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The Center for Icelandic Art (CIA.IS) is glad to introduce its appointed Director. The German Curator and Arthistorian **Dr. Christian Schoen** will open the Center's program in coming May.

The **Center for Icelandic Art (CIA.IS)** is a platform for Icelandic Art activities. The Program of the CIA.IS aims on the connection of the Icelandic Visual Art Scene with the international Artnetwork. CIA.IS tends to enforce international collaborations to improve the Artist's conditions and possibilities in their homecountry and abroad. Besides that foreign influences should fertilize the wide spectrum of cultural debate inside the Icelandic Art Community.

In the coming months the CIA.IS already will be involved in to major projects: The **Reykjavík Art Festival** (May – June) and the **Icelandic Pavilion of the 51st Biennale di Venezia** (June – November).

Dr. Christian Schoen studied Art History at the Universities of Kiel and Munich. From May 2000 until June 2003 he was Director of the contemporary Artspace "lothringer13" in Munich. Since 2001 he is the Director of the OSRAM Gallery of Contemporary Art. In addition to that he is teaching at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland).

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