



Michele Oka Doner: Into the Mysterium Opens at the Lowe on October 12

Miami, FL, (September 21, 2017) – A beautiful exhibition of unique color photographs, titled *Michele Oka Doner: Into the Mysterium*, will open at the Lowe Art Museum on October 12, featuring Oka Doner’s newest work. Comprising fifty-five large-format photographs and premiering her immersive four-channel video installation, *Mysterium Alive*, the exhibition is inspired by specimens from the Marine Invertebrate Museum at University of Miami’s Rosensteil School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Each mesmerizing photograph is presented in a custom frame, painted and stained by the artist herself. An Opening Reception and Artist’s Talk will be held at the Lowe on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm.

Best known for her compelling public commissions, including *A Walk on the Beach*, the iconic paved concourse at the Miami International Airport, Michele Oka Doner is fascinated with order and humanity’s desire to collect and arrange. The artist is equally enthralled by Nature; she sees in twigs, stones, pebbles, leaves, seeds, and husks vestigial remnants of a world that is both eternal and fleeting. She transforms “Mother Nature’s marginalia” into works that are notable both for their material beauty and their intellectual impact. They speak to her deep interest in civilization’s push-pull relationship with Nature as well as the paper-thin membrane separating order from chaos. Through this exhibition, Michele Oka Doner takes us back to our aquatic roots and invites us “into a oneness of being.”

Michele Oka Doner will also be the featured speaker at the Lowe’s annual Art Basel Miami Beach Bubbles & Brunch program on December 10. On December 2, families can enjoy a Community Day with art activities themed to the exhibition. Tickets

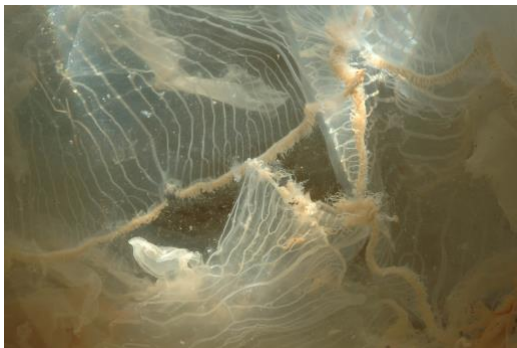
for the Opening Reception, Bubbles & Brunch lecture, and Community Day can be purchased at rsvp.lowemuseum.org.

Michele Oka Doner: Into the Mysterium will be on view through January 14, 2018 and is generously supported by Presenting Sponsor Fiduciary Trust Company International.

About Lowe Art Museum

The Lowe Art Museum (www.miami.edu/lowe) is located on the campus of the University of Miami at 1301 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, Florida. With a permanent collection of 19,000 objects spanning 5,000 years of world culture, the Lowe is committed to serving as a vital resource for education and enrichment through art. Its dynamic permanent and temporary exhibitions establish the Lowe as a keeper of memories, a showcase for masterworks, an igniter of awe and wonder, and a bridge between yesterday and today.

Museum gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays and University holidays. General Admission (not including programs) is \$12.50, \$8 for senior citizens and non-UM students, and free for Lowe members, UM students, faculty and staff, and children under 12. Admission is free on Donation Day, the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, call 305-284-3535, follow us on Twitter at [@loweartmuseum](https://twitter.com/loweartmuseum), follow us on [Facebook.com/loweartmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/loweartmuseum), or visit lowemuseum.org.



Michele Oka Doner (American, b. 1945)
Double Portals, 2017

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