

# PICTURE COVERS – REAL CAVES

## ICELAND

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### Ófaerufoss Natural Bridge

Eldgjá Chasm, Dyrhólaey

**PC-RE-IS1** Austria 1993

**LP:** LIVING WITH THE BRIDGE

**Perf:** Jochen Hampl (Popular)

**Label:** Workstation 126

**Photo:** (B&W) Hanfred Raggi

**Notes:** A classic lava bridge spanning a canyon midway down a double waterfall. This



relatively thin arch, which has since collapsed, is

silhouetted against the upper falls. The lower falls spills down in the foreground. The Icelandic stamp reproduced here shows the bridge much better than the LP record cover. The photo on the left shows the site today.

Ófaerufoss is a waterfall situated in the Eldgjá Chasm (Fire Gorge) in central Iceland. One source says the natural bridge collapsed in 1993 after a violent storm. (Hartzog 2008) And another source says – “The stone bridge collapsed in early June 1993 from natural causes... during winter, water freezes in cracks in the stone and when it melts, rocks come loose with it. Thus the stone bridge weakens over time.” (Skúlason 2007)

**Ref:** Hartzog, Paul B. 2008, Ófaerufoss, [planetkewl](http://planetkewl.com)

Jochen Hampl, Living with the Bridge LP, [sra.at](http://sra.at)

Skúlason, Skúli H. 2007, Ófaerufoss Natural Bridge, Iceland Review Online, [icelandreview](http://icelandreview.com)

