

“As humans we live in a world full of “things.” There are so many objects surrounding us that overshadow our sense of uniqueness and our ability to marvel at the world as it vanishes in our everyday routine....“The extraordinary happens, if only we commit ourselves to see it through.”

-Juror, *Mariana Acosta Contreras (Mexico)*

The speed of modern culture perpetuates mindless consumption and waste, unless the perception of these ordinary objects is extraordinarily reinvented. The over-abundance of things obstructs perception of the distinctive quality of objects and any sustained potential value they may have. This tendency poses a threat to ecosystems and cultural systems. The inquiry of the upcycle artist juxtaposes consumer waste and social values. Upcycle.17 invites you to look around and alter your sight, to provoke a new value system, to question the impact of consumerism, and to reassemble waste into a purpose.

Kanani Daley
Exhibit Coordinator

Video Installation from Invited Artist
Barbara Irwin
“Sometimes I feel like a found object”

Participating Artists

Marine Fisch

Sarah Mael

Perry Johnson

Margery Albertini

Charlene Asato

Tara Locklear

Tiia Hollingshaus

Craig Habab

Jean Tock

Gina Hartig Williams

Alleena Shimabukuro

Dorothy Imagine

Michael Olson

Mydock

Invited Artist

Monika Mann

Opening Reception

“CHOICES”

**Upcycled costumes & story
created by**

Monika Mann

Choreography

Dr. Trina Nahm-Mijo

Golden

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Phoenix

Jeong Ha Kim

Cyber

**Leilani Knox Visoko
Johnson**

Shakuhachi

Jerry Nahm-Mijo

Percussion

Kaonohi Jeremiah

Tutu Hana Hou Award from

RECYCLE HAWAII



Thank you to all the participants and Juror Mariana Acosta Contreras

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put this year's UPCYCLE.17 exhibition together...

And thank you for your donations and continued support that allow us keep the center running...

Decomposition times... DID YOU KNOW...

Paper: 2-6 weeks	Plastic and Disposable Diapers: 500+ years
Plastic Bags: 20-1,000 years	Fishing Line (Monofilament): 600+ years
Nylon Fabric: 30-40 years	Brown Paper Bags: Varies
Rubber Boot Soles: 50-80 years	
Batteries: 100+ years	

Glass, Tin Foil, and Styrofoam never decompose...



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