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University Park, IL, September 29, 2009 - The Icelandic artist Steinunn Thorarinsdottir will discuss her artwork in a presentation entitled "Horizons: The Figurative World of Steinunn Thorarinsdottir" at Governors State University, on Wednesday, October 14, from 5 to 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Her lecture, one of the Distinguished Lecture Series for the fall semester, will illuminate her work, its process, and the impact of Iceland on her figurative sculpture.

"Horizons," a major installation work by the artist is currently on view at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the campus of Governors State University. The piece consists of 12 life-sized cast-iron figures, each of which possesses a glass insert in their upper torso.

"Thorarinsdottir's work touches on themes of loneliness and isolation with threads of hope implied by glass inserts that provide an aura of spirituality," said Geoffrey Bates, Director and Curator of the park.

"Horizons" was brought to the U.S. by the Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY for exhibition in 2007. The work has been exhibited in New York, Tennessee, and Texas.

In addition to her lecture, Thorarinsdottir will have the opportunity to interact with faculty and students through her participation in both group and one-on-one reviews of student work. She will also conduct an introductory tour of her installation and provide insight into the organizational mechanics of creating, moving, and exhibiting large-scale sculpture at an international level.

Funding for Thorarinsdottir's visit to the university was provided by the GSU College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Liberal Arts, and Harris Bank, and from contributions by Members of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

This event is free and open to the public. Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information, call (708) 534-4486 or visit www.govst.edu/sculpture.