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Dear Freinds and Readers!

This special issue takes us to magical Iceland. Photographer Dagur Jonsson presents his country with captivating and visual impressive photos.

His remarkable visual language provides a good impression to the elemental forces and the beauty which goes hand in hand there.

The photos are not just from stunning vibrancy, but Dagur also tells a story with every single capture.

These fascinating little stories open up for us to approach on this fabulous and magical journey and let us enjoy the beauty of this amazing country even more.

Enjoy reading!

Yours

*Stefan Cimer*  
*Editor*



I have always considered myself an artistic person and I have always been involved in art in one way or another.

***"Photographing is something new and exciting form of expression for me."***

I have not been photographing for a long time but I have been very active and learned a lot in a short time. I have a background in drawing and painting since I was younger and learning the basic drawing skills helps me a lot in my photographing. I love doing moody shots with lot of emotion and try to process my images so they look a bit dramatic with a story to tell. I love shooting landscape with dramatic scene like dark clouds or captivating sunlight. I mainly shot my photos within the Reykjavik capital area but if I have time to go outside the capital I really love shooting around my parents summerhouse in the

northwest Iceland. I shoot most of my photos with a Canon 700D and a Samyang 14mm f/2.8 lens and process them in Lightroom and Efex Pro to give them the extra mood I am always looking for.

*Dagur Jonsson*  
*Photographer*





#### Evening sunsets

Here in Iceland we often get sunsets with stunning clouds and amazing light. This is a shot capturing at the Grandabót seashore in the western part of Reykjavik showing an interesting scene with the sunlight beneath the stormy clouds.





#### Reflection

Reflection is something I love capturing and this one was captured on a lovely evening at Bakkatjörn pond in Seltjarnarnes, an Icelandic township located within the Greater Reykjavík area.





#### **The midnight sun**

We have had an amazing midnight sun with stunning colors here in Reykjavik over this summer. This shot is captured at around 02:00 AM at Grandabót seashore close to my home.





## Ocean and land

This summer, I went to the town of Siglufjörður which is a small fishing town in a narrow fjord with the same name on the northern coast of Iceland. I had a lovely time walking around the small town and when the sun faded behind the mountains I got this lovely shot from the harbor showing the sea and the mountains hovering over the town.





**Seashore**

We have some stunning seashores here in Iceland and this one is behind the oil tanks at Grandahólmi. Here I was able to capture the rough Atlantic ocean and the beautiful mount Esja in the background on a rather chilly evening in Reykjavik.





# Seascape

Beautiful seascape is always nice to capture. Here is a painting styled seascape in Seltjarnarnes an Icelandic township located within the Greater Reykjavík area.





### **Mountains**

Iceland is full of mountains and we have many mountains hovering over the Reykjavik capital area. This picture shows Mt. Akrafjall covered with snow seen from Grótta in Seltjarnarnes an Icelandic township located within the Greater Reykjavík area.





## **Downtown Reykjavik**

At winters the pond (Tjörnin) in downtown Reykjavik is often frozen for months allowing people to walk on it without the risk of breaking the ice. A great place to visit and photograph.





### **The sculpture Sun Voyager**

Sun Voyager (Sólfar) is sculpture by Jón Gunnar Árnason (1931-1989). Sun Voyager is a dreamboat, an ode to the sun. Intrinsically, it contains within itself the promise of undiscovered territory, a dream of hope, progress and freedom. The sculpture is located by Sæbraut, by the sea in the centre of Reykjavík, Iceland.





### **Streets in Reykjavik**

Granaskjol street is a peaceful neighborhood street located in the western part of Reykjavik. I was lucky to capture this part of the street without any cars, not often a moment like that comes along. This is the street where I grew up and lived most of my life. My parents still live here and my home is close-by so I visit this lovely street almost daily.





### **Old Farms in Iceland**

Hof á Höfðaströnd is a farm where my grandmother grew up. The farm is close to the village of Hofsos and the house has been renovated and looks perfect in the Skagafjordur landscape in the northwestern part of Iceland.





#### **Ships and harbors**

Fishing vessels being repaired at Slippurinn shipyard at the old harbor in downtown Reykjavik. The old harbor was built between the years 1913 and 1917. Apart from it being a beautiful place to walk with stunning views across the bay to Mount Esja, the Old Harbor area is where the majority of marine activities in Reykjavik, such as whale watching and puffin tours are concentrated.





### **Lighthouses around Iceland**

There are many lighthouses around Iceland and one of my favorite is lighthouse at Gróttu. The first lighthouse in Gróttu was built in 1897 and the current one dates back to 1947. The original lens is still in use and the lighthouse was electrified in 1956.

Gróttu is a spit of land in Seltjarnarnes, a neighboring town of Reykjavík, which turns into an island at high tide. During low tide one can reach Gróttu on foot and stay there for approximately six hours before the isthmus is flooded.





**Bakktjörn in Seltjarnarnes**

Bakktjörn pond in Seltjarnarnes is a particularly beautiful natural reserves and rich with birdlife. I often go there to capture the scene around the pond.





#### **Ægissíða shore**

Ægissíða seashore is located close to my home in the western part of Iceland's capital city. I often go there to relax and do some photographing and on the evening this photo was shot we had an amazing light show in the sky with these strange pink/orange clouds hovering over the shore





**Öskjuhlíð outdoor area in Reykjavík**

Öskjuhlíð is a hill in the center of Reykjavík. It is 61 meters (200 ft) above sea level and is a designated outdoor area that is covered with trees. An interesting place to visit and photograph.





#### Road shots

Road shot taken on my photo tour in South Iceland in January of this year. On that day we had snowy roads, so it was very nice to have a jeep that could get us easily between places.





#### **Untouched snow**

Mountain View from the south coast of Iceland. The weather when this shot was taken was very nice, almost clear sky, no wind but it was cold around  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Personally I think the footsteps on the picture are quite interesting and the untouched snow all the way towards the mountains.





#### **Cold winter shots**

Here is a picture of small Cottages at Landbrot near Kirkjubæjarklaustur on the south coast of Iceland. When this shot was taken it was -13°C Outside but no wind and clear sky. Perfect atmosphere to capture the cold winter scene.





## Northern Lights

It is always very enjoyable to capture the Northern Lights. This shot was captured around midnight at the seashore next to the island of Gróttu . It is probably one of the best spot to capture them here in the western part of Reykjavik, with no light pollution from the streets lights; you can enjoy them in darkness.





**Unadalur Valley in the northwestern part of Iceland**

On this picture you can see a pathway through the snowy Unadalur Valley in the northwestern part of Iceland.  
The valley is situated on the eastern Skagafjörður in the northwestern part of Iceland and lies to the east from the village of Hofsos.





**Headland of Thordarhofdi (seen from my parent's summerhouse)**

My parent's summerhouse in Skagafjörður close to the village of Hofsos, located in the northwestern part of Iceland. This shot is taken at midnight and has the headland of Thordarhofdi in the background. Þórðarhöfði Cape (Thordarhofdi) is a headland in Skagafjörður that is joined to land





#### **Old churches around Iceland**

There are many old wooden churches in Iceland dated back to the 18 and 19 century. This photo shows the church at Hofsóss which was consecrated on the 28th of August 1960 and can seat 164 people. The architect Sveinn Kjarval drew the chandelier/lighting. The beautiful baptismal font in the church was carved from basalt columns taken from basalt formations at Staðarbjargvík at Hofsóss.





**Icelandic horses**

On one of my trips to Skagafjörður I managed to capture this moment with the Icelandic horses and the Unadalur valley in the background. These horses are next to my parent's summerhouses in the northwestern part of Iceland and when I went to take photos of them they either decided to play some games on me or rest in front of me.

It is interesting to watch these horses from the summerhouse terrace few meters away, they are all stallions breed by my niece and seems to have different personalities and are very energetic.





### **The village of Hofsos**

Hofsós in northwest Iceland is one of the oldest trading ports in northern Iceland dating back to the 16th century. The economy has been based mainly on the fishing industry as well as services to the neighboring farms. This was largely due to its natural harbor. In recent years Hofsós with a population of about 200 individuals has built itself up as a tourist attraction and has The Icelandic Emigration Center (Vesturfarasetrið á Hofsósi), dedicated to the westward migration to North America of Icelanders that reached its peak at the start of the 19th century.





**Dark clouds**

I really enjoy capturing pictures of dark and moody clouds. This one was hovering over the sea near the town of Seltjarnarnes an Icelandic township located within the Greater Reykjavík area.

The Atlantic Ocean surrounds the town on almost every side except the east which faces towards the city of Reykavík. Seltjarnarnes is on the tip of a peninsula and is flanked by a beautiful desolate





### **Sun clouds**

I always look for sun clouds and when the sun is trying to break through the clouds, it so often gives you interesting moments to capture. In this shot I captured the sun hovering behind the clouds at Seltjarnanes giving the scenery a warm feeling to it.





### **Graveyards at night**

It is something being inside a graveyard at nights and so many interesting subjects with light and darkness to capture. Here I was at Hólavallagarður cemetery which is situated in the western part of Reykjavík at Suðurgata. The cemetery was consecrated in 1838 and its 'guardian' is Guðrún Oddsdóttir.

There are many intriguing tombstones in the cemetery and there is a specially made square with samples of old gravestones to be found here. Memorial plots for French and Faeroese sailors are to be found in this ancient cemetery.





### Long exposure

I love doing long exposure when the right moments come along. Here I am standing at Reynisfjara beach which is widely regarded as the most impressive shore in Iceland. Reynisdrangar cliffs are located on the shore, the cliffs are basalt sea stacks situated under the mountain Reynisfjall near the village Vík í Mýrdal, southern Iceland.





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