

Family Self Led Trail Age 5+

We are a contemporary art gallery. Contemporary art is art of the present day or created recently.

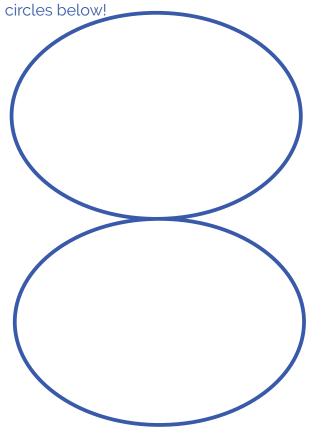
Today, we invite you to explore the exhibition 'The Recent' and travel through the depth of time! The 11 artists in this exhibition made different kinds of artwork to express how they feel about the planet and climate change, inspiring us to be grateful for the world around us and the environment we live in. Let's go on a trail around the gallery and spark our imagination!

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The adventure starts on the ground floor, in the space beside the reception desk.

Can you see a really big colourful and shimmering tapestry hanging on the wall? This is an artwork made in 2021 from an artist called Otobong Knanga, called 'Tied to the Other Side' representing the elements of earth and the world that exists under the oceans.

Oceans are full of animals, plants and species. Can you think of 2 creatures living under the water? Draw them in the



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Can you hear the sound of the rain?

Follow the sound until you find the video of the people clapping and collectively making the sound of rain! The artist Angelica Mesiti wanted to show in this video called: 'Future, Perfect Continuous' that the knowledge of the rain has been shared by people in the form of a game for a very long time.

Do you want to try and recreate the rain?

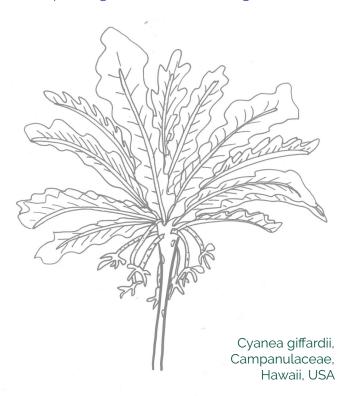
- 1- Start by rubbing your hand together to recreate the sound of the wind.
- 2- Then click or snap your middle finger and thumb together to produce the sound of little rain drops.
- 3 Then you can start tapping your thighs to create the sound of heavier rain.
- 4 Finally clap your hands together to make the sound of a heavy storm!

That's it, you have become the rain!

Find the stairs at the back of the gallery. Go and explore the gallery upstairs! You will get to a dark room with a few televisions.

Can you see a white fabric with some plants and flowers on it? This is what we call embroidery. Embroidery is like drawing on fabric using a sewing needle and thread. The artwork is called 'Evergreen' and was made 2022. The artist Katie Paterson wanted to show the 351 extinct plants known at the time of its making in 2022.

Colouring is a good way of relaxing and improving our focus, have a go!



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Now go and explore the first floor, you will get to a long and rectangular balcony. You can go around and explore the beautiful watercolour paintings from artist Regina De Miguel.

Some of her paintings are inspired by a science fiction story she wrote set in the future, on another planet.

Now it is your turn to write a very short story set in the future. It starts with:

t is year 12 023. I am travelling to a
faraway planet called
where there is

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If you go downstairs from the balcony, you will find a plinth. 'To Burn, Forest, Fire' is an artwork by Katie Paterson created in 2021, which takes the form of two incense sticks.

One incense stick smells of the first forest on Earth, which grew in modern-day New York State, 385 million years ago. The second stick smells of the last forest on Earth in the age of the climate crisis - the Amazon Rainforest.

Search around for information about the artwork.

Have any wildfires happened on our planet today? (circle the answer)

YES NO

If yes, how many massive wildfires have begun on our planet today?

Can you find out 2 scents from the oldest forest on earth and 2 scents from the last forest on earth?

 Oldest forest:
 Last forest:

 1 ......
 2 ......