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BRIDGE INITIATIVE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KAMPONG, UNVEILS "BISCAYNE": A CELEBRATORY ART EXHIBITION HONORING BISCAYNE BAY'S HERITAGE AND FUTURE

Exploring the Intersection of Art, Science, and Environmental Advocacy

MIAMI, FL - [September 6, 2023] - Bridge Initiative, a Miami-based environmental arts organization, has joined The Kampong of the National Tropical Botanical Garden to present the groundbreaking exhibition "Biscayne." This collaborative endeavor showcases the vital role of contemporary art in advocating for the preservation and conservation of Biscayne Bay. The exhibition, curated by Bridge Initiative founder Katherine Fleming, features 35 local and international artists whose works cross disciplines to explore Biscayne Bay's cultural, historical, and ecological significance. "Amidst Florida's record-breaking temperatures, I can't think of a timelier art exhibition," says Brian Sidoti, Director of The Kampong. "I am thrilled to collaborate with the Bridge Initiative as we bring the art and science communities together to give Biscayne Bay a voice."

Biscayne Bay, a cherished subtropical lagoon stretching from North Miami to Card Sound, holds hidden histories and remarkable natural wonders. "In 'Biscayne,' we tour the Bay's treasures at The Kampong, one of the five botanical gardens of the National Tropical Botanical Garden that has immense historic and cultural significance for South Florida and beyond," says Katherine Fleming, exhibition curator. "Through this multidisciplinary showcase, we aim to deepen our connection with Biscayne Bay and foster a future where nature and culture thrive harmoniously."

Running from September 15th to December 2nd, 2023, "Biscayne" invites visitors to embark on an educational and visual journey that transcends art's traditional boundaries. Visitors to The Kampong can enjoy the "Biscayne" exhibit included in the price of admission for a garden tour. Parking is limited and online reservations are strongly encouraged.

The exhibition is complemented by evening panels featuring a diverse group of scientists and artists who will deliberate on South Florida's habitat, the imminent threats to the Bay, and strategies for its preservation.

All panel and event registration information can be found at the National Tropical Botanical Garden website:

- **SOS: Saving Our South Florida Reefs - A Panel on Coral Health and Action** (Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 6:30pm to 8:00pm)
- **Safeguarding Shores: The Art and Science of Mangroves in South Florida's Landscape** (Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:30pm to 8:00pm)
- **Biscayne: An Evening with Michelle Oka Doner** (Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:30pm to 8:00pm)
- **Closing Reception** (Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm)

Participating Artists in "Biscayne" Include:

Adam Miller, Alberto Latorre, Alejandro Piñeiro Bello, Alissa Alfonso, Anastasia Samoylva, Antonia Wright, Beatriz Chachamovits, Bhakti Baxter, Carlos Betancourt, Caris Reid, Christina Pettersson, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Coral Morphologic, Davis Hicks, Frantx Zephirin, Gonzalo Fuenmayor, Rev. Houston R. Cypress, Jessy Nite, Jillian Mayer, Johnny Defeo, Justin Giunta, Lauren Shapiro, Leslie Gabaldon, Lee Pivnik, Loni Johnson, Magnus Sodamin, Marcos Castro, Margarita Cano, Michael Enns, Michele Oka Doner, misael soto, NaMa Native Landscapes, Naomi Fisher, Nicole Burko, Orlando Estrada, Paloma Teppa, Priscilla Aleman, Purvis Young.

[Bridge Initiative's](https://www.bridgeinitiative.org/) mission is to catalyze an intersection between art, culture, and climate change, elevating planetary well-being to a global priority.

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[The Kampong](https://ntbg.org/events/biscayne-2/), a serene 9-acre botanical haven nestled in Coconut Grove, is dedicated to perpetuating tropical plants, ecosystems, and cultural heritage. <https://ntbg.org/events/biscayne-2/>

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