



## Short biography

Gunnar Karlsson graduated in fine arts from the Icelandic Collage of Arts and Crafts in 1979 and went on to study at the Royal Art Academy in Stockholm. He has held numerous private exhibitions in the Nordic region and has received various awards for his illustrations and books. Gunnar is a co-founder of CAOZ where he visually created and directed the award winning 3D animation 'The lost little Caterpillar' as his first animated film. Gunnar has also worked on numerous animated commercial projects during his career.

## Education

- 1975 - 1979 The Icelandic College of Arts and Crafts, Reykjavik
- 1980 - 1982 The Royal Art Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1989 - 1995 Work and Education in USA

## Private Shows

- 1985 Gallery Salurinn, Reykjavik
- 1988 Gallery FÍM, Reykjavik
- 1995 Kopavogs' municipal Art Museum - Gerdarsafn, Kópavogur
- 1996 Deiglan, Akureyri, Iceland
- 1996 The living Arts Museum, Reykjavik
- 1997 Triplex. Sjónarhóll, Reykjavik
- 1999 Kringlu Kristur. Kringlan – Shopping mall, Reykjavik.
- 2000 Slúnkaríki, Ísafjörður, Iceland

## Co-shows

- 1982 Götene Konstforening, Götene, Sweden
- 1982 Forum Börsen, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1982 Islands Konst. Gerlesborg, Sweden
- 1984 Expo Palmstierna "84. Sveaborg Helsinki, Finland
- 1986 Ólafur Tvennumbrúni. Hótel Selfoss, Iceland
- 1986 FÍM biennale. Reykjavik Arts Museum - Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavik
- 1986 UM. Reykjavik Arts Museum Kjarvalsstaðir, Reykjavik
- 1995 17 years. The living Arts Museum, Reykjavik
- 1996 Icelandic Portrait. Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður
- 1998 Flögð og fögur skinn. The living Arts Museum,
- 2002 Westman Islands, Iceland

## Illustration carrier

### Work

- 1984 - 1987 Illustrator, SVG Advertising, Reykjavik.
- 1987 - 1989 Senior Illustrator, The Icelandic Ad Agency, Reykjavik.
- 1989 - 1994 Free-lance Illustrator.
- 1995 - 2001 Founded Skripo – Animation Studio.
- 2001- Co-founded CAOZ Ltd.

## Awards & honours

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| 2000      | Reykjavik Children Books Awards for Grýlusaga.  |
| 2002      | Best Artistic Direction – The Lost Little Caterpillar<br>EDDA Awards – The Icelandic Film & TV Academy  |
| 2002      | Best short film – The Lost Little Caterpillar<br>EDDA Awards – The Icelandic Film & TV Academy  |
| 2002      | Nomination – Best Director – The Lost Little Caterpillar<br>EDDA Awards – The Icelandic Film & TV Academy   |
| 2002      | 1st Award – Computer Animation and Video<br>Computer Space 2002 – Sofia, Bulgaria   |
| 2002-2003 | Various nominations for best short, best animation on film festivals including<br>Fredrikstad (NO), SICAF (KR), Giffoni (IT), Cairo (EG), Zlín (CK), Nordisk<br>Panorama (SE) and more. |

## Published books

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| 1999 | Grýlusaga<br>Writer and Illustrations. Published by Skrípó, Reykjavik. |
| 2002 | Litla Lirfan Ljóta<br>Illustrations a book story by Fridrik Erlingsson |

## Illustrations (selection)

|           |   |
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| 1988-2006 | Solla bolla, Púkablístran, Platafmælið, Undan illgresinu, Snuðra og Tuðra, Litli skógarbjörninn, Kiðhús, Ævar á grænni grein, Frænkuturninn, Veggspjald um sögu Íslands, Poster for Benjamin Dove. Poster for Perlur og svín. |
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## Animated commercial films (selection)

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| 1994-2006 | Pulsi og Palsa - rauðar SS pulsur, Króni og Króna, Svali, Mjólkurdropinn Dreitill, Íslendingar borða SS pylsur, Hress og Kátur - gosdrykkurinn Mix, Gotti, SS 90 ára - Pylsumaðurinn á Þingvöllum, DV, Jibbí, Síriussúkkulaði, Stubbar, Renault, Stöð 2 – Bíórásin, Góa fyrir góu börnin, Magni, Svali á Þingvöllum, Kjúlli |
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## Multimedia

Reading and writing, Selebration and a web for Grylusaga

## Animated films

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| 2002 | <b>The Lost Little Caterpillar</b> – 28' – a CAOZ production<br>Director and Visual Creator |
| 2006 | <b>Kvak</b> – 1:15' – a CAOZ production<br>Script, Director and Visual Creator              |
| 2007 | <b>Anna and the Moods</b> – 26' – a CAOZ production<br>Director and Visual Creator          |