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## Fotografisk Center opens a large Nordic exhibition focusing on the relationship between humankind and nature

*Fotografisk Center opens the exhibition **Snowflakes and Others Surprises** on the 21st January that focuses on humankind's relationship to nature, and how photography can be used as a narrative medium in an attempt to understand and sense the world.*

Exhibition opening: Friday 21st from 13-19. Free admission.

Snowflakes, vegetation and human intervention in nature are at the core of the exhibition *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, which presents work by 16 artists from Iceland, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. The exhibition has been curated by the Icelandic author and curator Sigrún Alba Sigurðardóttir, who has developed the term and concept poetic storytelling. The concept describes a particular way of using a photograph as a narrative medium in an attempt to understand and sense the world.

The works in the exhibition shed light in various ways on the human relationship with nature and other living beings. A common feature of the participating artists is that they are preoccupied with various phenomena or elements of nature such as trees, mountains, plants, birds and snowflakes – and they explore new ways of being in the world; of relating to and interacting with the world and nature.

### Participating artists

Elina Brotherus (FI), Katrín Elvarsdóttir (IS), Tinna Gunnarsdóttir (IS), Hallgerður Hallgrímsdóttir (IS), Ulrik Hasemann (DK), Nicolai Howalt (DK), Einar Falur Ingólfsson (IS), Tiina Itkonen (FI), Astrid Kruse Jensen (DK), Sanna Kannisto (FI), Jacob Kirkegaard (DK), Helene Schmitz (SE), Mathias Svold (DK), Trine Søndergaard (DK), Magnus Wennman (SE) and Hendrik Zeitler (SE).

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#### Nordic collaboration

*Snowflakes and Other Surprises* is part of a Nordic collaboration between Fotografisk Center, Landskrona Foto in Sweden and Northern Photographic Centre in Finland, where the exhibition will be shown subsequently in 2022 and 2023.

#### FotoForum: Artist talk + introduction to exhibition

Saturday January 22nd from 13-13.45 the exhibition's curator Sigrún Alba Sigurðardóttir gives an introduction to *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*. The introduction will be held in Danish. Subsequently at 14-15.30 an artist talk will be held with Elina Brotherus (FI), Einar Falur Ingólfsson (IS), Trine Søndergaard (DK) and Hendrik Zeitler (SE) about the exhibition and their works, moderated by Sigrún Alba Sigurðardóttir. The talk will be held in English. The events will be held seated. The talk is supported by DJ:Fotograferne.

#### Annual theme: Atlas

*Snowflakes and Other Surprises* is this year's first exhibition and the start of Fotografisk Center's new annual theme, which in 2022 is Atlas. The exhibitions will in different ways illuminate topics such as territories, places, memory, and heritage, and delve into archives and documents, address issues of inclusion and exclusion, and examine our connections to nature and history.

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For the exhibition, an exhibition catalog is produced as well as teaching material for schools and secondary education. The teaching material can be downloaded from 22nd of January on our website: [www.fotografiskcenter.dk](http://www.fotografiskcenter.dk).

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