

Amazonia

Contemporary art exhibition at the Natural History Museum, opening soon



Witness an explosion of colour and form in **Perpetual Amazonia**, featuring 1000s of Amazon plant and flower photographs. Installation detail above. © Lucy + Jorge Orta

Get immersed in a multimedia exhibition by contemporary artists Lucy + Jorge Orta. Amazonia celebrates the vitality of the Amazon rainforest and the natural world.

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An exhibition by Lucy + Jorge Orta

6 October - 12 December 2010

10.00 - 17.30 (Free)

Part of the Contemporary Arts at the Natural History Museum programme

Artists Lucy + Jorge Orta travelled to the Peruvian Amazon rainforest in July 2009 to develop their ideas for this exhibition. They assisted scientists on their rainforest expedition to collect data. They also drew on the Museum's collections and expertise to produce these specially commissioned final artworks that include sculpture, photography and video. The artworks have never been seen before.

Artworks

- **Amazonia** - 2-screen video projection with images and sounds from the expedition, accompanied by a poem written by ecopoet **Mario Petrucci**. Plus...
- **Expedition Sketchbook** - artists' record of impressions from their journey, with graphics.
- **Madre de Dios - Fluvial Intervention Unit** - boat sculpture with 100s of tiny creatures.
- **Perpetual Amazonia** - interactive installation featuring 1000s of plant and flower images each representing a designated area of the rainforest's Manú Biosphere Reserve.
- **Bone Variations** - sculptures modelled on dinosaur bones from the Museum's collections.
- **Collection: Aepyornis, Gallimimus, Allosaurus, Palaeomastodon** - decorated porcelain sculptures.
- **Amazon Florae** - sculpted, hand-crafted flowers inspired by expedition photographs.

About the artists

Lucy + Jorge Orta have collaborated since 1991. They have had solo exhibitions at the Barbican Art Gallery and ICA as well as the Modern Art Museum Paris and the Museum of Contemporary Art Sydney. In 2007 they received the Green Leaf Award for artistic excellence with an environmental message.

Mario Petrucci is a poet of international renown, and one of the UK's chief exponents of ecopoetry.