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World-Renowned Multimedia Artist Christopher Janney to Return to LASM in August

Sound Is An Invisible Color will spotlight the interdisciplinary work of Christopher Janney, a pioneering artist who works with sound, light, color, and technology. The exhibition, which will be on view on the second floor of the Louisiana Art & Science Museum's Main Galleries beginning **August 24**, will run until March 1, 2020.

Janney, who designed a grand entrance to the new Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, has been transforming architectural spaces into interactive installations and producing multimedia performances around the world for four decades. Janney refers to his architectural environments as "Urban Musical Instruments." The 4,000 square foot canopy he designed for the Children's Hospital, called *Harmonic Grove*, invites people to "play" the architecture with interactive touchpoints that spark unique compositions of color, light, and music, thereby transforming the entrance into an awe-inspiring destination. In addition to studies for *Harmonic Grove*, *Sound Is An Invisible Color* will feature vibrant maquettes and interactive sculptures as well as documentary materials showcasing Janney's multifaceted career.

"By crossing traditional boundaries, Janney conjures the unexpected and offers a multidimensional experience," Elizabeth Weinstein, Director of Interpretation & Chief Curator for LASM. "His innovative artworks can be seen, heard, and in some cases touched, becoming engaging and multisensory experiences that will long be remembered."

Of particular interest to visitors will be *Soundstair*, a participatory sound installation that Janney toured around the globe to such famous places as the Spanish Steps in Rome. Included in the tour was a stop at LASM, then known as the Louisiana Arts and Science Center, in October 1981. Visitors will be able to "play" the stairs by walking up and down them.

"I am honored that LASM can bring back *Soundstair*, which represents Janney's first major work and a milestone in the Museum's history," said Weinstein. "This creative work combines engineering and design with art and science in a fun, engaging way."

On **Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 PM**, LASM will host **Art After Hours: Sound Is An Invisible Color**, where Janney will lead a discussion of his innovative work and his commission for the Children's Hospital.

“At LASM, we strive to provide access to not only the latest fine art and science programming, but also to the artists and scientists that create these breakthroughs,” said Serena Pandos, President & Executive Director of LASM. “Our Art After Hours programs that feature these amazing individuals are a rare opportunity for our visitors to learn about their processes and intentions first-hand. It is my fondest wish that such an interaction will one day inspire a visitor to create greatness of their own.”

“We are looking forward to developing our programs for school groups and the public that invite us to learn more and experience the phenomenal world of color,” continues Pandos. “We are grateful to all of our sponsors and patrons who have made this program possible in the spirit of enriching our region’s educational, cultural, and economic development!”

Sound Is An Invisible Color is a companion exhibition to ***Harmonies in Color: Six Contemporary Perspectives***, which will occupy the first floor of the Main Galleries. Together, they informed the theme of the Museum’s Annual Gala, CHROMA: Color Your Senses, which will take place on September 20. More information and tickets are available through lasm.org/gala.

***Sound Is An Invisible Color* is generously sponsored by Our Lady of the Lake Children’s Hospital.**

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Image: Visitors engage with pieces from Christopher Janney’s *Sound Is An Invisible Color*, a series of interactive installations that blend music and color to create a new sensory experience.
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About the Louisiana Art & Science Museum

A nonprofit organization housed on the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum enhances the understanding and appreciation of art and science for general audiences and students by presenting unique, educational and entertaining experiences that encourage discovery, inspire creativity, and foster the pursuit of knowledge. More information about the Art & Science Museum is available at lasm.org.

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