

“The Memory Game”

A new installation by United Catalysts

Coastline Community College Gallery

Thurs. Oct. 23 to Nov. 22

Coastline Community College Gallery is proud to present new work by the collaborative duo United Catalysts. Inspired by the popular children’s matching game, The Memory Game is a set of archetypal memories, glimpses of experiences from all stages of life, from the mundane to the extraordinary, from birth to death. These memories are shown as pairs of projected images, randomly combined, to form imagined narratives that interact with the viewer’s own set of memories. Like our own experience of memory, colored by filters of emotion and life context, these photographic images are colored by layers of skylscapes and landscapes, sometimes obscuring, sometimes highlighting the view. The projections are shown in a unique, double-walled tent, built by the artists as an insulated, womb-like space for contemplating the nature of memory.

The smell of the outdoors pervades the air as viewers approach the ethereal monolith of the tent, glowing against the orange walls of the gallery. The walls of the tent are filled with cuttings of native plants, creating intricate shadows and subtle movement against the canvas. The influence of sight, sound, scent, space and light are all elegantly manipulated to encourage memory recall, and through interaction with these archetypal and yet highly personal elements, viewers can explore their own ever-changing landscapes of memory.

Artists Steve Radosevich and Kim Garrison have been collaborating under the name United Catalysts for the past seven years, producing concept-driven installations and interactive performances. They have long been interested in the phenomenon of memory; particularly the constructs that lead to our perceptions of the past, the way memory is integrated with identity and daily life, and the influence of memory, both real and mythologized, on our expectations of what is to come. For more information please contact the gallery at 714-963-8475, or the artists at 714-329-2889.

Opening Reception: Friday, October 24, 5-8pm

Gallery Hours: Thurs. – Sat. 1-5pm

Artists’ Lecture: Tues, Nov. 18, 7pm

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