

# LÍFSMYND FILM PRODUCTION

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Studied and finished his Master's in all aspects of film making at **Columbia College of Film Making in Los Angeles, USA 1974-1977.**

After graduation he worked at the Icelandic National Television Station as a producer **1978-1982**. Produced numerous shows, e.g. on travel, the arts, wildlife and nature, children's material and talk shows.

He became an independent producer in **1982** and has since produced independently and for others both in Iceland and abroad. Also worked for Channel 2 in Iceland, as a producer and director, producing among other things a weekly music show. In addition he produced travel shows about Germany and Italy (working on location there), talk shows, nature and wildlife, people and the arts.

Worked as an assistant producer on Alan Landsberg production in Iceland, directed by Joel Steiger, ***In Search of Lost Vikings***.

Has since produced and directed many educational films about various subjects. Also many documentary films, e.g. about Icelandic artists, such as the ballet dancer **Helgi Tomasson** who was then dancing with the New York City Ballet and is now the director of San Francisco City Ballet. **"Nina – the Artist that Iceland refused"** (Nína – listakonan sem Ísland hafnaði). A staged documentary about Iceland's first sculptress, Nína. Producer, director and cinematographer. Filmed on location in Iceland, USA, Spain, France and Denmark.

Produced various television series, e.g. about scientists and science and **"Kings of Their Realm"** a series telling about men that are special in their fields.

Directed and produced various staged television films, both for children and adults, some of which have been shown in European countries and Australia.

**1992-1996** Produced and filmed various nature films dealing with special and unique places in Iceland.

**Thorsmork** – a film about the country's perhaps most beautiful nature pearl, has been shown at film festivals in Italy and Spain.

The latest one, **"The Lake Between the Continents"** (Þingvallavatn – á mörkum austurs og vesturs), 2000. A nature film about a unique lake in Iceland and its surroundings, that is located exactly where the American and European continents meet and are splitting apart. Broadcasted for the first time on New Years Eve by the Icelandic National Television Station and next shown at **The American Scandinavian Foundation of Los Angeles Film festival**, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2000.

## 2000-2005

**The World of Science in Iceland.** A series of 9 episodes in co-operation with the Research Council of Iceland and the University of Iceland. All the episodes were shown on the National Television Channel, as well as the following TV- programs.

1. Plants and Medicine in Iceland
2. Archeology in Iceland
3. Astronomy in Iceland
4. Electronic/computerized tagging of marine creatures
5. Soil Erosion in Iceland
6. The drilling Through the Greenland Ice Cap
7. Medical Research in Iceland
8. Anthropology in Iceland

Program about **Astronomy** for the State Educational service.

Film about **the Sultartangi Power Plant**, for The National Power Company.

A series of 10 TV-programs called “**King in His realm**” about men that are in some ways unique. One of those programmes dealt with an Icelandic anthropologist who lived with his wife in Kulusuk Greenland.

**Greenland – the Country for Macho Men.** A program about an Icelandic reindeer farmer living in Greenland and sports shooters from Iceland coming for a hunting trip.

A documentary about an **Icelandic jazz musician**.

**The Versatile Artist**, an hour long documentary about an Icelandic artist.

**VIKINGS THE DNA TRAIL. (3x30min.)** TV science – history documentary.

What ever became of the Norse Vikings, farmers and seafarers – mainly from Iceland – who settled in Greenland in the 10. and 11. centuries.

**FROZEN PARADISE.** A film about Icelandic kayakers on a trip in Greenland. This is a lyrical account which combines a modern point of view with the history of the Inuits in East Greenland, a region where, fortunately, the pace and stress of the western world is still absent.

**History Chanel.** Cinemaphotographer in Iceland for a project produced by History Chanel.

## 2006-2009

**Music is the life. (9x30 min.)** A TV series about the Icelandic music scene.

**Who was Jonas?** A documentary about one of Iceland’s most beloved poets, Jónas Hallgrímsson in honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2007..

**CHUKOKTA – at the end of the world: The Land of Roman Abramovich.** A documentary about life and nature in Chukotka in Siberia and ongoing changes following the election of mr. Roman Abramovich as governor in the year 2000.

**Innovation – Icelandic Science. (12x30 min.)** A TV series about current science research and innovative projects in Iceland.