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SHANGRI LA MUSEUM BRINGS IN 2021 WITH DEBUT OF A NEW ONLINE EXHIBITION, #8x8_SHANGRILA

_Spectacular Virtual Showcase Spotlights Local Artists across Hawaii_

HONOLULU, Jan. 11, 2021 – The Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture & Design today announced the launch of #8x8_shangrila, an extraordinary online exhibition featuring 16 artists from Hawaii to showcase the exceptional creativity that exists across the archipelago and its intersections with Islamic art and cultures throughout the Pacific.

During the summer of 2020, eight visual artists and eight performing artists were invited to create original artworks that respond to the concept of place at Shangri La. Each artist was entrusted with one of eight celebrated spaces – the Foyer, the Living Room, Textile Gallery, Mihrab Hallway, Mughal Gallery, Ottoman Gallery, Manuscript Gallery and the Private Garden – to serve as both a creative prompt and exhibition space for their creative work.

The result of #8x8_shangrila is a remarkable and highly original exhibition of artists residing within Hawaii’s celebrated 808 area code that span creative platforms ranging from music, poetry, movement and dance, sculpture, canvas, and multimedia.

“While we had to pivot #8x8_shangrila to an online exhibit due to COVID-19, it did not diminish the sparks of hope, connection and conversation about the meaning of community amidst the maladies of 2020 convened by these artists,” said Dr. Konrad Ng, Executive Director Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture and Design. “We are proud to provide a platform for these exceptional local artists at a time when their creative expression and advocacy is ripe for examination.”

The exhibition, #8x8_shangrila, is live online today at [www.shangrilahawaii.org](http://www.shangrilahawaii.org) through March 2021. The showcase joins current exhibitions American Muslim Futures and works by artist-in-residence, Kamran Samimi.

Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture & Design enriches public understanding of the art and design of Islamic cultures in new and inspiring ways through exhibitions, digital and educational initiatives, public programs and guided tours, and community partnerships. Shangri La is a program of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation through the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

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