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Exploring the Convergence of Humanity and Nature: "Is this a river? This is a river?" Exhibition at Iconic Acres of Books Building in the DTLB Design District, in conjunction with Downtown Long Beach Art Walk

Long Beach, CA - March 8, 2024 - Renowned designer and commercial artist Eric Trine collaborates with documentary filmmaker Vern Moen to present an immersive exploration of the San Gabriel Rivermouth in Long Beach, California. Titled "Is this a river? This is a river?" the exhibition will be on view at the iconic Acres of Books building in the DTLB Design District, in conjunction with the Downtown Long Beach Art Walk, on April 13, from 4-9pm.

This project is part of Studio One Eleven's "We Activate our Cities Initiative," which started in January, 2024 with the exhibition "Counter: Image."

The San Gabriel Rivermouth is a site where humanity and nature collide in a forgotten yet dramatic manner. This unique space is home to a plethora of wildlife, including Blue Herons, sea turtles, egrets, and more, amidst a landscape marked by urban debris such as shopping carts.

In this project, Trine and Moen delve into the depths of the San Gabriel Rivermouth, documenting their findings through photography, videography, and documentary filmmaking. Trine, known for his innovative use of already available materials, utilizes items sourced directly from the river to create original 2D and 3D art pieces. Moen, the founder of Long Beach Film Company, captures the essence of this convergence through his lens, producing a documentary film that explores the intricate relationship between humans and nature in this wild yet abused space.

The exhibition will feature a diverse range of artwork, including original photography, constructed 3D installations, and excerpts from the documentary film. Through their creative endeavors, Trine and Moen aim to reconnect viewers with the San Gabriel Rivermouth, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for this often overlooked environment.

"Is this a river? This is a river?" invites attendees to immerse themselves in the beauty and complexity of the San Gabriel Rivermouth, prompting reflection on our interconnectedness with the natural world.

Join Eric Trine and Vern Moen at the Acres of Books building in the DTLB Design District, in conjunction with the Downtown Long Beach Art Walk, on April 13, from 4-9pm, for an unforgettable exploration of humanity and nature at the San Gabriel Rivermouth.

For more information, visit erictrine.com and longbeachfilmcompany.com

Reactivation of Iconic Acres of Books Building:

The exhibition will take place in the former Acres of Books building, an iconic cultural space that will be reactivated for the first time since its closing in 2008. This historic location adds a layer of significance to "Is this a river? This is a river?" contributing to the immersive experience of exploring alternative perspectives within a space rich with cultural history. We extend a special thanks to Urbana Development for use of their space and Studio One Eleven for their community matchmaking skills.

DTLB Design District:

The overall location for the event is the DTLB Design District, an emerging hub in downtown Long Beach that champions design-centric small businesses, makers, art galleries, and more. The DTLB Design District aims to create a hub for design excellence and innovation in downtown Long Beach, fostering a community of designers and creatives who share a passion for design.