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Maroesjka Lavigne
"Island"

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Maroesjka Lavigne "Viewpoint" séries Island 2012



Maroesjka Lavigne «Yellow house on the road» Séries Island 2012

At the age of 21, the young Belgian photographer Lavigne spent four months driving alone across Iceland, pulled to the stark scenery. Yet rather than observing a poetic landscape of azure springs and silent snow, Lavigne's bold, cinematic images tell a tale of an out-of-the-ordinary everyday. White-capped mountain mounds bump against villages in a vision more akin to Candyland than Iceland, while half-melted snowmen form a small Stonehenge on a soccer field. And everywhere, always, are shades of white. Snow becomes an amorphous studio backdrop, indeterminate but infinitely malleable. It swallows ground and sky; coats buses, boats, and intrepid sight-seers; and then transforms again into a bleached sink basin, chalky house paint, and a plume of white steam. In Ísland the world may be pale, but life is anything but colorless. Lavigne's Ísland series was selected by Foam Magazine as a finalist in the prestigious Foam Talent Call, has won a LensCulture New & Emerging Photographers Grand Prize, and was previously shown at the 2012 Photo Academy Awards and theUnseen Photo Fair in the Netherlands. The artist's work has also been featured in The New York Times Style Magazine, Aesthetica Magazine, and the Foam Magazine Talent issue. Lavigne lives and works in Ghent, Belgium, and graduated with a Masters in Photography from Ghent University in 2012.



Maroesjka Lavigne "Autobus on the road " séries Island 2012

Birthplace:

Belgium, 1989

Education:

MFA, University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium, 2012

Solo exhibitions:

2014 : Ísland, Robert Mann Gallery, New York, NY

Flanders Centre, Osaka, Japan

With Annelie Vandendael, Vander Weyden Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

VOC Hasselt, Belgium

2013: Expo Rome, Rome, Italy

2012; 44 Gallery, Bruges, Belgium

Group exhibition:

2014 : Fotojaarproject, CC Strombeek, Strombeek-Bever, Belgium

Summer of Photography, Bozar, CC Strombeek, Strombeek-Bever, Belgium

Unknown Masterpieces, Knokke, Belgium

2013: IMAGINE 2, Flanders Centre, Osaka, Japan

40 Year Anniversary, CC Strombeek/Fotojaarproject, Strombeek-Bever, Belgium

2012 : The Photo Academy Award, Rendreizend, Netherlands

UNSEEN Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Awards and Honors :

2013 : Winner, Lens Culture Photography Award, US

2012 : Nomination, The Photo Academy Award, Netherlands

Finalist Talent Call, Fotomuseum Amsterdam (FOAM), Netherlands



Maroesjka Lavigne "Blue Lagoon "2011 série Island

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