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## Yuletide Brunch and Jólaskemmtun



Join the ICCT as we celebrate the Christmas Season & Icelandic Yuletide Tales

Following brunch at The Peartree Restaurant, Grýla will take us on a walking tour at nearby Riverdale Farm to introduce us to the animals and the story of her 13 jólasveinar sons – The Yuletide Lads.

Grýla is really looking forward to seeing all the kids and their parents and asks everyone to dress warmly. We encourage all children, as well as all children at heart to get into the spirit of Yuletide and dress up like your favourite Yuletide lad, lass or the Christmas cat.



For more information and booking contact:

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Sunday, November 27 at 1:00 pm  
THE PEARTREE RESTAURANT  
507 Parliament Street, Toronto



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### CHRISTMAS CHARITY FOR MÆDRASTYRKSNFND

This year for the fourth year, Icelandic National League of North America is encouraging members and member clubs to help out the needy in Iceland at Christmas. Last year, we raised \$11,125, let's see if we can do even better this year!

The money was shared between 5 branches of this charity (Mother's Fund) in Reykjavík, Hafnarfjörður, Kópavogur, Akureyri and Akranes, who were estimated to be supporting about 1,300 families over the holidays. The groups were all deeply moved by the generosity of INL of NA and its member clubs and individuals behind this outstanding gift. Presentations were made by our sister organization, INL of Iceland, in the persons of Almar Grimsson and Ásta Sól Kristjánsdóttir. The charity supports poor families throughout the year with food and clothing and give special help over the Christmas holidays, to help needy families enjoy the Christmas spirit. The need this year is even greater, as the effects of 4 years of high unemployment and wage cuts spread throughout the economy.

Once again, INL of NA is appealing for donations to the Mæðrastyrksnefnd Charity to help those in need in Iceland.

Send donations by December 10 to

INL of NA, #103-94 1st Avenue, Gimli, MB R0C 1B1

## Snorri Plus 2011 A Major WOW!!

By David Johnson

My expectations were already pretty high, but I can't begin to describe how amazing it was to experience Iceland through the Snorri Plus Program this past August. I'm so thankful I signed up, and I encourage everyone to seriously consider signing up for the program next year. For the past 13 years the Snorri Foundation has been running the Snorri Program. Young people of Icelandic descent living in North America are given an opportunity to participate in a six week unforgettable adventure and discover their Icelandic roots. My experience however was with the Snorri Plus Program, a condensed 2 week version for us older folks—those over 30 years of age. And the Snorri Plus program isn't limited to those of actual Icelandic descent; anyone with a love or interest in Iceland is encouraged to sign-up.



**Back Row: Dale Johannson, Winnipeg, MB; Lin Floyd, St. George, Utah; Svavar Knutur, Icelandic musician who entertained the group; Ferne Gudnason, Lacombe, AB; Garth Lane, St. Albert, AB; David Johnson, Seattle**  
**Front Row: Marilyn Walton, Brandon, MB; Krista Hermanson, Calgary, AB**

I could recount so many great experiences, but space is limited here. Let me however hit a few highlights to whet your appetite. This year's group of 7 program participants included two from the US and 5 from Canada. Although strangers on Day #1, we quickly became friends to be cherished for a lifetime. And our Program Director Ásta Sól is as wonderful a person as you'll ever get a chance to meet!

**During our first week** in Reykjavik we participated in tours and lectures you wouldn't otherwise get traveling on your own. How often can you wake up and go to a lecture on geology, the history of feminism in Iceland, economics, linguistics, or family history research, and then run in the Reykjavik

Marathon or fun run? Or how many times do you get to have a picnic lunch on Viðey Island with a private serenade from **Svavar Knútur**

singing Icelandic songs on his acoustic guitar? Or what about the opportunity to spend a 1/2 day with an Icelander who is in a similar line of work or is an expert in a hobby that you have? Or who gets to spend an hour sitting and chatting with the **President of Iceland** at his official residence sipping coffee and eating cake served

on the official state china when traveling on your own?

Being an avid family history researcher, I could easily roam on farm ruins where I know my family lived and worked, hike along sheep trails up to abandoned cemeteries where I know ancestors are buried, visit old churches or squirrel myself in the archives for days searching for old family records. But this trip showed me that living in the present is so wonderful and rewarding too.

One the highlights for me was attending a reception that had been arranged for the seven of us where cousins of ours still living in Iceland were invited. Getting hugs and sharing stories with cousins I never knew I



**A view on the hilltop along the trail climbing up to the top of Helgafell**

had, and even being invited to join them in their homes during free time to share traditional foods, was so great. Many of these cousins I continue to stay in contact with and hope to go back and visit or host here in Seattle someday.

**During Week #2**, we hit the road in our small bus. That's when we really got to know each other! We went on many beautiful hikes and saw many waterfalls. Every day brought a new adventure, from horseback riding around Lake Mývatn to a boat cruise out of Stykkishólmur where the crew dredged the ocean floor and we were soon eating raw scallops and sipping wine while looking at rare birds and snow-capped mountain views from a blue ocean. Attending the INL Iceland Convention and dining in Hofsós was also a marvellous day I'll always remember.

Stretching myself and setting aside fears that hold me back is something I'm trying to weave into my otherwise content lifestyle. I encourage you to challenge yourself and experience your own "dream come true" by signing up for the Snorri Program. Please contact me at [Dj4Seattle@comcast.net](mailto:Dj4Seattle@comcast.net) if you'd like to talk about the program in more detail.

Snorri Plus will run Wed. August 15 to Wed. August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and the application

**DEADLINE** is January 26, 2012

Snorri Program for youth (18 to 29) dates are Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and the **DEADLINE** is January 12, 2012

Website: [www.snorri.is](http://www.snorri.is)

## Ísland allt árið

The marketing campaign, to which the Icelandic state will contribute ISK 300 million (USD 2.6 million, EUR 1.9 million) annually for three years and private companies a comparable amount, is based on the success of [the award-winning "Inspired by Iceland" campaign](#);

its website will also serve this project, *Morgunbladid* reports. Minister of Finance Steingrímur J. Sigfússon

commented that he signed this contract smiling, contrary to most other contracts promising millions in expenses. Minister of Industry Katrín Júlíusdóttir added that the intention is to follow up on the storytelling theme of "Inspired by

Iceland" where both Icelandic residents and tourists are encouraged to share their stories of the country through social media.

The first part of the project is called "Íslendingar! Bjóðum heim" ("Icelanders! Let's Open our Doors"), which is based on the idea that locals around the coun-

guests at their residence, Bessastadir, Mayor of Reykjavik Jón Gnarr who will serve Icelandic sushi at Höfði, Minister Júlíusdóttir who invites people to have footbaths in Seltjarnarnes and stylist Arnar Gauti who invites people to personal shopping trips with him.

Alongside the initiative, a travel development fund will be established to which Landsbanki will donate ISK 40 million (USD 342,000, EUR 252,000) annually and the Ministry of Industry ISK 30

million (USD 257,000, EUR 189,000) and a contest on innovative ways to promote Iceland will be launched.

Go to [inspiredbyiceland.com](http://inspiredbyiceland.com) to learn more about and/or participate in the project.

From [IcelandReview.com](http://IcelandReview.com)

COME AND BE  
**INSPIRED BY ICELAND**

try invite foreign tourists to their homes or invite them to participate in their daily routines.

Already, 40 Icelanders are enlisted to participate, among them the presidential couple who will serve pancakes to

## Ione Thorkelsson: "Incoming"



"Incoming" by Ione Thorkelsson, Photo-Chris Hewett

### Airport Ready for Public Trials as Opening Date Nears

The new air terminal at Winnipeg's James Richardson International Airport was buzzing on Saturday, Oct. 25th, but it wasn't from passengers arriving or departing.

Still scheduled to officially open [October 30](#), the Winnipeg Airports Authority conducted public trials with the 1,300 participants who were picked to get a hands-on experience at the new airport.

The trials ensured the new air terminal building functions as it has been de-

signed, including systems, equipment, personnel and customer service. Participants were given a script where they were asked to provide feedback following their experience. The trials were only open to those who had previously registered and been con-

firmed for the day.

When the new air terminal building ([video tour](#)) does open, visitors will see several new works of art by five artists. The WAA has commissioned works from **Joel Berman, Warren Carther, Jacqueline Metz and Nancy Chew, and Ione Thorkelsson.**

Senior members of Winnipeg's art and design community helped narrow down the influx of artists, who responded to an expression of interest originally put out by the airport in 2005.

The airport recently announced it has been recognized as one of *Canada's Top*

*100 Employers for 2012*

### **Ione Thorkelsson: "Incoming"**

Ms. Thorkelsson's visual art training began with the study of architecture at the University of Manitoba. While still a student she discovered glass during a visit to the Czech Pavilion at Expo '67 in Montreal. In 1973 she established her own off-hand glass studio in Manitoba and by 1993 had begun casting glass. Since then Ms. Thorkelsson has had numerous solo shows of her work including a major show and retrospective 'The Unwilling Bestiary' at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and most recently a solo show in Ottawa called 'Corrections'. She has completed numerous commissions including designing the 'Blizzard' award for the Manitoba Motion Picture Association, and the 'Wave' for the Gimli Film Festival.

Ms. Thorkelsson has served on many juries and was a founding member of the Manitoba Crafts Council. In 2007 she was inducted into the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. In 2010 she received the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts (Saidye Bronfman Award). Her sculptural work is noted for the exploration of organic forms and imagery, especially wings.

## Linda Lundström



The charming fashion/textile icon Linda Lundström charts her recent journey of discovery with washi (handmade Japanese paper) which led to the brilliant & practical Floating Washi Walls and

accessories launched at The Japanese Paper Place in June this year. Use this link to see some wonderful images of Linda's work:

<http://www.washisummit.com/linda-lundstrom.htm>

Whether you are a visual or textile artist, interior designer open to new concepts, a creative soul looking for a new outlet or just fascinated by creative potential, you'll be guaranteed an explosion of ideas and applications utilizing washi in big bold style tonight.

## Lindy Vopnfjörð

Hello this is Lindy. I've had the pleasure of being a musician for my whole life. You may have seen me perform live, heard my songs on the radio, seen me on TV, or discovered me through the Internet. I've had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful people in my travels. It is solely because of your support that I'm able to continue to do what I do, and for that support, I'm eternally grateful.

Over the years, I've recorded five solo albums, plus an album and two EPs with my band Major Maker. After a two-year break, it's time for me to make a new record. This time, I want to dig into my roots as a folk singer, and create a deeper connection than ever before with my audience.

I'm so excited about this new crowdfunding model, because I can now directly involve you in the recording process. I've come up with a set of packages to reward you for your pledge at any level. These range from a digital download for every \$10 pledge, to exclusive merchandise, and customized experiences at higher levels of contribution. I want to make this as fun and rewarding for you as possible. With your help,

this will be the record of my lifetime!

As a contributor, you'll also get exclusive access to the recording process, with special updates, videos, and previews of the album as it takes shape.

And finally, some details about the mechanics from the site: 1. RocketHub is not an investment or charity. It is an exchange: funds from fans for rewards from me. 2. It's an All & More funding mechanism: if I don't reach my financial goal I get to keep what I raise. But if I do reach my goal, I get access to exciting opportunities.

To find out more AND HELP LINDY <http://www.rockethub.com/projects/2741-help-fund-lindy-s-new-album>

OR Visit my website: [lindymusic.com/](http://lindymusic.com/)



## INL of NA CONVENTION, BRANDON, MAY 3-6 2012

The Brandon Falkinn Icelandic-Canadian Club has been working hard on details for the 2012 convention. We appreciate all the help and advice that we have received.

**NOTE:** To start the convention, we want to give our guests an opportunity to visit.

Therefore, there will be a "Meet & Greet" on Thursday, May 3 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

There will be no entertainment – just time to visit and as a bonus Icelandic food will be served.

**DISPLAYS:** The displays and the health/coffee breaks will be held in Salon B, adjacent to Salon A – the main meeting room. Vendors are invited to start setting up the displays at Noon on Thursday, May 3. The cost per table will be available soon. Please e-mail Harold Jonasson at [jonassonh@inetlink.ca](mailto:jonassonh@inetlink.ca) or Bob Isleifson at [viking@wgcwave.ca](mailto:viking@wgcwave.ca) if you wish to book a table.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will start at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 3, 2012. We are hoping to have the registration form on this website by Christmas. We continue to look for ways to keep the registration cost as low

as possible.

**SILENT AUCTION:** We need a variety of items for the silent auction. Does anyone out there have items to donate? Any donation will be deeply appreciated.

**SUNDAY CAR RALLY:** We are hoping to have an old fashioned car rally on Sunday, May 6 to Grund Church & cemetery, lunch at Bru Café, Skálholt cemetery and more. If you are interested, e-mail Donna Staples at [staples.mts.net](mailto:staples.mts.net) and indicate if you would have room in your vehicle for extra passengers.

**UPDATES: WWW.INLOFNA.ORG**

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### Victoria Inn

The convention hotel is the **Victoria Inn**, 3550 Victoria Ave, telephone [204-725-1532](tel:204-725-1532), toll free [1-800-852-2710](tel:1-800-852-2710). Their website is [www.vicinn.com](http://www.vicinn.com). Group confirmation is 183603. Please quote that number and reserve your room prior to April 14, 2012 to receive the following rate:

\$117.99 single/\$127.99 double plus taxes

The room rate includes 2 complimentary hot breakfasts for double occupancy and 1 complimentary hot breakfast for single occupancy. Wi-fi is available in each room at no extra cost.

#### Royal Oak Inn

We have also booked rooms at the Royal Oak Inn, 3130 Victoria Ave., telephone [204-7285775](tel:204-7285775), toll free [1-800-852-2709](tel:1-800-852-2709). Their website is [www.royaloakinn.com](http://www.royaloakinn.com). This hotel is within a short walking distance of the Victoria Inn. Group confirmation is 202084. Please quote that number and reserve your room prior to April 14, 2012 to receive the following rate: Standard Room - \$117.99 single/\$127.99 double plus taxes; Walk Out Poolside with 2 Queen Beds - \$149.99 plus taxes; Junior Suites; 2-room suites with either 1 or 2 queen beds and a sofa bed - \$149.99 plus taxes; Level 5 Executive Suites – Choose from 2 room suites with either a king bed or 2 queen beds or open floor plans with king beds - \$184.99 plus taxes. All suites have pull out sofa beds. The room rate includes 2 complimentary hot breakfasts for double occupancy and 1 complimentary hot breakfast for single occupancy.

## Reykjavík Art Museum – Hafnarhús Exhibition Attersee – Dance in Shirt-Valley



Reykjavík Art Museum recently received a priceless donation of graphic works from the Austrian artist Christian Ludwig Attersee and his gallerist and compatriot Ernst Hilger.

This donation comprises 63 works created in the period 1970-2010, and most of them are displayed in this exhibition.

Attersee uses a surrealistic narrative in his works, which reflect the narrative in collages and pop-art. The works are simultaneously figurative and full of humor, often with erotic overtones.

Curated by Danielle Kvaran. On display until November 6

From [icelandreview.com/](http://icelandreview.com/)

## Svava Thordis Juliusson

### Exhibitions in Toronto and Calgary

The first is:  
**upArt 2011 : Nature/Culture @  
[The Gladstone](http://TheGladstone.com) hotel in Toronto**

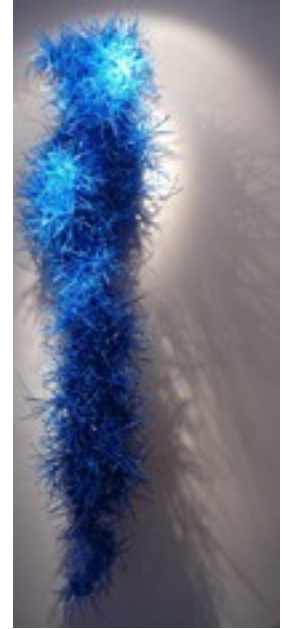
Opening Reception  
October 27 – 7-10pm  
Exhibition Hours  
October 28-30 – 12-5pm  
Curators Talk and Tour  
Sunday October 30, 2pm

The second starts in December, and is an exhibition of the work **betta er Esjublátt** in Calgary at The New Gallery's +15 Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts.

December 2, 2011 to January 29, 2012

[thenewgallery.org/exhibitions](http://thenewgallery.org/exhibitions)

[svavathordis.com/](http://svavathordis.com/)



### Taught himself Icelandic in 3 years

A 17 year old boy in Vancouver, Canada, taught himself perfect Icelandic in three years. Jordan Chark began reading books and following the Icelandic news, before he posted on ER.is, an Icelandic chat forum. There he asked for people that were willing to chat with him online to help him improve.

His grammar is better than that of many Icelandic teenagers. The pronunciation is slightly odd, but I would rather have guessed that he was an Icelander that had lived abroad, than a Canadian that has only briefly visited Iceland.

**Update 27 of September.** Jordan Chark the Canadian student at the University of Iceland has been deported, due to the fact that he is under 18 years old.

Many Icelanders became familiar with Chark when he appeared on the television show *Ísland í dag* last spring. He taught himself Icelandic over the course of three years, although he has no particular ties to the country, and asked for Icelandic penpals through a video he posted online.

Jordan arrived in Iceland last month to begin taking a course in Icelandic at university, and showed a great deal of promise in his capacity to learn the language. Student housing had also been arranged for him.

However, the Directorate of Immigration caught up with Jordan, and told him he was to leave at once. This is because by law, no one under the age of 18 can be issued a residence permit. Jordan will turn 18 in December, and so he will be able to return at that time.

His friends wished him a tearful goodbye yesterday, but they can rest assured Jordan will return in a few months.

From [Grapevine.is](http://Grapevine.is)

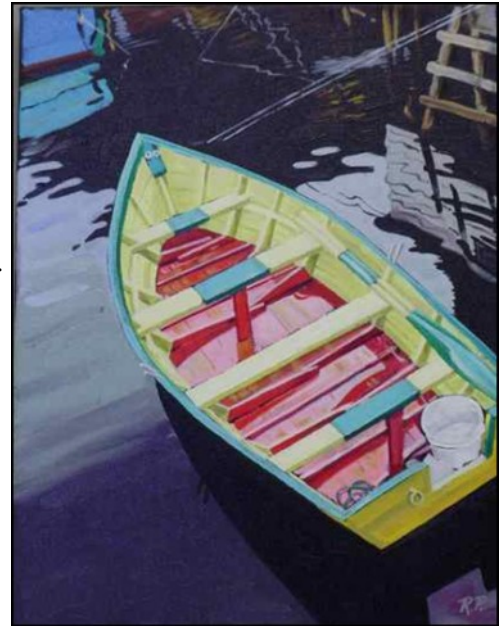


### Postcards from The Rock

Appearing November 5 – 27, 2011 at the Scugog Arts Council Gallery,  
181 Perry Street Unit G1,  
Port Perry, Ontario.  
Opening 1-4 P.M. November 5, 2011

"Postcards from The Rock" is an affectionate look at the province of Newfoundland and Labrador by Port Perry artist and ICCT Member Ronald Peter.

His oil on canvas paintings are inspired by the natural beauty of traditional Newfoundland life, which he portrays with dignity and empathy.



Visit his gallery at: [ronaldpeter.posterous.com](http://ronaldpeter.posterous.com)  
Or contact him at: [ronaldrp22@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldrp22@gmail.com)

## VISITORS FROM ICELAND

By tour organizer Kent Bjornsson

Teachers and staff from Menntaskólinn við Hamrahlöð totally enjoyed their Toronto visit.

Arriving rather late on Wednesday night the transfer to the Delta Chelsea Hotel went well. People were able to grab a bite to eat before retiring for the night. The school visit was planned for the following day and to make it a full day we departed the hotel at 8 AM. Our first school was Bayview Secondary School. We were greeted there by the tour organizer, Peter Tse and a few of the school administrators. We toured the school and then were treated to a lecture about System Initiative, Literacy Framework, Mathematics Strategies, Learning Network. It was a very good presentation and very informative. This school offers the International Baccalaureate Program like our school does so hopefully we can organize some cooperation between our students and schools. Our next school to visit was Bill Crothers Secondary School. This is a very interesting school as it is focused on education and athletics. It caters to athletes as well as providing great education. While we were there another group of school administrators from Denmark arrived for a visit as well. Our final school that we visited was always first on our list as the Iceland Canadian Club of Toronto's president Heather Prinsloo teaches there. Middlefield Collegiate Institute did not let us down. There were signs on the front door greeting us "Velkomin". Students held doors open for us and the band was playing in the

center court. Felt kind of special. Students and teachers went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Everyone could not believe the hospitality at all the schools. After a short stop in Unionville we were treated to a fantastic reception by the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto. Great food and great entertainment provided by Sigrun Stella really capped off the day. Most of the group did a tour to Niagara Falls on the Friday. There were some showers but that did not dampen the day. Six of us even ended up watching the Toronto Argonauts beat the Calgary Stampeders at the Rogers Center in the evening. Saturday we had 19 people get up early yet again to head to Kinmount with Don Gislason and we picked up sculptor Gudrun Girgis along the way. It was quite a long drive but we were determined to visit this historic site. Don and Gudrun filled the journey with history and stories. We were greeted in Kinmount by Historian Guy Scott. After a brief tour of the old Station we got on a small school bus and headed to the site where the Icelanders were. Some ventured down under

the bridge that was built by the Icelanders but everyone went up to where the shanties once stood where the Icelanders had to struggle to survive. Gudrun held a short service for us in memory of the numerous children and others that perished on the site. (see picture) It was a very moving experience. The trip was just as entertaining on the way back as well. After a quick change of clothes we headed for the CN Tower for dinner and where we had a very good meal and enjoyed the night views of Toronto. Sunday was a quiet day and people did some last minute shopping and exploring before heading out to the airport in the late afternoon to catch the flight home to Iceland. Thank You Toronto and hope to see you again soon. \*my photo below!



## Mats Wibe Lund

Tours INL of NA Clubs under International Visits program

"Wow, what a beautiful country!" "Does the sun always shine in Iceland?" "I didn't know there was so much flat land for farms" "It is so incredible to see my ancestors' farm from above, so different from just visiting it, as one sees the whole surroundings", "It was an interesting presentation and great to meet Mats after years of looking at his work."

Just some of the comments from Mats' Wibe Lund Ancestral Farms show in Toronto on Monday September 26th. Mats' pictures were so crisp and beautiful that the audience of ICCT members and general public were very impressed. His knowledge of the geography of the whole country, which mountain was to the left and which glacier was to the right in the pictures was phenomenal, and his sense of humour added a lot to the presentation.

One interesting fact which emerged was

about how he got those beautiful images. Of course, all of them are from the air ... it turns out that the number of days per year in which it is possible to get those kind of images is limited to about six weeks in the summer ... and taking into account cloudy days, visibility, availability of aircraft and pilots, Mats' availability, and the challenge of getting exactly the right angle of light, and the right perspective to capture the surroundings so well, all of this from a moving airplane, it is a wonder that he has over 300,000 spectacular pictures!

Mats went on to another 10 INL of NA clubs, and to enthusiastic responses to his images, culminating in Seattle October 16th.

If you would like a pic-

ture of your ancestral farm, or any of his other images, they are available in digital or print form from [www.mats.photoshelter.com](http://www.mats.photoshelter.com) The International Visits Program gets 10% of any sales prior to December 31, 2011.



Drangaskörð pinnacles on Strandir, north west Iceland

**Bill Bourne****and The Free Radio Band**

are touring Ontario and N.E. United States...now.

The shows have been amazing so far - they are playing the entire 'Bluesland' CD as well as a few familiar songs like Dance & Celebrate and Grace, along with some new songs with severely danceable rhythms.

Elements of blues, folk and worldbeat are churning outward and upward...

New photos and info about the tour at: [freeradioband.com](http://freeradioband.com)

Hear tracks at:

[truenorthrecords.com/Albums.php?album\\_id=723](http://truenorthrecords.com/Albums.php?album_id=723)

More on tour dates at: [billbourne.com](http://billbourne.com)

**2012 INL/NA Calendars**

2012 INL/NA Calendars Featuring Icelandic birds and animals.

\$10 only, plus \$2 shipping for one and \$1 more for each additional... PayPal at [www.icct.info](http://www.icct.info) or cheque to Lynne

**Membership fees are due for 2012**

Single \$25 Family \$30

Senior Single \$20 Senior Couple \$25

Membership form enclosed, or

1) Go to website [www.icct.info](http://www.icct.info)

Click Membership, click Join, pay by PayPal

2) OR Make out cheque to ICCT and mail to Treasurer Lynne, 1680 Scugog St., Port Perry ON L9L 1E2

**INL READS**

"Independent People" by Halldor Kiljan Laxness... this is the first book chosen in this new series. Join the blog on website [inlofna.org](http://inlofna.org) and also contact Gail re borrowing a copy and getting together to talk about it ...

[gaileinaronmccleery@gmail.com](mailto:gaileinaronmccleery@gmail.com)

and don't forget to nominate your favourite Icelandic or Icelandic North American book as the one everyone will read in 2012/2013

**Icelandic Links**

I started an on-line List.ly of Icelandic resources that I've found in my travels and have been suggested to me by others. Some vocab games, some YouTube clips, and the classic suggestion of listening to RUV.is streaming. Fun stuff!

The list is public so I very warmly welcome you all to jump in and add to it, I would love to see it grow. Click here to scope it out!

<http://list.ly/list/NI-online-icelandic-resources>

Erin Green (learning Icelandic in Toronto)

**REYKJAVIK AIRWAVES  
IN TORONTO**

Sunday November 13th

El Mocambo

464 Spadina Avenue

Kolaport (Icelandic market) 1pm-5pm

"Where is the Snow" screening 2pm (\$5) followed by Q/A with Director Bowen Staines

Airwaves concert

Sigrún Stella CD release "Crazy Blue"

For a Minor Reflection

Of Monsters and Men

Doors and Kolaport: 8pm (\$10 advance, \$15 door)

Raffle giveaway for 2 tickets to Icelandairwaves 2012!

Info: [karenhelena@icct.info](mailto:karenhelena@icct.info)

**PLUS:** Sister event ... Fri, November 18 ...the official record release of an Icelandic electronic band called Reptilicus  
Info: [karenhelena@icct.info](mailto:karenhelena@icct.info)

**ICCT Þorablót 2012**

will be returning on Saturday April 14, 2012 at the Estonian Club of Toronto. Our Icelandic-Canadian multi-generational (and meet your cousins) spirit is the focus for our unique celebration. Winter on the Icelandic Calendar starts on October 22, and the last day of winter – síðasti vetardagur - is April 18. Join us to celebrate winter without the threat of impending snow storms!

This past April, over 200 people attended our annual event featuring Icelandic Canadian usual and bizarre fare, Viking Challenges, Children's Freya's Fling Challenge, Silent and Secret Auction, Presentation Program, Great Music, and of course, Icelandic Beer. Many family and friends gather for fun and laughter. We're planning on ramping up the experience this year with some new interactive family fun. If you'd like to help out on the planning team to ensure another successful event, please contact Arden at [thorablót@icct.info](mailto:thorablót@icct.info).

**INL of NA t-shirts**

We still have a few of the beautiful INL of NA t-shirts available, sizes small and medium. The t-shirts are \$15 plus shipping costs of \$4 each **within Canada (\$19)** and \$5 each **to U.S.A. (\$20)**

They are 100% good quality cotton and sizes are quite generous.

Measuring (from armpit to armpit across front)

-- the small is 18 inches

-- and the medium is 19.5 inches across front

Email Gwen at the office [inl@mymts.net](mailto:inl@mymts.net) and send a cheque to #103 - 94 1st Ave.

Gimli, MB R0C 1B1 ... great Xmas gift!

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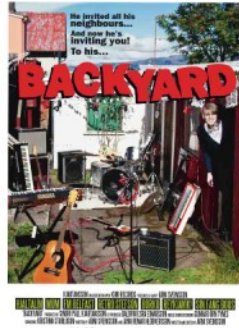
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### Nordic Nights movies



## Backyard

National Film Board, 150 John St.,  
Wed. Nov. 30, 7 pm,

reception at 6

\$8 members, \$10 non members.  
Language: Icelandic with English

subtitles

Director: Árni Sveinsson  
Scriptwriter: Árni Sveinsson and

Árni Rúnar Hlööversson  
Main cast: Árni Rúnar Hlööversson  
and members of Múm, Hjaltalín,  
FM Belfast, Retro  
Stefson, Sin Fang Bous, Borko and  
Reykjavík!

First he invited all his neighbours,  
and now he invites you too!

A guy named Árni Rúnar had the idea of gathering a few bands together in his backyard to do some live recording. His idea evolved into this film. He filled his little shack of a studio with equipment and prayed for good weather. He invited all of his neighbours and made them pizza, cupcakes and pancakes. And then many of the most exciting Icelandic musicians of their generation showed up to play, giving us a unique look at the diverse music scene of Reykjavík in the summer of 2009.

### Volcano success....

Rúnar Rúnarsson's Volcano is the big winner of the 40<sup>th</sup> Festival du nouveau cinema in Montreal. The quiet Icelandic drama was awarded the Louve d'or for the best feature film in the International Selection.

It tells the story of a 67-year-old man who, after retiring, must confront his family whom he has ignored for years. Volcano also won the Quebec Film Critics Association Award for best feature in the International Selection.

An Icelandic production also won the best short film: Marianna Morokore and Rannvá Káradóttir's

### Magma took the top prize

Volcano will represent Iceland in the Best Foreign film at the Oscars 2011.

### Sigrun Stella and the Crazy Blue story

By Joseph Helgi Chisholm



songs from her debut CD, *Crazy Blue*. The song "Follow You Home" has already been gracing the radio airwaves of Iceland for over a month now. Joining Sigrún Stella at Spring Garden Church in North York, Edda Mackenzie sang background vocals and guitarist, Michael Lowry took over the rhythm section for the moody, bluesy numbers.

What was this "Crazy Blue" theme for her record? I had to ask. "A lot of people think this is a love song and it is more personal than that. I have never talked about it with anyone," confides Sigrún Stella. "My father died. Six months later I found myself in my room at the Fort Gary Hotel in Winnipeg, waiting to perform later that day in Gimli. In the silence,

this song just came out. Those are always the best songs, the ones that just flow. I felt I made mistakes. When my dad died, I felt anxious, I felt sick, I thought I was also about to die. The song is about my grief and depression from losing my dad. Others knew I was grief stricken, but I didn't. I guess I did too, but I had to get it out and I wrote this song. I was crazy, crazy blue, sick with grief."

For as much of an emotional journey as the songs of Crazy Blue will take you, Sigrún Stella keeps the live show light with songs and banter in both Icelandic and Southern Ontario as she performs the dozen 21<sup>st</sup> century folk tales of her CD.

Look for Sigrún Stella on Youtube, Myspace or Facebook or better yet, organize a meet and greet and have Sigrún Stella come perform for your friends or community group.