

2018 Loggerhead Key Artists in Residence Denesa Chan and Gavin Mulvay will be in Key West on October 2nd.

KEY WEST, FLORIDA, US, September 25, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The fourth artist couple to be selected for this prestigious program, American Photographer and Filmmaker Denesa Chan and New Zealand born wind flight engineer, environmental activist and extreme conditions trekker specialist Gavin Mulvay, having spent the month of September immersed in their artistic and environmental endeavors, on a pristine, isolated island at Dry Tortugas National Park, will be doing a public event in Key West following their experience, the National Park Service announced today. This program is an ongoing collaboration between the Park Service and The National Parks Arts Foundation.



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We can only save what we love, and facts and figures, while hugely important, don't inspire a feeling of connection with our Earth.”

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Denesa Chan, Artist and Activist, NPAF Resident

Chan and Mulvay will be doing a special public presentation on October 2nd, 2018, from 6-7 pm at The Florida Keys [Eco-Discovery Center](#) (operated by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary) The venue is located at 35 East Quay Road, Key West, FL 33040.

Ms. Chan and her partner, Gavin Mulvay, are spending the month of September at the on Loggerhead Key. Afterward, the artists will provide public programs in September and early October, including a lecture and reflection on their work and practice in the specific natural landscape found in this Key.

With a background in Environmental Science, Ms. Chan specializes in creating abstract images based on ambient lighting and un-staged natural elements. She's spent the past four years developing a photographic body of work for a book, which entails camping in sub-zero temperatures near the Arctic Circle, scaling a 14,000 foot mountain in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, sloshing through equatorial rain forests, exploring glacial caves, photographing the world's rarest penguins, swimming with Manta Rays at night, and dangling out of doorless helicopters 15 feet from active lava. Ms. Chan, originally from Azusa, CA has worked and an actress in television and commercials for decades. She is also an activist and a world traveler, and has lived and worked in Ghana, and other African nations. She even faced down M-16's as an International Neutral Observer in Mexico.

Gavin Mulvay is multiple world-record holder, experienced survival specialist and aircraft

engineer from New Zealand's South Island who delights in exploring new wilderness areas and providing expert locations, logistical and technical support for the couple's fieldwork. Gavin provides safety, logistical and equipment support as well as additional video footage and behind the scenes documentation.

This event is made possible by the National Park Service at Dry Tortugas National Park and the ongoing participation and cultural venue sponsorship of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary at Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center on Key West.

Dry Tortugas National Park is located almost 70 miles (113 km) west of Key West. The 100-square mile park is mostly open water with seven small islands. Accessible only by boat or seaplane, the park is known the world over as the home of magnificent Fort Jefferson, picturesque blue waters, superlative coral reefs and marine life, and the vast assortment of bird life that frequent the area. Visitors enjoy camping, snorkeling, bird watching, fishing or just enjoying a view from the top of massive Fort Jefferson. Fort Jefferson is the largest all-masonry fort in the United States, built between 1846 and 1875 to protect the nation's gateway to the Gulf of Mexico.



More information about the Dry Tortugas National Park can be found on the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/drto/learn/news/newsreleases.htm>

For more information on the Dry Tortugas Artist-in Residence Program: www.nationalparksartsfoundation.org, email: media@nationalparksartsfoundation.org.

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