

Gíslína Dögg Bjarkadóttir

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Education

2008-2009 University of Iceland. Primary and collage school teaching qualifications, B.ed. Reykjavík
 2000-2004 Art University of Iceland, Textile and fashion design, B.A, Reykjavík
 1999-2000 Art University of Iceland Pre-study.
 1991-94 / 1996-98 Verkmenntaskóli Akureyri. Student of the Art and Handicraft course.

Teaching Experience

2020-2023 Teacher at the Kids Nature Workshop, summercourse, Vestmannaeyjar.
 2009-10 Art teacher at the Fiv, Fashion design, Vestmannaeyjar

Acknowledgment

2024 Artist of the year. The Icelandic printmakers Association, IG.
 2014 Honor Award Artist - Vestmannaeyjar

Works in the public domain

2025 The Norwegian Embassy in Iceland, Reykjavík
 2023 Pitea, Galley, Solander 250-Letter from Iceland. Sweden
 2022 Westman islands Library.
 2019 The collage in Vestmannaeyjar, FIV.

Gíslína Dögg Bjarkadóttir (1975) was born in Akureyri, but has lived in Vestmannaeyjar since 2006. She graduated from the Iceland Academy of the Arts in 2004 with a Bachelors Degree in Textile and Fashion design and has also completed teaching qualifications in arts for primary and secondary schools. Gíslína has participated in numerous group exhibitions in Iceland and abroad and held several solo exhibitions in Iceland. She was named town artist of Vestmannaeyjar in 2014.

In her works, Gíslína has mainly been working with women and refers her work to the many women who over the centuries have done their important work in silence - it can be said that it is an ode to all the anonymous women who created history, art and life. These women linked the chain of life of the generations together, lived as anonymous everyday heroes and are forgotten by most people today. Since 2018, Gíslína has focused more on printmaking, but painting has had a big place in her work throughout the years, as well as she has had installations and the performance "365 dresses" lasted for a whole year, which ended with an auction and the proceeds were used to set up a website related to breast cancer.

Women are still the most prominent in Gíslína's works, although nature is also involved. Patterns based on Sigurður Guðmundsson's patterns are also prominent in Gíslína's work, but she actually plays with the patterns, changes them and takes them further. These patterns have strong ties to the women of the past, because most of them can be found in embroidery in women's national costumes.

Solo Exhibitions

2023 Eldheimar, My mind stays with you – Heimaey 1973 Vestmannaeyjar
2023 Icelandic Printmakers Association, art gallery, art exhibition “My mind stays with you – Heimaey 1973” Reykjavík
2023 Slippurinn, printmaking and art exhibition “Cocktail” Vestmannaeyjar
2020 Icelandic Printmakers Association, art gallery, printmaking and art exhibition “Tell me” Reykjavík
2019 Landakirkja, Community Hall, printmaking and art exhibition, “In between.” Vestmannaeyjar
2016 GOTT restaurant, art exhibition. “insights” Vestmannaeyjar
2015 Landakirkja, Community Hall, art exhibition. “That God should put it on any artist to be a mother - any mother to be an artist.”
2014 Einarstofa, art exhibition, “Women in the past, preface.” Vestmannaeyjar

Group Exhibitions

2025 The Norwegian House - Byggðasafn Snæfellinga og Hnappdæla „Bergmál” Ecophilosophic Dialogues. Stykkishólmur
2025 Church at Kolsstaðir, „Bergmál” Ecophilosophic Dialogues. Kolsstaðir í Hvítárssíðu
2025 Akureyri Art Museum, „Mitt rými” North-Icelandic artists, Akureyri
2025 Himinbjörg Art house, 3 walls, „Bergmál” Ecophilosophic Dialogues. Hellissandur
2025 “ECHO” Ecophilosophic Dialogues. Hlöðuloftið, Korpúlfsstaðir. Reykjavík
2025 “Hem Komst” Solander 250-Bréf frá Íslandi, Kaleido Pitea. Svíþjóð
2024 “Bergmál” Ecophilosophic Dialogues. Norska sendiráðið á Íslandi. Reykjavík
2023 Kvika Culture house, Solander- 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Grindavík
2023 The Norwegian House - Building Museum, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Stykkishólmur
2023 Ísafjörður Art Museum, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Ísafjörður
2023 The museum in Húsavík / Þingeyinga cultural center, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Húsavík
2023 Ecophilosophic Dialogues- Iceland-Norway, Kunstvarteret, Lofoten
2023 Ecophilosophic Dialogues, Iceland-Norway, Galleri 2, Lofoten
2023 Svavarssafn, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Höfn í Hornafirði
2023 Icelandic Printmakers Association, art gallery, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Reykjavík
2023 Staturhusid Egilsstaðir, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Egilsstaðir
2022 Listasafn Akureyrar, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Akureyri.
2022 Eldheimar, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Vestmannaeyjar
2022 Harpa, Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Reykjavík
2022 Hafnarborg Museum - Solander 250 "Letter from Iceland" printmaking, Hafnarfjörður
2021 Fiskiðjan, Vestmannaeyjar Art and Culture Association, Vestmannaeyjar
2021 Icelandic Printmakers Association, art gallery, graphics and paintings, "Meeting" Reykjavík
2021 Art67, Art and Culture Association of Vestmannaeyjar, Reykjavík

2020 40 years Anniversary show Icelandic Printmakers, The Nordic House, Reykjavík
2021 Café Milano, Reykjavík. Art exhibition. The Art and Culture Society of Vestmannaeyjar
2020 The White House, Vestmannaeyjar. Art and Culture Association of Vestmannaeyjar
2018 Art School of Vestmannaeyjar, art exhibition art association Vestmannaeyjar
2017 Art School of Vestmannaeyjar, art exhibition art association Vestmannaeyjar
2014 The White House, Vestmannaeyjar, art exhibition art association Vestmannaeyjar
2013 Einarstofa Vestmannaeyjar art exhibition, art association Vestmannaeyjar
2013 The White House, visual arts exhibition visual arts association Vestmannaeyjar
2013 Arion bank, street show, Reykjavík
2013 Traveling exhibition about Italy, "Italy Imago Mundi". Collective art exhibition, Italy
2009 Kringlan, photo exhibition, Reykjavík
2009 Prague, photo exhibition, Czech Republic
2004 Art Museum of Iceland, fashion show, graduation show from Iceland University of the Arts, Reykjavík
2002 Iceland Art Gallery, fashion show 2 years fashion design Iceland University of the Arts, Reykjavík
2002 Kaffi Solon, Group exhibition of students from Iceland University of the Arts, Reykjavík
2001 Reykjavík Town Hall, Group exhibition of students from Iceland University of the Arts, Reykjavík

Grants

2025 Norsk Kulturrádet. Norsk-íslandsk Kultursamarbeid, Ecophilosophic Dialogues.
2025 Vestmannaeyjabær for the Kids Nature Workshop.
2024 Muggur-travel grant. Hamburgsund, Svíþjóð.
2024 Norsk Kulturrádet. Norsk-íslandsk Kultursamarbeid, Ecophilosophic Dialogues.
2024 Vestmannaeyjabær for the Kids Nature Workshop.
2023 Norsk Kulturrádet, Norsk-Icelandic Cultural Cooperation, Ecophilosophical Dialogues.
2023 Vestmannaeyjabær grant, "Do you want to have an impact "Nature's Art Workshop with Gíslína and Jóna Heiða
2023 Vestmannaeyjabær grant, "Do you want to have an impact grant "Women in Sea Society, art exhibition,
2023 SASS grant, Nature's Art Workshop with Gíslína and Jóna Heiða.
2023 Muggur travel grant
2022 Norsk Kulturrádet, Norsk-Icelandic Cultural Cooperation, Ecophilosophical Dialogues.

Member of:

The Icelandic printmakers Association, IG.
The Association of Icelandic Visual Artists, SIM
Deiglan, Gilfélagið, Akureyri.
Art and Culture Association of Vestmannaeyjar.

Other

2025 “Island Ocean Fusion Camp” A bootcamp by Distributed design & KCF Fablab Vestmannaeyjar.
2020-25 Listasmiðja Náttúrunnar með Gíslínu og Jónu Heiðu, summer course for kids 6-12 yrs, Vestmannaeyjar
2021 “Crafts TECH” by Distributed design, Fablab Vestmannaeyjar
2001 Martine Sitbone fashion designer, study for a month. París
2000 Chihuly, glass artist, volunteer. Reykjavík