

The Walt Disney Family Museum presents The World of Tomorrow: A Virtual Community Art Exhibition

"Today we are the shapers of the world of tomorrow." —Walt Disney

San Francisco, June 8, 2020—The Walt Disney Family Museum is excited to premiere *The World of Tomorrow,* a new virtual exhibition featuring works created by the museum's global community. Inspired by each artists' vision for a "world of tomorrow," the diverse selection of paintings, drawings, photographs, and 3D objects will be on display to the public from Wednesday, June 10 at Noon PT in a 3D-rendered virtual gallery space.

During our temporary closure, The Walt Disney Family Museum has continued to share Walt's story across social media and virtual platforms. As part of the museum's mission to enlighten and educate future generations, we strive to highlight the importance of growth through adversity and how the adversity Walt faced shaped him to be one of the great innovators of the 20th century. *The World of Tomorrow* draws inspiration from Walt's ambition to keep moving forward and design a brighter future.

"In honoring Walt Disney's legacy, it is important to lead with love, especially at a time like this. This means most importantly protecting people, but also providing people with support, entertainment, and engaging content," says Kirsten Komoroske, Executive Director of The Walt Disney Family Museum. "Our vision was to create a unique opportunity for a new kind of exhibition—one that is solely virtual and accessible to our global online community. I have been overwhelmed with the generosity and support that our museum members and followers have shown us over the past few months. They are an inspiring group of people. And for those who participated in this newly imagined exhibition, we're humbled to be able to showcase their exquisite works."

The Walt Disney Family Museum received hundreds of contributions from adult and teen artists in the Bay Area and all around the world, including India, the UK, Spain, Finland, Romania, Nicaragua, and Australia. Submissions were entered in a juried pool, with just over 175 artists' works selected to be displayed in a virtual recreation of the museum's Diane Disney Miller Exhibition Hall, which has previously hosted world-class exhibitions including *Disney and Dalí: Architects of the Imagination; MAGIC, COLOR, FLAIR: The World of Mary Blair;* and *Mickey Mouse: From Walt to the World*.

Artworks are arranged in the virtual exhibition hall by medium. Viewers will have the opportunity to independently navigate around each gallery space with 360° views and options to zoom in on each piece with information about the work and the artist.

The World of Tomorrow virtual community art exhibition will be available to view at <u>waltdisney.org/wot</u> from Wednesday, June 10 at Noon PT. Visitors are also invited to explore the exhibition using the new WDFM mobile app, launching soon; press release to follow.

We invite participating artists, members, and press to participate in a Virtual Artist's Reception available via Zoom Webinar on Wednesday, June 10 at Noon PT, with remarks from Kirsten Komoroske and a walkthrough with a live tour guide. Please contact press@wdfmuseum.org to register.

ABOUT THE WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM

The Walt Disney Family Museum presents the fascinating story and achievements of Walt Disney, the man who raised animation to the level of fine art, transformed the film industry, tirelessly pursued innovation, and created a global, yet distinctively American legacy. Opened in October 2009, the 40,000-square-foot facility features innovative technology alongside a vast collection of historic materials and artifacts that bring Disney's achievements to life. Early drawings and animation, movies, music, listening stations, a spectacular model of Disneyland, and much more are presented in a myriad of interactive galleries. The museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in the scenic Presidio of San Francisco.

The Walt Disney Family Museum remains temporarily closed—info at <u>waltdisney.org/visitor-update</u>. In the meantime, connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> where you can find engaging content and conversation related to Walt's life and legacy.

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