

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

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Phenomenon Gallery, Ægisgata 7, 101 Reykjavík

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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.

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