



A BAND of BUGS



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Gallery Nucleus presents: "A Band of Bugs" Art Show

February 9, 2008 - March 3, 2008

Opening Reception: **Saturday February 9, 2008** (7 pm - 11 pm)

Admission is free

Refreshments and music provided

Collectively, they make up as much as 30 million species worldwide consisting of nearly 90% of all organisms inhabiting this planet. Their origin dates back more than 300 million years and, within one year, they feast on a third of the Earth's food crop. And beginning on February 9, Gallery Nucleus in Alhambra is under siege in a swarm of creativity that has never quite been witnessed before.

A Band of Bugs is an art show dedicated solely to those small sometimes creepy yet colorful, whimsical and wonderfully weird creatures that we encounter on a daily basis. What would the world be without bugs? Some might argue we'd be better off, but the eight artists featured in this spectacle of a show would beg to differ. Just ask Lou Romano, production designer of the animated film *The Incredibles* and voiceover for the character Alfredo Linguini in the Golden Globe winning *Ratatouille*. His work will be on display at the show. Or ask Anna Chambers, whose perfectly plush pests redefine the true meaning of *cute*. Megan Brain will be showcasing her exquisite paper sculptures while Chris Rabilwongse, a master of character and model making, is crafting one-of-a-kind spectacular mobiles. Alex Kirwan and Don Shank will feature their expressive and colorful styling. And how could a show such as this be complete without the dynamic duo behind *Switcheroo*, Amanda Visell and Michelle Valigura, lending their unique interpretations of insects! The artists will be in attendance on opening night to meet fans and discuss their work.

Admission is free for this all-ages event which features a special live performance from the world's longest running modern surf band the *Insect Surfers*, the area's best instrumental band according to L.A. Weekly (2003). Plus, artwork created by actual bugs will also be on display as well! Free refreshments and bug-related snacks will also be provided.

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Located in downtown Alhambra, just south of Pasadena and North of the 10 freeway, Nucleus is a 1,200 square foot gallery with upstairs and down stairs spaces. Since our grand opening in October 2004, we have had over three dozen exhibitions. We show a full spectrum of artwork from commercial illustrators to fine artists. Some of the artists shown include, Catia Chien, Jeana Sohn, Thomas Han, Luke Chueh, James Jean, Audrey Kawasaki, Junko Mizuno, Fucio Ueda, Ronnie del Carmen, Enrico Casarosa, and Tadahiro Uesugi. With plenty of free parking, surrounded by several great restaurants and a downtown cinema, Nucleus art shows attract more than just the average gallery goer.



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