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“Art of Science/Science of Art” Returns to El Camino College Planetarium and Observatory

The next installation of the acclaimed “Art of Science/Science of Art” series is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. March 18 in the El Camino College Planetarium and Observatory.

Attendees are invited to lounge, listen, and learn as science and art converge in the second of a special three-part series that explores the theme of the cosmos and space exploration – past, present and future.

Bean bag chairs will be set up in the El Camino College Planetarium, where participants will view selected digital representations of Connie Samaras’ still photography and video works, followed by a unique full-dome planetarium show directly connected to Samaras’ works as presented by ECC physics instructor Kyle Strohmaier. The presentation will be on a repeat rotation starting at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

In addition, ECC’s Rooftop Observatory Deck will be open from 7-10 p.m., featuring music, conversation, telescopes, and Nitro Coffee available for purchase by Black Coffee LA. Weather permitting, telescopes will be available for viewing the night sky, presented by ECC assistant professor Shimonee Kadakia and astronomy students.

Participants can also join a discussion/Q&A from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on the Observatory rooftop, led by Vanda Vitali, former director and CEO of the Auckland Museum in New Zealand and former vice president and director of content development at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Vitali will lead a discussion about “Visual Story Telling in Art and Science” in conversation with Samaras and Strohmaier.

El Camino College’s Community Education Department and Natural Sciences Division sponsors this event that explores space through music, photography and 3-D digital arts.

The third and final event in the series is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. April 29 and will feature work by 3-D digital artists Chris Weisbart and Raphael Arar and a planetarium show by ECC’s Kadakia. All events will take place on the El Camino College campus at the Planetarium and the Observatory, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

All members of the community ages 6 and older are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children ages 6-17. Campus parking is \$3. The event has a limited capacity, so advance ticket purchases are strongly recommended by going online to <http://bit.ly/2mGzhZU> or by calling 310-660-6460. “Art of Science/Science of Art” is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. For information, visit www.ECCommunityEd.com or call 310-660-6460.

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