

Beaty Biodiversity Museum

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Life In Colour: Drawings by Angela Gooliaff, Colouring by You

Vancouver, BC – From September 16, 2017 until February 18, 2018, colour your way through nature on a giant mural that showcases ecosystems from BC and around the world. Presented by Hemlock Printers, artist Angela Gooliaff explores keystone species in both the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems through a giant interactive colouring book mural. "Within each composition, keystone species populate the mural with their surrounding animal communities," says Gooliaff. "Each system weaves into each other, similar to the intricate balance found within nature."

By presenting a web of life for visitors to interact with, it will be visually apparent throughout *Life In Colour* just how biodiverse our ecosystems are, and how drastic an impact the removal of one species from the environment could be. Gooliaff concludes that "giving the audience control to own their story through colour, perhaps will get them thinking about their own story and placement within the natural world."

For more information, please visit beatymuseum.ubc.ca/life-in-colour

The university community and the media are invited to attend the opening reception of Life In Colour

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum, 2212 Main Mall, Vancouver

The artist will be giving a press tour of the exhibition starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a presentation by the artist and the museum director officially opening the exhibition at 6:00 PM. Admission by donation.

About Angela Gooliaff

Angela Joelle Gooliaff has a Bachelor of Science Degree (University of Regina) and a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (Emily Carr University of Art + Design). With a particular interest in drawing and works on paper, her practice explores parody, exaggeration and the space between comfort and discomfort. Frequently using multiples and repetition, Gooliaff investigates society's need to find connection and conformity, often at the cost of individuality. Gooliaff has participated in artist residencies in France and Banff. Her work has been widely exhibited in western Canada and is included in a number of private and public collections. Gooliaff resides in Vancouver where she also works as an actor and writes and illustrates children's books. angelagooliaff.com

About the Beaty Biodiversity Museum

The Beaty Biodiversity Museum is at 2212 Main Mall on the University of British Columbia campus. Dubbed the "Best Collection of Weird Things in Drawers," this natural history museum houses more than 2 million specimens divided among six collections: the Cowan Tetrapod Collection, the Herbarium, the Spencer Entomological Collection, the Fish Collection, the Marine Invertebrate Collection and the Fossil Collection. The Museum is home to Canada's largest blue whale skeleton, which is suspended in the two-storey glass atrium.