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The German artist Carolin Koss contributes with her well thought out work with the title "Growth", which is a combination of video work and installation. The idea behind is to point out the contrasts which can be found in our nature. On the one hand there is the untouched beautiful nature and on the other hand there is the destroyed nature caused in a variety of ways by humans.

The two video works are filmed on beautiful Iceland and at the little town Karabash close to the Ural mountains, which is one of the most polluted places in whole Russia. The reason is a factory which makes growing fruits and vegetables impossible for the poor people there. New sprouted leaves fall off the trees after a few weeks and the median life expectancy of the inhabitants is about 38 years. Carolin Koss visited the city for 4 days and was shocked.

On first sight the dirty smoky air might seem the same as the steam which moves across like mist above Iceland's pure and warm springs. But appearances are deceitful.