

Current Events October 2nd - November 26th, 2021.

Curated by Andrzej Kramarz

This daring new exhibition at the East Hawai'i Cultural Center is designed to spur audiences to action while pushing the boundaries of what constitutes art. The exhibition, created in collaboration with the Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, features heaps of plastic debris collected from Kamilo Beach along with tattered old fishing nets, deposited unadorned throughout the EHCC gallery.

The waste, which includes old toothbrushes, discarded children's toys, broken straws and unidentifiable chunks of plastic, was collected by HWF between July and September of this year. This blunt, visceral show is designed to force viewers to confront the fact that today's plastic waste is tomorrow's environmental disaster.

Multi-media efforts accompany the exhibition, beginning with a continuous showing of "Albatross," an award-winning film by artist Chris Jordan about birds on Midway Island in the Pacific whose bodies are filled with ocean plastic. Photography by artists Eric Edwards and Laurel Schultz will also be on display.

Eric Edwards

- Small Worlds #3, 2021. Digital Monochrome Photograph printed on Hahnemühle FineArt Baryta, 325 gsm, 26.5" x 34.5", \$300.00
- Small Worlds #4, 2021. Digital Monochrome Photograph printed on Hahnemühle FineArt Baryta, 325 gsm 26.5" x 34.5", \$300.00
- Small Worlds #9, 2021. Digital Monochrome Photograph printed on Hahnemühle FineArt Baryta, 325 gsm 26.5" x 34.5", \$300.00

Laurel Schultz

- Anthropocene Man (Superhero/Supervillain of unknown origin) 2017. Photograph, 19" x 13", NFS
- Powder Bottle (Johnson & Johnson) 2017. Photograph, 19" x 13", NFS
- Plastic Fragment (Rope remnant of unknown origin), 2018.
 Photograph, 19" x 13", NFS
- Variable Worm Snail, (Serpulorbis variabilis), 2017. Photograph, 19" x 13", NFS

Chris Jordan

• Albatross (1'37") 2017, Director.

ALBATROSS - Film by Chris Jordan

Chris Jordan, Director, Writer, and Editor

Chris Jordan is an internationally acclaimed artist whose work explores contemporary mass culture from multiple perspectives, connecting the viewer viscerally to the enormity and power of humanity's collective unconscious. Edge-walking the lines between beauty and horror, abstraction and representation, the near and the far, the visible and the invisible, his works challenge us to look both inward and outward at the complex landscapes of our collective choices. His work reaches an increasingly broad audience through his exhibitions, books, website, interviews on radio and television, and speaking engagements and school visits all over the world. More about CJ and his work: http://www.chrisjordan.com/

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund

HWF has actively protected native wildlife in Hawai'i since 1996. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of Hawai'i's marine wildlife.

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund's mission is to protect native wildlife, focusing on coastal and marine wildlife species in the Hawaiian Islands, including the hawksbill sea turtle (honu'ea) and the Hawaiian green sea turtle (honu).

We engage our communities and volunteers in education, outreach, marine debris removal, conservation, research, and advocacy campaigns and lawsuits to keep Hawai'i alive and wild. Visit https://www.wildhawaii.org/ for more information.

Hawaii Wildlife Foundation Resources

Educational Materials

HWF Honu Watch: Teaching Respect for Sea Turtles

(Jasmine Hawthrone talks about her work at HWF Honu Watch Project. Jasmine shares information of the green turtle's behavior of resting and congregating on a sandy beach, which only occurs in Hawaii, Australia, and Galapagos. The Honu Watch program ensures the green turtles are protected and undisturbed. She also talks about some diseases that are affecting the turtles and how HFW educates visitors and beachgoers). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKOjtVXNb0s&t=207s

Plastic Pollution, Our Oceans, Our Future

(Hawai'i students talk about the impacts of plastic in our oceans and sea life) https://youtu.be/YGmVTejbT3E

HWF Marine Debris Keiki Education & Outreach, MDKEO

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund's Marine Debris Keiki Education & Outreach ("MDKEO") education unit introduces students to ocean circulation, marine ecology, human impacts and other topics geared for students in the 3rd-5th grade. Summary Teacher Edition with downloadable teaching PDFs Program for grade levels: K-5 available https://www.wildhawaii.org/our-work/education/keiki-education/marine-debris-keiki-education-and-outreach/

How You Can Help

Help Hawai'i's Sea Turtles

(Information on the Hawksbill program and how HFW is helping protect this endangered species. HFW asks for help by adopting a baby hawksbill turtle) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyWLMeL25JA&t=4s

Ten Things You Can Do to Reduce MARINE DEBRIS

(PDF) https://www.wildhawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/10 things you can do to reduce marine de bris- hawaii-wildlife-fund.pdf

Japan Tsunami Marine Debris: What to do if your see debris in Hawai'i's ocean or beaches (PDF)

https://www.wildhawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/what-to-do-if-you-see-marine-debris-hawaii-wildlife-fund.pdf

Other available resources at: https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES:

Marine wildlife emergencies for ALL Hawaiian Islands:

NOAA Hawai'i marine animal emergency hotline 888.256.9840

Sick, stranded or entangled sea turtles - MAUI ONLY:

Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute 808.286.2549

Sea turtle harassment or illegal activities:

Hawai'i's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement 808,643,3567

NOAA's Enforcement Office 800.853.1964

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