

KLIMA

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Jennifer Allora and Guillermo Calzadilla are a duo of artists who live and work in San Juan, Puerto Rico. They have exhibited their works in many museums worldwide, such as Mexico, Brazil, the United States, Australia, France and Portugal. They work with a variety of artistic media such as sculpture, video, sound and performance.

Their works make us think about the world we live in; they prompt us to ask ourselves questions such as what it means to be environmentally friendly or how we relate to each other.



With this  guide, we invite you to walk through the exhibition, keeping   your eyes open to observe the details and explore your imagination.

ALLORA & CALZADILLA

for kids from 5 years old

AZKUNA
ZENTROA
ALHONDIGA
BILBAO



Graft

When you enter the exhibition hall you will see thousands of pink flowers scattered on the floor, as if blown by the wind. Where could they have fallen from?

These are artificial flowers made from recycled plastic. They are moulded from the flowers of a Caribbean oak.


With this work, Allora and Calzadilla want us to think about environmental issues, such as deforestation and climate change.

 Drawing game How many types of flowers do you know? Can you draw them?

Entelechy

This coal sculpture is moulded from a lightning-struck tree, a Scots pine, from a forest in Montignac (France).

In this same forest, a group of teenagers discovered in 1940 an underground cave containing hundreds of prehistoric drawings, such as horses, bison, goats, felines, etc., by entering a cavity in a hill. This was the discovery of the now famous Lascaux Cave.

 Drawing game One of the drawings in the Lascaux cave is a half-human, half-bird figure. Would you like to draw it?

Cadastre

What technique do you think Allora and Calzadilla used to produce this work?

Although it looks like a drawing or a painting, in reality the drawings are produced by electro-magnetism.

The artists placed the canvas on wires connected to the electricity and, when they turned on the switch, the electromagnetic field caused these lines and compositions to form.

Questions for reflection

Do you know what a magnetic field is?

It is like a superpower that some objects, like magnets, have to attract things without having to touch them.

Do you know what electromagnetism is?

It is like a magic wand that makes objects feel attracted to each other, as if by magic!

When you put electricity into certain materials like iron, they become like magnets and can attract small things, as if they had a magnet inside. It is as they had special powers to attract things.

It is so useful in many things we use every day!



Penumbra

This projection recreates the effect of sunlight as it passes through the leaves of the trees in the tropical forest on the island of Martinique.

Reflection questions

Can you tell where the sun is?

What colour are the shadows?

 Drawing game Draw the trees that give us shade. Draw your shadow.

Lifespan

This rock is 4 billion years old, which is about the same age as the Earth.

The title of the work, "Lifespan", means the duration of life. It is a reflection on time.

Questions for reflection

Do you know what the oldest footprints of time on Earth are?

What do you think the footprints of today's world will be in 100 years?

In 1,000 years?

Singing or whistling game

Can you imagine what the Earth was like millions of years ago?

Can you imagine what it sounded like?

