

Luxury Fashion Photographer Conor Clinch Hosts Sustainable Art Exhibition in Paris

Featuring rare and historical shell species, Conor Clinch uses his photography for conservation

PARIS, September 20, 2023 – Conor Clinch, a luxury commercial photographer and environmental advocate, is premiering a world-class photography exhibit called “Sanctuary” in Paris this month. The exhibit features photographs of historical shells from The Natural History Museum in London. Opening night of the exhibit will take place on Thursday, September 28 from 7-11 p.m. but the photographs will be on display throughout the weekend.

The exhibit is in partnership with Andreia Salvador, Senior Curator of Marine Mollusca at The Natural History Museum in London. Salvador oversees one of the largest collections of mollusca in the world with an archive of over 8 million species. With Salvador’s support, Clinch gathered a collection of historical marine shells and photographed them in a never-before-seen exhibition.

“Molluscs are underestimated for their abilities and beautiful looks,” notes Clinch. “With climate change happening, the water is becoming more acidic and the shells washing up on the shore are more frail, thin, and bleak.” Clinch says that the inspiration for this exhibition is the urgency to “conserve” natural sea life and raise awareness of the environmental degradation happening in the world’s oceans.

The exhibit is “sustainable from the pre-production to post-production,” claims Clinch, citing unique elements like sustainable art materials, nature sounds, organic non-alcoholic beverages, and natural aromas as recommended by famed luxury sustainability consultant, Kellie Dalton.

The event will feature eco-friendly candles from the brand, Haeckels, made with vegan, compostable, and recyclable materials. The event will also feature non-alcoholic beverages made of organic fruits, spices, and herbs from the brand, GIMBER.

The photo frames that will hold the artwork will be made of 100% Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) wood, considered the “gold standard” for ethical production. The paper that the artwork will be printed on will be made of an agave and cotton blend that’s more sustainable than traditional fine art paper. Finally, inside the exhibition, there will be an immersive soundscape experience by sound designer, Neil Ghose Balser, with meditative nature sounds to entrance guests while they enjoy the exhibit.

Once the event has ended, one-of-a-kind prints will be available for purchase with proceeds going towards an ocean conservation charity or clean-up project. The exhibit will be on display from September 28 through October 1, 2023, at 101 Rue Du Temple 75003 in Paris, France.

About Conor Clinch:

Conor Clinch is an Irish director and photographer represented by TIAGI and based between London and Paris. He has worked with top luxury fashion brands such as Burberry, Gucci, and Jimmy Choo. His current photography projects have turned their focus toward sustainability and natural elements in the hopes of capturing the effects of climate change and promoting conservation and preservation. For more information, you can visit www.conorclinch.com.

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