

# Northern Notes

## Waimea artist's work to be displayed at IUCN World Conservation Congress

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A celebrated muralist, stained glass artist, environmentalist and teacher, Calley O'Neill was selected in late April to showcase her Rama Exhibition at the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) World Conservation Congress in Honolulu in September at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

This year's theme is "Planet at the Crossroads," which will showcase a diversity of cultures, peoples and ideas.

The World Conservation Congress has been held once every four years for 70 years, bringing

together leaders and decision-makers worldwide. This year 160 countries will participate. This is the first time the congress will be held in the United States.

O'Neill's exhibit will showcase her collection of interspecies paintings created in collaboration with Rama, the elephant that she first met in 2006 in the Oregon Zoo. They painted together there each summer for five years. The exhibition will also speak on behalf of all endangered species and ecosystems around the globe.

Info: [www.TheRamaExhibition.org](http://www.TheRamaExhibition.org) or contact Calley@TheRamaExhibition.org.



Calley O'Neill stands in the Elephant Barn at the Oregon Zoo with Jeb Barsh, Rama's teacher, keeper and her collaborator on the project, and Rama's other keep, Demus.

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