



SIGURJÓN ÓLAFSSON  
SCULPTURE MUSEUM



## How to get there



- Bus 5 towards Kirkjusandur
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**The Sigurjón Ólafsson Museum** exhibits works by the late Icelandic sculptor, Sigurjón Ólafsson. It was founded by the artist's widow, Birgitta Spur, who had the artist's studio at Laugarnes converted to house a large collection of his works.

The renovated buildings are designed by architect Ögmundur Skarphéðinsson. Ólafsson was an experimental sculptor who brought both classical schooling and artistic insight to a variety of materials from clay and plaster to wood, metal, stone and concrete. His versatility has inspired younger generations of Icelandic artists. His works are found in museums and private collections in Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and the United States.

**Sigurjón Ólafsson (1908 - 1982)** was born in Eyrarbakki, a village on the south coast of Iceland. Trained as a house painter, in 1928 he entered the Danish Royal Academy of Fine Arts, from which he graduated in 1935, having supplemented his studies with a year in Rome. In 1930 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Academy. From early on Ólafsson worked in abstract forms, but he also developed the realistic style that characterizes his portrait busts and statues. He has been named one of his century's most important portrait sculptors. In 1939 he made his first completely abstract sculpture, *Man and Woman*, which caused great controversy, but is now considered a sculptural landmark in Denmark.





**Ólafsson returned to Iceland** in 1945. As one of the leading artists of the country, he was entrusted with numerous challenging commissions, among them a 90 m long relief at the Búrfell Hydroelectric Station. He leaves eighteen public monuments in Reykjavik alone, *Throne Pillars* by the Höfði House and *Emblem of Iceland* being the best known.

**The museum is situated** by the seafront on the historical Laugarnes peninsula within easy walking distance of the centre of Reykjavík. A 30 minutes' stroll along the shore will take you to this peaceful place where nature and art combine to create a special atmosphere. The museum sponsors weekly summer concerts which have become popular events in the cultural life of the capital. The cafeteria is open during museum hours and after the summer concerts.

**June 1. – August 31.**

Open daily: 14 – 17 except Mondays

***Tuesdays at 20:30 concerts as advertised***

**September 1. – May 31.**

Open Saturdays and Sundays: 14 – 17

**Closed in December and January, open on request.**

