

PRESS release

CIA.IS GRANT PROGRAM

2006 (second round)

Oct 2006

The professional committee, with two invited jury members, has decided on the second round of 2006 for CIA.IS' support program.

The professional committee headed by Christian Schoen, director of CIA.IS consisted of Hafþór Yngvason, Director of The Reykjavík Art Museum and Helgi Þorgils Friðjónsson, artist, representative of SÍM. The guest members this time were Jón Proppe and Laufey Helgadóttir, art historians.

CIA.IS received 24 applications in total and 7 grants were given.

At the end of this year the CIA.IS – Center for Icelandic Art will have granted **40 artists** in total. 16 grants of 100.000 - 200.000 ISK were given. 24 artists were supported within the spontaneous support program with 50.000 ISK and/or tickets from ICELAND EXPRESS.

Artist in Residence / Travel Support - 1 grant (IKR 200.000)

Ólafur Árni Ólafsson (b.1973) is granted for his stay in Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin. For the last 10 years Ólafur has lived in Amsterdam with Libia Peres de Siles de Castro. At last both participated for example in the HOMESICK exhibition in Akureyri Art Museum. Künstlerhaus Bethanien is one of the biggest and most respected, international art center in Europe.

<http://libia-olafur.com>

Publication – 2 grants (IKR 200.000.-)

Spessi (b.1954) for the publication of a photography book "Locations"

Spessi shot the photographs in various locations around Iceland blending natural and man made environments to explore the modes of man's habitation and of the Icelander's appropriation of space in their peculiar and harsh region.

Spessi works as a photographer and artist in Iceland and internationally.

www.spessi.com

Sequences festival for the publication of a DVD with documentation from the festival. Sequences festival is an international festival that focuses on time based art that will be held in Reykjavík October 13th – 28th 2006. Sequences is a platform for the specific creative energy in Iceland. The DVD will be published and distributed internationally.

www.sequences.is

Project (each IKR 200.000.-)

Finnbogi Pétursson (b.1959) was granted making a sound installation in Chiang Mai in Thailand. Finnbogi will make a sound installation in the Land Foundation in Chiang Mai in Thailand,. He will participate in a workshop and hold lectures in the Chiang Mai Art University. Finnbogi has been working as an artist since 1985 and has held numerous private exhibitions internationally. Finnbogi was Iceland's representative in the Venice Biennial 2001.

www.finnbogi.com

Rúri (b.1959) for participating in Paris Photo 2006

Rúri will be the guest of honor in Paris Photo art fair in next November. This year the focus of the fair is on the Nordic countries. Rúri has a long art career; Some of the best known artworks of Rúri are the Rainbow at the Leif Eriksson Air Terminal in Keflavík, and Waterfall in Reykjavík Botanical Garden.

Rúri was Iceland's representative in The Venice Biennial 2003.

www.ruri.is

Project (each IKR 100.000.-)

Steingrímur Eyfjörð (b.1954) is granted for participating in “Dreamlands Burn” in Kunsthalle Budapest in Hungaria. “Dreamlands burn” is a nordic Contemporary art exhibition that will be held in December 2007. Steingrímur Eyfjörð has been an active and often critical participant on the Icelandic art scene since the mid-1970s. Steingrímur will represent Iceland in Venice Biennial in 2007.

www.this.is/endless

Kling & Bang gallerí is granted for participating in the Art Brussels Contemporary art fair. Kling & Bang will represent young and vital artists. Kling & Bang gallery was funded in 2003 by 8 artists that have held that for the last three years made a name for the gallery both nationally as internationally. Kling & Bang gallery was also in charge of running the KlinK and BanK studios (2004 – 2005).

www.this.is/klingogbang