goddesses*, David Pluskwa, Marseille, France
- 2017 *Forces of Nature*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2016 *Macrocsm*, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
- 2015 *New Wave & Gravity*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2014 *Stendhal Syndrome*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Flying Awareness*, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 *Border Contemporary*, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2011 *Mothernature*, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2011 *Leak of Information*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *Moniker Art Fair*, Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 *Les Crayons*, Le Feuvre Gallery, Paris, France
- 2007 *Les Mangeurs d'Étoiles*, Palais Bénédicte, Fécamp, France
- 2003 *Step Into My Underground*, curated by Erick Öge & Jérôme LeBerre, Galerie Vertu,
Paris, France

Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *Summer Exhibition 2023*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Summer Exhibition 2022*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Summer Exhibition 2021*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Liberte, Cherie*, David Pluskwa, Marseille, France
- 2021 *Abstract Nature*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2021 *Group Show*, JD Malat Gallery, St. Moritz, Switzerland
- 2020 *Abstract Figurative*, David Pluskwa, Marseille, France
- 2020 *Berlin Showroom*, Circle Culture, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Solar Art Panel*, Beam, Little Sun Foundation, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Summer Group Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *Contemporary Human Condition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *Group Show*, Circle Culture, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Abstraction & The Natural World*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *Inauguration New Space*, West Lotto Head Quarters, Münster, Germany
- 2020 *Virtual Group Show*, Pluskwa Contemporain, Paris, France
- 2019 *Berlin Showroom*, Circle Culture, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 *La Maison Des Temps*, Circle Culture, Kauffenheim, France
- 2019 *St-Tropez Art Show*, David Pluskwa Gallery, St-Tropez, France
- 2019 *Energy*, Brugier-Rigail Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2019 *KIAF*, Brugier-Rigail Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2019 *Charity*, Willow Foundation & Coutts Bank, London, UK
- 2019 *Bentley 100 Years*, Jack Barclay Bentley, London, UK
- 2018 *Ride For Mongolia*, Learn and Skate at The MADE Hotel, New York, USA

- 2018 *Grand Opening Part 2*, Mirus Gallery, Denver, USA
- 2018 *Grand Opening*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Juxtapoz Clubhouse*, Mirus Gallery, Denver, USA
- 2017 *Come Alive!*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2017 *Miniature Contemporary Museum*, Gemeente Museum, Curators Ria & Lex Daniels,
The Hague, Netherlands
- 2017 *Today's Abstract*, David Pluskwa Gallery, Marseille, France
- 2017 *Solar Panel Art Series*, Tech Open Air, The Beam, Little Sun Foundation, Berlin,
Germany
- 2017 *Saint-Tropez Art Show*, David Pluskwa Gallery, St-Tropez, France
- 2017 *Das Dasein*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 *Sylt*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2016 *Still Here, Decade of Lazarides*, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
- 2016 *Abstract Masters*, Helene Bailly Contemporain, Paris, France
- 2016 *Summer Brunch*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2015 *Personal Structures - Global Art Affairs Foundation & European Cultural Centre*,
Palazzo Bembo, Venice, Italy
- 2015 *Just Painted II*, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2014 *The Great Artists: Renoir to Damien Hirst*, Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul Arts
Center, Seoul, South Korea
- 2014 *MTV, Re:Define*, Museum Contemporary, Dallas, USA
- 2014 *Summer Group Show*, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2013 *Brutal*, Lazarides Gallery At 180 Strand, London, UK
- 2013 *Potse68*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *Ephemeral*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany

- 2013 *Fresh Paint*, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Escape The Golden Cage*, Vienna, Austria
- 2012 *Improvisation & Composition*, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France
- 2012 *Pret à Diner Royal Academy*, Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Lollipop's & Icecreams*, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France
- 2012 *Color*, Charles Bank Gallery, NY, USA
- 2012 *Space & Forms*, Breeze Block Gallery, Portland, USA
- 2012 *New Space Opening*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2011 *The Urban Artist*, Soho House, CC Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *40 ans de Pressionnisme*, Forum Grimaldi, Monaco
- 2011 *Salon der Gegenwart*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2011 *The Old Casino*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2011 *Inauguration*, Vicky David Gallery, NY, USA
- 2011 *Spectra I*, Future Tense, London, UK
- 2011 *Give*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *The future is not what it used to be*, Le Basse Projects, Los Angeles CA, USA
- 2011 *Paper Works*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Chrome*, Le Feuvre Gallery, Paris, France
- 2011 *The Urban Artist*, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2011 *MTV Staying Alive*, Michael Goss Foundation, Future Tense, de Pury, Dallas TX,
USA
- 2010 *Inauguration*, Contemporary Art Center, Épinal, France
- 2010 *No such thing as a good painting...*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *Salon du cercle de la culture*, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *TAG & GRAFF*, Grand Palais, Paris, France

- 2009 *Cercle Artistique Du Luxembourg*, Cal Salon, Luxembourg
- 2009 *The Show*, Jeremy Rocher, Paris, France
- 2008 *Barbie-Q*, Center of Icelandic Art, SIM, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2008 Novas Contemporary Urban Center, Liverpool, UK
- 2008 *Independence Day*, Lost Horse Gallery Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2008 *Kilo Watt Concept*, Ole Fruh Gallery, Hamburg
- 2007 *Curator for Visual System*, Digital Experiences E-Arts, Foundation Lagardère,
Shanghai, China
- 2006 *Paris is burning*, Rush Art Gallery, Curated by Rashaad Newsome, NY, USA
- 2006 Cercle Artistique du Luxembourg, Cal Salon, Luxembourg
- 2006 *Monster of Sound*, Espace A Vendre, Nice, France
- 2005 *Nuziq Music Festival*, Nice, France
- 2005 *Kathedrale Performance*, AOL, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
- 2003 *l'Art Emmêlé*, City Hall of Paris with the Australian Embassy, Curators: Erick Öge
& Jerome LeBerre, Paris, France
- 2002 *Excotica*, Charles Riva Gallery, New York, USA
- 2002 Galerie La Cite, Luxembourg
- 1999 *ArtCom; 85 contemporary artists living in France & with the support of Gérard Garouste*,
Espace Paul Ricard (Fondation Ricard), France
- 1999 *Beauty & Beast*, sponsored by Absolute Vodka, BHG Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

Selected Art Fairs

- 2020 *Miart Fair*, Digital Edition, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2019 *Contemporary Istanbul*, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 *Seattle Art Fair*, JD Malat Gallery, Seattle WA, USA

- 2019 *Art Karlsruhe*, Circle Culture, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2019 *ZONAMACO*, JD Malat Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2019 *Volta Show*, Artual Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
- 2019 *Art Verona*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Verona
- 2018 *Bologna Art Fair*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Bologna, Italy
- 2018 *Cape Town Art Fair*, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 *Art Verona*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Verona, Italy
- 2018 *GrandArt*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2018 *Law Positions*, Culture Inside Gallery, Luxembourg
- 2018 *Beirut Art Fair*, Artual Gallery, Beirut
- 2017 *GrandArt*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2017 *Art Verona*, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Verona, Italy
- 2016 *Contemporary Istanbul*, Lazarides Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 *Art16*, Circle Culture, London, UK
- 2015 *Art Paris*, Circle Culture, Paris, France
- 2015 *Art International Istanbul*, Circle Culture Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 *Art Paris*, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France
- 2015 *ART15*, Circle Culture Gallery & Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 *Art Vienna*, Circle Culture Gallery, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 *Art Paris*, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France
- 2014 *Art14, Duo Show*, Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 *Art Miami*, Jerome Zodo Gallery, Miami, USA
- 2014 *Art International Istanbul*, Circle Culture Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 *India Art Fair*, LTD Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 2013 *Art Paris*, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France

- 2013 *Art13*, Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *India Art Fair*, LTD Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 2013 *BRAFA Art Fair*, Helene Bailly Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 *PULSE*, Le Basse Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2012 *Design Days*, Stilwerk Design Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2012 *SF Artmarkt Fair Le Basse Projects*, San Francisco CA, USA
- 2010 *VOLTA 6*, Circle Culture Gallery, Basel
- 2010 *Marrakesh Art Fair*, Marrakesh
- 2009 *Sequence Art Festival*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2009 *Salon du Collectionneur*, Bailly Contemporain, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2007 *Ice07 Cultural & Art Festival*, Liverpool, UK
- 2007 *Sequence Art Festival*, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2004 *Energy Flow*, Art Paris Carrousel du Louvre, JAG Gallery, Paris, France

Commissions

- 2020 *Westlotto HQ*, "Grey Area", New entrance space, Münster, Germany
- 2020 Little Sun Foundation in partnership with Beam Solar Panel Art Series, Germany
- 2019 JD Malat Gallery and Katrin Fridriks collaborate with Jack Barclay Bentley,
London, UK
- 2018 Penguin Random House Cover of *Liquids* by the scientist Mark Miodownik / Royal
Science Book Award, UK
- 2014 *MTV Re: Define*, Dallas Contemporary Museum Future Tense, de Pury Goss
Michael Foundation, USA
- 2014 Soho House Group Permanent Collection Nick Jones Curated by Francesca Gavin,
UK

- 2013 “100 Nike”, Circle Culture Agency, Germany
- 2013 *100 Briques*, Artcurial, Hôtel Marcel Dassault, France
- 2011 *MTV Staying Alive - 2011*, Future Tense, de Pury Goss - Michael Foundation, USA
- 2009 *Made up war series*, International Conference Transportation & Energy, Iceland
- 2008 Campaign Award “Land Rovers 60yrs” Defender SVX 1/25 edition, Land Rover International, France
- 2007 Museum of Palais Bénédicte Commissioned by Bacardi Martini: customised *special metal box* Bénédicte, International Edition for the occasion of the Personal Exhibition *Mangeurs d’Étoiles* with Guest of Honour: Ambassador of Iceland, France

Grants

- 2015 Icelandic Art Center, Grant for the installation “Perception of the Stendhal Syndrome”, Palazzo Bembo 56th Biennial of Venice, Iceland
- 2008 Biennale of Liverpool, *Made up risk boxes*, granted by the Trade Council of Iceland, Center of Icelandic Art, Ireland
- 2007 Ministry of Youth & Sports, French government, Fresco « Red Sea » 80m2 for the New Olympic Stadium of Nîmes, built by Bouygues & Architect BVL, Opening Ceremony among Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Youth & Sports: Mr. François Fillon, Mrs. Roselyne Bachelot, Nîmes, France
- 2003 Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research, Grants for the catalogue “Face” with the support of Madame Erna Hennicot-Schoepges – President of Institut Européen des itinéraires Culturels, Depute of European Parlement and Madame Josee Kirps – Director of Nationale Archives, Grand Duc of Luxembourg

Publications

- 2021 *A Certain Blue enters your Soul*, text by Sebastian Di Giovanni, design by Rafael Barros, JD Malat Gallery, London
- 2020 Westlotto, *Grey Area*, Special Edition, Germany
- 2019 *Grey Area*, text by Sebastian Di Giovanni, design by Cedric Pierre, JD Malat Gallery, London
- 2018 *AvantArte Waste*, text by Dr. Klaus Speidel & Loftur Reimar, Design: Cédric Pierre, Netherlands
- 2018 *Supreme Goddesses*, text by Dr. Klaus Speidel, Pluskwa Gallery, France
- 2018 Cover of *Liquids*, by scientist Mark Miodownik, Penguin Random House, Royal Science Book Award, UK
- 2018 Gaia Transdisciplinary Magazine, *Waste*, Germany
- 2017 *Forces of Nature* Monographic Book text by Ilaria Porotto, Dellupi Arte, Italy
- 2017 *Beam, Solar Panels Art Series*, Little Sun Foundation, Germany
- 2017 *Today's Abstract*, Pluskwa Gallery, France
- 2015 *Personal Structures - Crossing Borders*, Global Art Affairs Foundation & European Cultural Centre, 56th Venice Biennale, Italy
- 2015 *Just Painted II: 88 Icelandic contemporary artists*, Reykjavik Art Museum, Iceland
- 2015 *Stendhal Syndrome*, text by Dr. Klaus Speidel, Circle Culture Art solo show, Germany
- 2014 *The Great Artists: Renoir to Damien Hirst*, Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul Arts Center, South Korea
- 2013 Fuchs Edition, *Women in Art. Masterpieces of Great Female Artists from Middle Ages to Modern Era Volume 1*, Austria
- 2012 *Salon der Gegenwart*, Salon der Gegenwart, Germany
- 2011 Editions de la Martinière "Père & Mère" 155 Epreuves d'Artistes, edited by Yves Haddad, France
- 2011 *Gestalten Walls and Frames*, curation & text by Maximilliano Ruiz, Germany
- 2011 Circle Culture Art *Leak of Information* solo show, special edition, signed & numbered

- Design: Freddy Fuss, Germany
- 2010 Critères Edition "Gueules d'artistes" opus collection #10 Philippe Bonan – France
(Roy Lichtenstein, Keith Haring, JR, Invader ...)
- 2010 Circle Culture Art *10th Anniversary* special Edition numbered & signed Design:
Freddy Fuss, Germany
- 2010 Gallery Le Feuvre "Crayons" text by Stéphane Jaffrain, France
- 2007 Musée Palais Bénédicte *Mangeurs d'Étoiles* solo show, France
- 2006 Cercle Artistique du Luxembourg *official selection* Grand Théâtre de Luxembourg,
Luxembourg
- 2003 Minister of Culture "Face" special edition, signed & numbered, Design: Catherine
Ea, Luxembourg
- 1998 ArtCom Publication CD-Rom of *85 contemporaries artists living in France & with
support of Gérard Garouste*, France

Collections

Westlotto Headquarters, Münster, Germany
Jeremy Rocher Private Art Collection
Ron Dennis Private Art Collection
Simon Strathmann Private Art Collection
Christian Courtin - Clarins Private Art Collection
Taittinger Private Art Collection
Palais Bénédicte, Fécamp, France
Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland