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## NC Regional Artists Join Artists from Around the Country and Canada to Illuminate Important Environmental Issues

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Art Exhibit on display through May 1, 2016**



“Vanish,” Pam Winegard

**Durham, N.C.** – The Disappearing Frogs Project (DFP) in partnership with the Amphibian Survival Alliance (ASA) and the Museum of Life and Science (MLS) in Durham, NC is hosting a unique art exhibit. Over 100 artists have donated up to 200 original works of art, each capturing their personal perspective of the threatened extinction of amphibians due to environmental impact and its effects on our lives. It is the largest exhibition to date which spans approximately 400 square feet and showcases nearly 200 distinctive works of art.

Founded in 2013 by Charlotte-based artist Terry Thirion, the mission of the DFP is to use art to support scientific, educational and community efforts that focus on amphibian preservation. The DFP brings awareness to the threat of extinction and inspires action to prevent it by using art to illuminate the environmental issues facing amphibians.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> DFP art exhibit to be installed in North Carolina since February 1, 2014. DFP Communications director, Pam Hopkins of Raleigh, organized and coordinated this year’s events in the Triangle and the Southern Pines region.

Eleven artists are prominently displayed on their own wall. These artists are recognized regionally and nationally. Artistic styles range from realism to abstract, and include paintings and work in glass, wood, clay and discarded materials. Download artist’s statement [here](#).

### **Purchases:**

All art on exhibit is available for purchase; proceeds from sales support ASA, the world’s largest partnership for amphibian conservation.

*Featured artists and links to their respective sites and galleries:*

- [Leslie De Rose](#)
- [Loren Di Benedetto](#)
- [Sharon Dowell](#)
- [Leatha Koeffler](#)
- [Janet Lasher](#)
- [Nerys Levy](#)
- [Isaac Payne](#)
- [Lori Sanderson](#)
- [Ian Wegener](#)
- [Pam Winegard](#)
- [Terry Thirion](#)

The DFP has a full schedule of activities in the Triangle and at Raven Rock State Park, Lillington, N.C. throughout March and April. In celebration of the NC Science Festival, April 8-24, the DFP has partnered with Museum of Life and Science, Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh, and Kidzu Children’s Museum in Chapel Hill for a multitude of frog-themed programming.

April 1-29 the [Visual Art Exchange](#), located in downtown Raleigh, will host [the Other Toy Story](#), a thought provoking art exhibition on display through April 29: The DFP welcomes Los Angeles based artist Joyce Dallal and the *Other Toy Story* as they both make their debut in the Triangle.

Friday, April 1 from 4:00-5:30pm the public is invited to “Feed the Baby.”

The Opening Reception is from 6:00-10:00pm. Come meet artist Joyce Dallal and Terry Thirion, founder of the Disappearing Frogs Project.

A complete schedule of upcoming events can be found [here](#). For more information about the DFP visit our [website](#).

**Art. Awareness. Action – working together to make a change for amphibians worldwide.**



*In 2015 the Disappearing Frogs Project partnered with the [Amphibian Survival Alliance](#), world leaders in amphibian conservation, education, and research. The goal of the partnership is to raise awareness of global amphibian declines, inspire people to take personal action to protect these incredible species, while also providing a unique opportunity for artists to support amphibian conservation, education, and research.*

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