Five Oaks Museum Monthly E-Newsletter

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1 *DISplace* Exhibition Opens November 12

Celebrating Hawaiian Diaspora in the Pacific Northwest

DISplace shines light on the widely unknown connection between Hawai'i, the Pacific Northwest, and the communities that continue to flow between these two regions.

Online Exhibition Site Opens

November 12, 2020 at noon PST

As far back as 1787, people coming from the Hawaiian Islands have contributed to culture and industry throughout the Pacific Northwest. *DISplace* is a multi-faceted online exhibition that combines historical research with artworks and personal stories from today's communities.

Guest Curators Lehuauakea and Kanani Miyamoto are themselves a part of this living history: both are mixed-Native Hawaiian, have family roots in Hawai‘i and are now based in Portland, OR. The duo infused the exhibition with the excellence and diversity of their community.

"Much of Hawaiian history in the Pacific Northwest and the stories of these families have been glossed over in the past," say Lehuauakea and Miyamoto. "*DISplace* addresses these gaps in our collective history and share these ongoing stories, telling them with our own voices."

Featuring the Fine Art and Personal Narratives of:

Forrest McGarvey
George Okuhara
Keola Cayabyab
Pi‘ilani Yamanoha
Palmarin Merges
Nica Aquino
Kia Takamori-Tihada
Christopher Lum
Kevin Matthew Kaunuali‘i Kiesel
Kalei‘okalani Matsui
Tehya Kealoha
Shyla Kaninau Villanueva
Shaka Funk Design Co.
Emily Miller
Suzette Cuizon and Nev Faull
Chris Paterson

DISplace is sponsored by 808Grinds, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, Hula Halau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a, and KIAKO Foundation, with additional funding from The Collins Foundation & the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation.

2 You're Invited: *DISplace* 2020 Events

Save the date for two special events to connect virtually

DISplace Opening Night:

November 12, 5:30 pm PST

Join Five Oaks Museum and the guest curators

for a virtual celebration featuring music and stories from Hālau Ka Lei Haliʻa O Ka Lokelani, Kate Roland (Naukana), and Kanohana band ft. K-Boy and Miss Killa.

Register Here for the Opening Night

DISplace Curator's Talk:
December 4, 6:00 pm PST

Take a virtual tour with the guest curator duo, who will walk you through the exhibition, sharing their process and behind-the-scenes stories.

Register Here for the Curator's Talk

Look out for additional public programs, learning resources, and social media takeovers by exhibition participants coming in 2021 for the duration of *DISplace.*

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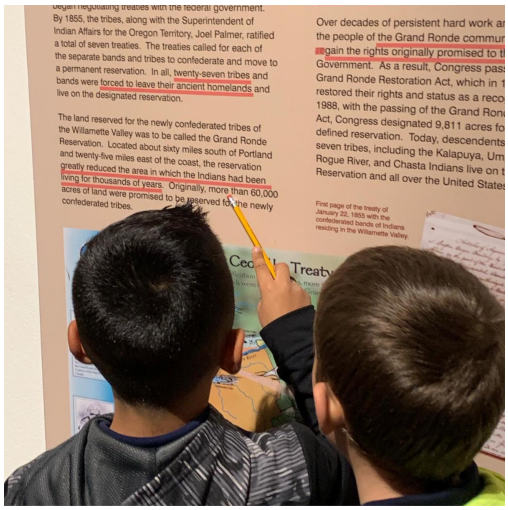
3 Uplifting Pasifika Diaspora Communities
Pasifika Action Award & Kūpaʻa Magazine

Guest Curator Lehuauakea is launching a new community project in tandem with *DISplace.* The **Pasifika Action Award (PAA)** advances cultural resiliency in Pasifika diaspora communities by granting financial assistance to graduating high school students to continue career and lifetime goals connected to their culture.

Along with the award, Lehuauakea is creating a print magazine called **Kūpaʻa**. The first issue will be closely related to the content of the *DISplace* exhibition. They are offering a special discount on pre-orders for that publication to Five Oaks Museum members! Pre-order begins with the opening on November 12.

Five Reasons for Monthly Giving

Your generosity at any amount supports stability year-round



1) Generate exhibitions that **uplift essential histories** and cultural content to help us better understand our shared world.

2) Ensure **ethical compensation** for the diverse experts and artists creating the museum's content.

3) Nurture vulnerable community members through learning resources that especially **serve youth, elders, and those facing isolation.**

4) Cultivate and **spread innovative approaches** towards just and vibrant museum and non-profit sectors.

5) Allow for efficient delivery of ongoing programs and bandwidth to **respond to community needs** when they arise.

Monthly donors of just $5 and higher receive:

- A complimentary Essential Membership with all the benefits
- Quarterly insights just for sustainers that bring you deeper into the museum's work
- Love gifts like special downloads and discounts (and someday even swag!)

Plus, everyone who enrolls in monthly giving before the November 12th opening of *DISplace* will be entered into a raffle to win something awesome!

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The Gathering Place

Museum & Community Updates

Museum Instagram Takeover: Junix Seraphim

Junix Seraphim, an artist and activist also known as Prince Lavender, describes his alternative drag collective Darn Heckin Nerdy Drag, explores the role of art and cultural work in revolution, and shares what it means to be a kasama and organizer with Anakbayan PDX, a Filipino youth group organizing for national democracy. This takeover occurred from October 5-10, 2020. If you missed it, view as a pdf here.

Museum Instagram Takeover: Liz Pazmino Calderon

Liz Pazmino Calderon, a student leader and Equity Ambassador for the PCC Rock Creek Multicultural Center, shares about Día de los Muertos, including elements of a traditional altar, views of death and life, the Aztec origins of the holiday, and celebrations in Guatemala, Bolivia, and Ecuador. This takeover occurred from October 26-31, 2020. If you missed it, view as a pdf here.

Update: Many Roads to Here Podcast

The Immigrant Story and Portland Radio Project are collaborating to create Many Roads to Here, a podcast that brings the voices of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers to a national conversation about migration and identity. With a myriad of reasons to leave their countries and multitude of ways to arrive in the U.S, Many Roads to Here tells the journeys of immigrants in their own voice. Read more and listen here.

Opportunity: Artist Relief Program

The Artist Relief Program provides relief funding to Oregon artists who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic due to cancellations of exhibitions, performances, rehearsals or other activities. Read more here.

Thanks for being part of our journey.
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