

Discover Exquisite Creatures
Revealed, a new and expanded
exhibition of work from
Oregon-based artist and
naturalist Christopher Marley.

Open at OMSI from Oct. 4, 2024-Feb. 17, 2025



Marley's intricate artworks feature rare organisms from around the world in stunning displays like you've never seen before. His lasting tributes to the profound beauty of the natural world provide an opportunity for all of us to broaden our knowledge about biodiversity and conservation in a stunning educational experience.



In his newest and largest exhibit yet, Marley will give visitors the opportunity to see a fascinating array of preserved specimens, including:

- A leafy sea dragon, likely the first to ever be fully preserved
- A rarely seen Weedy Sea Dragon
- A Japanese Spider Crab, the largest species of arthropod on earth with a 10-foot legspan
- A thresher shark, whole and preserved
- Enigmatic and beautiful deep sea spiders
- Giant Amazonian stingrays
- Rare and expertly preserved orchids



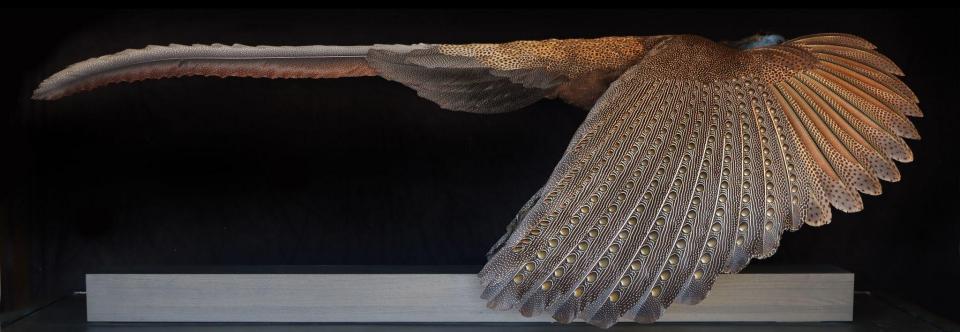


All of Marley's artworks are made with real preserved animals, organisms, plants, and minerals. Importantly, none of the vertebrates in the exhibit were killed for his art.

Marley emphasizes ecologically friendly and sustainable collection methods for insects and frequently collaborates with local zoos, museums, and collectors from around the world to reclaim organisms that pass in captivity.

"I create Exquisite Creatures Revealed to help awaken a fresh sense of wonder and awe toward the natural world. It will be my largest and most inspiring exhibit yet with over 10,000 specimens, many never before seen. I've chosen OMSI, the museum I grew up loving, for my final temporary exhibition before it moves to its permanent home."

Christopher Marley



For B-roll, interviews with the artist, or other press inquiries, please reach out to Communications Manager Annemarie Eayrs at aeayrs@omsi.edu or by phone at 503.797.4510.

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Museum Information

Fall/Winter Museum Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am to 7 pm Sunday: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Museum Admission

Adult (14+) \$19.00 Senior (63+) \$16.00 Youth (3-13) \$14.00 Infant (under 3 years) Free

Buy tickets online at omsi.edu or at the front desk.



About OMSI

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry is one of the nation's leading science museums and a trusted educational resource for communities throughout the region. Through museum exhibitions, public programs, outdoor programs, traveling exhibitions, digital learning, and learning research and design, OMSI nourishes a lifelong love of science, curiosity and learning among its diverse audiences. The upcoming OMSI District - a collaboration of local, Tribal and regional government entities, nonprofits and businesses - will be a one-of-a-kind neighborhood with innovation, culture and science learning at its heart. OMSI is located at 1945 S.E. Water Avenue, Portland, OR, 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit omsi.edu.

About Christopher Marley

Christopher Marley is an American artist, author, and naturalist born in Los Angeles and raised in the Pacific Northwest. Marley's artwork has been exhibited in hundreds of galleries and special exhibits worldwide, including the Beaty Biodiversity Museum in Vancouver B.C., the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, the Stamford Art Museum, Los Angeles Museum of Art, WMODA, and the Queens Museum. His book Biophilia (Abrams, 2015) is a New York Times Bestseller. Marley's new book, Exquisite Creatures, is the most comprehensive of his works and was recently released in 2023. He maintains studios in Willamette Valley, Oregon, and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

