

What happens when materials, ideas, and lived experiences entangle?

Symbiosis brings together six contemporary artists working across video, sculpture, painting, and mixed media. Each artist enters the exhibition from a personal perspective — shaped by their own interests, experiences, and methods.

What unfolds is not a single narrative, but a shared space where differences meet, resonate, and sometimes gently collide. A constellation of distinct practices that become momentarily entangled.

Symbiosis emerged from a desire to explore how artists navigate and reveal interdependence with the materials, environments, and histories they inhabit.

In curating this exhibition, I looked for works that speak in difference, yet resonate when placed in proximity. Whether rooted in ecology, personal memory, collective tension or speculative futures, each artist contributes to a living dialogue one that is porous, reactive, and relational.

— Maja Gregl, Curator

Opening: June 6th, 18:00

Phenomenon Gallery, Ægisgata 7, 101 Reykjavík

On view until: June 27th, 2025

# SUMMER

## GROUP EXHIBITION

# “SYMBIOSIS”

Curated by Maja Gregl

### Marius van Zandwijk

Painter of inconvenient places, where the boundaries of nature and culture blur. His intuitive approach captures uneasy landscapes and reflects on collective memory and materiality.

### Heimir Snær Sveinsson

A recent MFA graduate whose visual language continues to evolve from his fine art training in Iceland and the UK.

### Omar Thor Arason

Painter and sculptor delving into moral and metaphysical intersections — his dynamic figurative works draw from surrealism, mythology, and psychological theory.

### Solveig Stjarna Thoroddsen

Installation artist weaving feminist, environmental, and social themes. Her immersive works often invite the audience to participate — sometimes with cake, sometimes with danger.

### Steinn Kristjánsson

Painter with a long-standing presence in Icelandic art circles, whose works have quietly documented the poetic tensions of surface, shadow, and place.

### Olivia Lloyd-Sherlock Arribas

Multi-disciplinary artist creating hybrid digital ecologies, where queerness and nature collide simultaneously lush, uncanny, and cinematic.

## Phenomenon Gallery