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Katrin Fridriks

Born in 1974, in 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 work's 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 Centre in Reykjavik, the Circle Culture in Berlin, the Museum Arts Centre 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.

Katrin Fridriks CV

b. 1974, Reykjavik, Iceland

Lives and works in Luxembourg

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Stargate, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 The Perfect Storm Fridriks x Kalab, BC Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
- 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 Interstellar Spaces, Hotel De Rome, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 Supreme Goddesses, David Pluskwa, Marseille, France
- 2017 Forces of Nature, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2016 Macrocosm, 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
- 2014 India Art Fair, LTD Gallery, New Delhi, India
- 2013 Art13, Circle Culture, 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 Bénédictine, Fécamp, France
- 2003 *Step Into My Underground,* curated by Erick Öge & Jerôme LeBerre, Galerie Vertu, Paris, France

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Bologne Art Fair, Dellupi Arte, Bologna, Italy
- 2024 Synergetic Harmony, Galerie Sept, Brussels, Belgium
- 2024 New Horizon, Galerie Sept, Knokke, Belgium
- 2024 Palazzo Bembo & Mora Fridriks x Kalab, BC Gallery, Venice, Italy
- 2024 Embracing The Infinite, Galerie Spet, Knokke, Belgium
- 2024 15 Artists x 10 Years, 'New Opening Space' Dellupi Arte, Milan, Italy
- 2024 Untitled, Galerie Sept, Brussels, Belgium
- 2024 Metal and Metaphor, Geometry of Expression, Galerie Sept, Knokke, Belgium
- 2024 Simeti to Yamato: The Rhythms of Abstraction, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 Mirrors Of Perception, Galerie Sept, Knokke, Belgium
- 2024 Endless Summers, Kelly McKenna Gallery, New York, USA
- 2024 Bruslles Art Square, Galerie Sept, Brussels, Belgium
- 2024 Chasing Treads, Chasing Time, Galerie Sept, Brussels, Belgium
- 2023 Crossover, Dellupi Arte, Milan, Italy
- 2023 Already 50 Yrs Picasso, curated by Jean-Michel Gout Werners, Barbizon, France
- 2023 Art Karlsruhe, Circuit Culture, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2023 Basel Social Club, BC Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
- 2023 Borders Crossings, Galerie Duret, Paris, France
- 2023 5th Anniversary, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 Kunsttagen, BC Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
- 2023 Summer Shots, Galerie Duret, Paris, France
- 2023 Summer Exhibition 2023, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 October Originals & Editions, Circle Culture, Hamburg, Germany
- 2023 Charity, Childrens Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland
- 2023 Winter Group Show, Galerie Duret, Paris, France
- 2023 Dialogues in Abstraction, Galerie Sept, Brussels, Belgium
- 2023 Unfinished Symphonies, Galerie Sept, Knokke Belgium
- 2022 Summer Exhibition 2022, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 Art Show, Pluskwa Gallery, Saint Tropez, France
- 2022 Blue Variation, Galerie Duret, Paris, France

- 2022 Women's Art Fair, Art for Life, Brussels, Belgium
- 2022 Little Art Fair, Pluskwa Gallery, Lile, France
- 2022 Light & Space, Galerie Duret, Brussels, Belgium
- 2021 Summer Exhibition 2021, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 Abstract Nature, Dellupi Arte, Milan, Italy
- 2021 Busan Art Fair, Brugier Rigail Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 2021 Show Room, Digital Edition Circle Culture
- 2021 UAF Fair, Pluskwa Gallery, Paris, France
- 2021 15 Ideas For A Collection, Dellupi Arte, Milan, Italy
- 2021 Berlin Show Room, Circle Culture, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Summer Show, Galerie Duret, Brussels, Belgium
- 2021 Liberté Chérie, Pluskwa Gallery, Marseille, France
- 2021 Artsy Benefit Auction for Jewish Museum, New York, USA
- 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 Centre, 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 & Icecreans, 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 Centre, 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, Centre of Icelandic Art, SIM, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2008 Novas Contemporary Urban Centre, 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

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- 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 Arturkt 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

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- 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 Bénédictine Commissioned by Bacardi Martini: customised special metal box Bénédictine, International Edition for the occasion of the Personal Exhibition Mangeurs d'Étoiles with Guest of Honour: Ambassador of Iceland, France

Grants

- 2015 Icelandic Art Centre, Grant for the installation "Perception of the Stendhal Syndrome", Palazzo Bembo 56th Biennal of Venice, Iceland
- 2008 Biennale of Liverpool, *Made up risk boxes*, granted by the Trade Council of Iceland, Centre 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

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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 Centre, South Korea
- 2013 Fuchs Edition, Women in Art. Masterpiecesof 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 Bénédictine *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 Bénédictine, Fécamp, France Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland



Selected Artworks



Katrin Fridriks Indigenous Startraveller, 2024 Acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm



Katrin Fridriks Golden Startrek , 2024 Acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm