



ICELANDAIR STARTS FLYING TO WASHINGTON D.C: MAY 17, 2011

Icelandair will start flying in and out of Dulles Airport, Washington D.C. this spring after a few years of not flying into the greater Washington area. The direct flights to and from Iceland will commence on May 17, four times a week to begin with, and five times a week during July. As of now the plans are for the flights to continue through the middle of September. Thorsteinn Egilsson, General Manager of the Americas, is pleased with the reactions so far in the market, both from Icelanders and other Europeans who find the greater Washington area a very interesting addition to the many destinations that Icelandair services directly.



<http://www.icelandair.us/>



From the reception January 27th.
From the left, Thorsteinn Egilsson, General Manager the Americas, Ambassador Hjalmar W. Hannesson and Arnar Már Arnthorsson, Marketing and Communications Manager

For Americans living in or near the greater Washington area the flights offer new possibilities of travelling to Iceland or making stop-overs there on their way to the many destinations of Icelandair in Scandinavia, the UK and continental Europe. The airport at Keflavik/Reykjavik Iceland is a convenient hub for the hundreds of thousands of European and American travelers crossing the Atlantic. On January 27th Icelandair and the Embassy of Iceland in Washington D.C. gave a reception for people in the travel industry, especially from the travel media, and Icelandair is planning further promotional activities in the area as well as in Europe.

Steinunn Þórarinsdóttir's exhibit "BORDERS" at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza on Manhattan



"BORDERS", a major exhibition, by the internationally acclaimed Icelandic sculptor Steinunn Þórarinsdóttir (Thorarinsdóttir) will open Thursday March 24, at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza on the corner of 47th Street and 2nd Avenue in New York City. It will be on display through September 2011. The statues of humans will be spread between 1st and 2nd Avenues where thousands walk past every day.

Also Ms. Þórarinsdóttir's installation of "Horizons" will inaugurate GMOA's [Jane and Harry Wilson Sculpture Garden](#), in Athens, Georgia, which is dedicated to female sculptors. Þórarinsdóttir has exhibited widely in Europe, Japan and Australia over the last 30 years, as well as in the United States, where "Horizons" has been traveling for the past three years. Previously installed in such contexts as fields, forests, galleries and gardens, 12 androgynous, life-sized, cast-iron figures are connected as a group by a polished glass band inserted across each figure's chest. "[The figures] sometimes seem to communicate with each other and at other times are striking in their isolation, but in each case, they make the viewer a part of their conversation," said Lynn Boland, GMOA's Pierre Daura Curator of European Art.

Articles by Wall Street Journal writer Eyk Henning

Riding the Icesave Storm - After a year of turmoil, Iceland's president is seeing relations with Europe and the financial markets improve, [see here](#) Also **Iceland Aims for Bank Consolidation**, [see here](#)

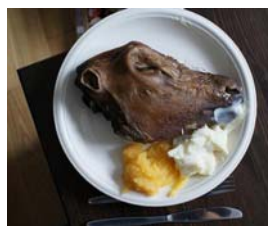
First ever **UK Nordic Baltic Summit**, [see here](#)

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DORRABLÓT: MIDWINTER FEASTS

[Icelandic American Association of Hampton Roads](#) – February 5, 2011
[Icelandic Association of Atlanta](#) – February 11, 2011
[The Icelandic American Association of Minnesota](#) – February 12, 2011
[The Icelandic Association of Washington, D.C.](#) – February 19, 2011
[The Icelandic Association of Chicago](#) – February 19, 2011
[The Icelandic Society of New York](#) – February 26, 2011
[The Icelandic Association of Utah](#) – February 26, 2011
[The Icelandic Association of Boston](#) - February 26, 2011
[The Icelandic Association of Northern California](#) - March 5, 2011
[The Icelandic American Association of Southern California](#) - March 5, 2011
[Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle](#) - March 12, 2011
[Icelandic American Association of Central Florida](#) – March 12, 2011

Outstanding Icelanders in the USA !

Dr. Kristján T. Ragnarsson, Chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, [see here](#)

GEA Geothermal Energy Finance Forum 2011 will take place in New York City on February 9th. The Forum features the Honorable President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, President of Iceland. For information, [see here](#)

Chilling out in Iceland - By Carol Pucci, Seattle Times travel writer, [see here](#)

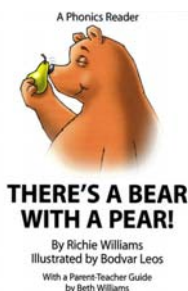
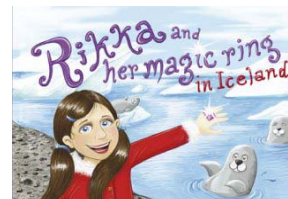
Interesting videos on YouTube.com

[Reykjavik, Capitol of Iceland in 1926](#)
[Iceland see what awaits you](#)
[New Years Eve Fireworks in Akureyri 2010](#)

The Embassy welcomes **Ms. Sif Gustavsson** the new Marketing Director for [Promote Iceland \(Íslandsstofa\)](#) in New York City. Promote Iceland has several websites that focus on travel to Iceland, such as:

<http://www.visiticeland.com/>
<http://www.icelandgourmetguide.com/>
<http://www.goiceland.org/>
<http://icelandwantstobeyourfriend.com/>

A new Icelandic childrens book,
[Ríkka and her magic ring](#)
by **Hendrikka Waage**, illustrated by **Inga María Brynjarsdóttir** is now available in the U.S. through the Nordic Store, [see here](#)



Author **Richie Williams** and Icelandic illustrator **Böðvar Leós** published an early phonics reader book for children age 4-6. The name of the book is

There's a Bear with a Pear !

The book can be purchased on the website [Geoscience Information Service \(GIS\)](#). GSI also offers 2 documentary films about Surtsey volcano to the educational community. For more details [see here](#)