

Kiara Pelissier debuts glass and mixed media exhibition "House on Fire" - Quirk Hotel Gallery - Charlottesville, VA

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International visual artist Kiara Pelissier unveils solo exhibition "House on Fire," depicting the effect of rising ocean temperatures on corals. The installation at the [Quirk Hotel Gallery](#) in Charlottesville, Virginia, features close to 1000 pieces and parts that make up 24 works in glass and mixed media. A portion of the proceeds from each work on display (both in the gallery and shop) will go to marine science research.

"Due to both awe and despair, I set off to make this body of work to provide further awareness of our current climate situation and also to keep hope alive through our actions today." - Kiara Pelissier

"House on Fire" Opening Night
Thursday, June 22nd, 5-8pm

Artist Talk w/ Kiara Pelissier
Friday, August 4th, 5:30pm

Exhibition Closes
Friday, September 29th, 5pm

"House on Fire" is inspired by the Netflix Original Documentary 'Chasing Coral,' an Exposure Labs production. Kiara has taken artistic liberties with the forms of the corals themselves and has



Coral Polyp Cluster by Kiara Pelissier
(Lagune/Ruby/Saffron)

chosen to focus on the language of heat stroke: colorless, brilliant white, cobalt blue, lime green, and vibrant purple.

Kiara Pelissier [[@kiarapelissierstudios](#)] grew up in a multi-generational family of artists. She began working with glass in 1997 and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Cleveland Institute of Art in 2000, followed by a Master of Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in 2006. She has taught at Virginia Commonwealth University, Penland School of Crafts, and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Her [one-of-a-kind glass pieces](#) are found in private collections throughout the US and on display at institutions such as the Museum of American Glass in New Jersey, as well as a travelling exhibition in Europe.

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