

PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC ART PROJECT IN LOUISVILLE'S RIVERFRONT



Artist JEAN SHIN will be creating a site-specific installation titled *ANTHROPOCENE FOSSILS* as part of the Louisville Metro's *CONNECT/DISCONNECT Public Art*. The local community is invited to gather plastic detritus that has been washed up on the Ohio River. Like a contemporary fossil bed, the salvaged materials will be cast into concrete and transformed into a new public artwork on the Riverfront. The project engages audiences into the creative process while activating the public to imagine the close relationship between Louisville's history and its geography.

The project is inspired by the exposed fossil beds nearby at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, dating back over 390 million years to the Devonian Period. The ambition of *Anthropocene Fossils* is to similarly draw audiences to explore our contemporary imprints.

In Shin's work, familiar everyday objects are transformed and preserved in a new form that connects the natural and cultural history of Louisville's Riverfront to the present environmental conditions. From a far, the accumulation of debris becomes a sedimentary mass populated with colorful voids embedded in the landscape. Mirroring the experience of looking closely at ancient fossil beds, these discarded outer shells are leftovers of once active systems at work. Like fossil fuels, this petroleum based waste is perhaps our unintended legacy.

By transforming the accumulation of river debris on site, the project invites the public to explore these cultural artefacts while contemplating the impact of consumer waste and post-industrialization on our environment, landfills and navigational systems today.

- **WHAT:** Collect colorful plastic containers such as: water bottles, juice and milk jugs, detergent containers, gasoline tanks including the lids and caps and other river detritus
- **WHEN:** Saturdays, August 1 and August 8th at 10 am-12:30 p.m. Come to just one session or both.
- **WHERE:** Meet at corner of Rowan Street and North 10th Street (just past Kentucky Peerless Distilling)
- **HOW:** Explore River's edge in groups. Wear comfortable shoes, clothing for outdoors and hat.
- **SUPPLIES AVAILABLE:** gloves, trash pickers, trash bags and water
- **FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION:** Receive free project T-SHIRT
- **RSVP:** anthropocenefossils@gmail.com
- **BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS** or just show up and meet others in your community!

For more info about the artist visit www.jeanshin.com; info@jeanshin.com

For more info about Connect/Disconnect visit: <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-art/jean-shin>

Partnership in the cleanup: <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/brightside/neighborhood-cleanups>

Opening of Connect/Disconnect is Friday, August 28th and on view throughout the Fall 2015