

Olafur Thordarson

Education

Columbia University, New York, N.Y., GSAPP, Master of Architecture degree, 1990
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, 1986

Teaching

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI. Teacher in advanced design studios (ID), 1999-2003
Guest critic in universities including: City University of New York, Columbia University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Parsons School of Design, Pratt Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Syracuse University, University of Manitoba.

Permanent collections

Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN
National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design, Oslo, Norway
Kunst og Industri Museet, Copenhagen, Denmark
Designmuseum/Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland
First Lady of Iceland and major private collectors in the U.S. and Europe

Select solo exhibitions

2015 SÍM salurinn, Reykjavík, Iceland (book)
2009 Skafffell Art Center, Vesturveggur, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland
2007 Reykjavik City Hall, Iceland (book)
2002 Museum of Design and Applied Art, Garðabær, Iceland (book)
2001 The John Elder Gallery, New York, NY (book)
2001 Scandinavia House, New York, NY

Select group exhibitions

2017- Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland (ongoing, perm coll.)
2013 Kennedy Center, Washington DC
2011 Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI (book)
2006 Fundación Pedro Barrié de la Maza, Vigo and A Coruna, Spain (book)
2006 Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
2006 The Röhss Museum of Decorative Arts and design, Gothenburg, Sweden (book)
2004 Scope Art Fair, New York, NY
2004 Palazzo Triennale, Milano, Italy (book)
2002- Designmuseum (Kunst og Industri Museet) Copenhagen, Denmark (ongoing, perm coll.)

Books

Remain in art, Olafur Thordarson 2007-2014, 144 pages, 2015, ISBN 978-9979-72-833-7
Gegnumgangur Olafur Thordarson 1977-2007, 144 pages, 2007, ISBN 978-9979-70-289-4
Olafur Thordarson, 44 pages, 2001, ISBN 9979-60-711-4
Scandinavian Design Beyond the Myth, Widar Halen, Oslo, 232 pages, 2003, ISBN 91-974413-5-X
International Design Yearbook, Ingo Maurer Editor, UK, 2000, ISBN 1-85669-180-2
ideology/form/material, Designmuseum, Helsinki, 194 pages, 2013, ISBN 978-952-9878-82-6
Young Nordic Design, Yin Zi, China, pp 136-143, 210 pages, 2005, ISBN 7-5366-7192-X/TU-20

Other

Skafffell artists residency, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland, 2009
Landsvirkjun, Iceland, sculpture award and commission for a floating sculpture 2006-'08
City of Reykjavík; Grafarholt urban design competition, Honorable Mention 1996
Gave lectures at Rhode Island School of Design, the Municipal Arts Society-New York, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee