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DNA of Creativity Team Regenerating Coral at Birch Aquarium from Glass Art

All teams preparing for final exhibition at OMA April-August 2014

San Diego, Calif. – November 19, 2013 – After nearly two years of artists and scientists collaborating as part of the DNA of Creativity project, the Sea Changes: ACT team reached a significant milestone at Birch Aquarium this month.

Coral-like glass art pieces created by San Diego artist Michelle Kurtis Cole in collaboration with scientists like Dale Sweetnam of the Southwest Science Fisheries Center were placed in a tank at the aquarium to test coral regeneration.

"The speed at which the ocean is changing is much faster than predicted," noted Sea Changes: ACT team leader Kira Carrillo Corser. "CO2 is causing oceans to acidify at 'unprecedented' rates, killing the world's coral reefs."

"Just five months after placing the pieces in the tank, small coral is starting to grow on the glass art, which has exciting implications for what could be possible at a larger scale," said Kurtis Cole. "We are looking into submerging a larger glass coral piece into the Pacific Ocean in 2014."

All four DNA of Creativity project teams are also now preparing their final exhibitions to be held at the Oceanside Museum of Art (OMA) April 12 through August 3 in 2014. The opening reception will be held at OMA on Saturday, April 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"We've come a long way in forging truly cross-disciplinary teams across art and science," added Patricia Frischer, creator of DNA of Creativity and coordinator for the San Diego Visual Arts Network. "Each team is developing an immersive and interactive final exhibit that the public won't want to miss."

The PAMM team held a concert earlier this month at Space 4 Art as part of the Open Arts Collective' show "Something in the Heart is Never Lost: A Do Art Daily Challenge" in honor of team member Cara Mia Ciasulli who contributed greatly to the San Diego arts community.

For more information: www.DNAofCreativity.org

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About DNA of Creativity

DNA of Creativity is a community collaboration project bringing together artists, scientists and educators to explore the power of fusing art and science. The project, led by the San Diego Visual Arts Network, received grants totaling \$30,000 will fund each team to explore their concept, showcase the creative process and create related lesson plans for future education.

[Sea Changes: Act](#) is attempting to regenerate coral through functional, coral-like glass art pieces by [Michelle Kurtis Cole](#) at the Birch Aquarium, and designing a large installation with virtual experiences combining art, storytelling (Fish Tales) and statistics to motivate community action. [Urban Succession](#) is creating sculptural homes that fit the needs of specific species in urban settings and double as art pieces for the community to enjoy. [PAMM](#) designed software as an interactive survey tool to map a variety of aesthetic expressions through a 3D cube, the nine points of which will be transformed into muses in the form of sculpture for display. [View Art Now](#) is developing a mobile app to include location- and date-based art events searchable on the go, and a first-of-a-kind virtual reality component.

For more information and regular updates, please visit www.dnaofcreativity.org.

About San Diego Visual Arts Network (SDVAN)

SDVAN strives to improve the clarity, accuracy and sophistication of discourse about San Diego's artistic and cultural life. SDVAN provides a resource-rich website and facilitates countless opportunities for inspiration and collaboration on visual arts projects. This is the only site designed exclusively for Visual Arts in the San Diego region. SDVAN is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to reinforcing the idea that the visual arts are a necessary and vital part of the health of our city. www.sdvisualarts.net

About Oceanside Museum of Art (OMA)

Oceanside Museum of Art (OMA) is a premier regional art museum in Southern California and a leader of arts and culture in North County San Diego. Opened in 1995, OMA educates and inspires through a unique range of diverse engaging exhibitions and programs that connect people with regional, national and global artists and art forms. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Free admission the first Sunday of every month, general admission is \$8, \$5 for seniors and free for students and military. For more information call [\(760\) 435.3720](tel:7604353720) or visit www.oma-online.org. The museum is located at 704 Pier View Way in downtown Oceanside, California within walking distance from the Oceanside transit center with Amtrak, Coaster, Sprinter and Metrolink stops.

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