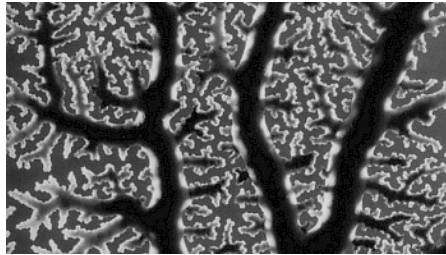




# NATURE BEFORE US

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## SYNOPSIS

In the summer of 1938, German painter and landscape photographer Alfred Ehrhardt and his wife Lotte travelled to Iceland. Ehrhardt, a former Bauhaus student and one of the most important of the New Objectivity photographers, was looking for artistic form in nature and the fundamental forms of art. The film follows Ehrhardt's expeditions to Iceland, the Mudflats and the Curonian Spit and uses his wonderful photographs to address the question posed by Cees Noteboom: "Something in nature, and not by design, radiates a great beauty. But whose beauty is it? That of nature or of the photographer's work?" NATURE BEFORE US is a rediscovery of Alfred Ehrhardt's long-forgotten work at a time of global environmental crisis when its message could not be more appropriate: "Creation is not a matter of a few days at the beginning of time. Creation is taking place constantly and everywhere. We exist in its midst and contribute to it constantly."

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