

# marko svart

multi-artist  
& designer



## about

I am a Swedish/Finnish multidisciplinary artist and designer, based in Reykjavik, Iceland since 2017.

I am mainly the owner and designer of the fashion brand **Svartbysvart** but my background, work range and competence spans over several art mediums.

I often work with themes of **expressionism, catharsis, conflict ambivalence, ritualistic resistance and philosophies of life/death**, frequently playing with the idea of art affecting the artist instead of the other way around.

Full bio [here](#)

## currently - January 2024

art resident at the prestigious **Cité des Arts** in **Paris** until end of February.

## svartbysvart (founder & designer)

Svartbysvart is a Reykjavik based design brand and former physical shop (since May 2019) creating fully unisex clothing and accessories, all individually hand made by me. I have since 2017 produced several clothing/jewelry collections each year.

All the designs for my pieces come from a deep emotional or scientific internal perception, and are not rooted in trends or the commercial fashion scene. Every piece created is a personal journey all the way from idea to product.

Aesthetically I fuse Scandinavian melancholy with Finnish/Japanese characteristics of minimalism and form.

### FIELDS OF WORK RESPONSIBILITY

- Design
- Patternmaking
- Tailoring
- Ceramics / Jewelry making
- Web design
- Photography/Editing



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## work range

- conceptual art
- performance / choreography
- installation
- film
- music
- fashion design

## education

### Sway dance institute

2006–2011 Stockholm  
Professional qualification prog.  
*Receiver of the most prominent dancer award in 2010*

### Kulturama Film School

2009–2012 Stockholm  
Filmmaking/Photography

### Balettakademien

2012–2015 Stockholm  
Professional dancers education

## selected exhibitions

### THROMBOSIS

Núllið Gallery, Reykjavík 2023

Multimedia solo exhibition creating an intersection of medical science, philosophy, psychology and human experience.

### FLÆKJA

Milan Design Week – Fuorisalone  
& Design March / Hönnunarmars Reykjavík 2022

A collaboration with French artist Minit, creating artworks and wearable design pieces out of discarded fishing nets.

### YOMIGÆRI I & II

Design March / Hönnunarmars Reykjavík 2021  
(part II in 2023)

A collaboration with material designer Jarkko Kinnunen, researching and developing new sustainable equipment and techniques for fashion design, using natural waste materials.

### SEASON OF MELANCHOLY

Design March / Hönnunarmars Reykjavík 2018  
& Aggregat Gallery Stockholm 2016

Multimedia project exploring and researching seasonal melancholy and humans' relationship with light, expressed through fashion, film, action painting and conceptual art.

### LAKTOS

Teater Accént in collaboration with  
Sven Harrys Art Museum Stockholm

Multimedia artwork project researching intolerance in melancholy, expressed through film, painting and conceptual art installation.

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## other work experience

### ANTI-WHALING CAMPAIGN (CURRENT – REYKJAVÍK)

Event organizer (Hvala Gala 18/8) and Creative Director of the efforts of ending whaling in Iceland.

### THE REYKJAVÍK BLACKBIRD FESTIVAL 2020

Nordic House Iceland

Organizer/developer of the Scandinavian culture exchange project and concerts.

### TEATER ACCENT, STOCKHOLM 2009–2018

Choreographer & mentor for the theatre ensemble.

Most notably:

- **Djurfarmen** 2011 (Coach/Choreographer, Costume Design)
- **Lektionen** 2018 (Coach, choreographer, co-director)

### TRÄKVISTA FRITIDSGÅRD 2014–2015 / ÄLTA KULTURKNUT 2015–2016

Lead dance coach/mentor

## performance

### HVALIR KVALIR 2023

Reykjavík (IS)

in collaboration with Björk

### IKEJIME (parts 1 & 2) – 2022

Milan Design Week Fuorisalone (IT)

at Certosa Initiative

### OVÄSENDET – 2019

ÍÐNO Reykjavík / Listastofan (IS)

### PYHÄKKÖ – 2019

Hólmavík art festival (IS)

### IZANAGI – 2018

Gamla Bío Reykjavík (IS)

### FUNERAL OF THE GIANT 2017

Egillstaðir (IS)

### S 2017

Fagra Haga art festival (SE)

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## music

### SÅNG, SAX & SLAVERK

Composer/Piano/Art direction

Released the album

"Om Fjällsyror" in 2019

Several live gigs in Reykjavík

Stockholm, Korpilombolo.

Solo record "Hinoki" set to  
release in 2023

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## film

Writer/Director/D.O.P

### YUREI

Current – set to release in 2024

### YOMIGÆRI – The river of Tuonela 2021

### DELIRIUM 2017

### SEASON OF MELANCHOLY FILM SERIES 2015

DET KAN GÖRA LITE ONT  
2010–2014