

## SJÓN CV

Born in Reykjavik in 1962, Sjón is a celebrated Icelandic author.

He won the Nordic Council's Literary Prize for his novel 'The Blue Fox' (the Nordic countries' equivalent of the Man Booker Prize) and the novel 'From The Mouth Of The Whale' was shortlisted for both the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize. The novel 'Moonstone – The Boy Who Never Was' received the Icelandic Literary Prize. His latest work 'CoDex 1962', a novel in three books, was published in Iceland in 2016 to great acclaim. It is due in different languages in 2018/2019. As a poet, librettist and lyricist, he has published nine poetry collections, written four opera libretti and lyrics for various artists. In 2001 he was nominated for an Oscar for his lyrics in the film *Dancer In The Dark*.

Sjón's novels have been published in thirty five languages. He is the president of Icelandic PEN and lives in Reykjavik with his wife and two children.

(Please note that in all promotional material for literary festivals or publications Sjón should be referred to by his 'nom de plume' Sjón only, and not Sjón Sigurdsson, Sigurjón B. Sigurðsson or any variant thereof.)

"We should count ourselves fortunate to live in the age of Sjón"  
Times Literary Supplement

"Sjón is an extraordinary and original writer."  
AS Byatt – The Guardian

"One of the unavoidable names of contemporary European literature"  
El Pais

"Sjón is one of our era's great writers. Like Ovid, Kafka, and Bulgakov, he is fascinated by metamorphosis and, from apparently limitless resources of the imagination, can convey what it must feel like."  
Charles Baxter – The Nation