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<b>Title</b>	<i>Conversations</i>
<b>Dates:</b>	February 20 – June 19, 2005
<b>Producer:</b>	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
<b>Exhibition Description:</b>	<i>Conversations</i> explores the Museum's rich collections through a creative collaboration between Museum curators and six contemporary visual artists. Each artist was invited to explore the wealth of artifacts and specimens at the Museum with curators and select objects to inspire a personal installation for the exhibition. <i>Conversations</i> reveals the different ways in which curators and artists approach the same objects, examining the array of stories these objects can tell while bringing new meaning to them.
<b>Silkscreen Prints</b>	A series of silkscreen prints were produced by five of the artists with Self Help Graphics & Art to complement the exhibit. The prints are on display in the Hallway Gallery and for sale exclusively through the Museum.
<b>Contributing Artists:</b>	Kim Abeles Lita Albuquerque Tony Berlant Paul McCarthy Ed Moses John Valadez
<b>Curatorial Team:</b>	Patrick Ela, Guest Curator Margaret Hardin, Curator of Anthropology and Coordinating Curator of the exhibition Jody Martin, Curator of Crustacea Jonathan Spaulding, Curator of History Ángel Valdés, Associate Curator of Malacology W. W. Wood, Curator of Anthropology
<b>Creative Team:</b>	François Roupinian, Light & Motion. Lighting Designer Phyllis Ginter, Sound Designer Vanda Vitali, Executive Producer and Vice President for Public Programming at the Museum
<b>Museum Information:</b>	The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Boulevard. The Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$6.50 for children 5-12. For 24-hour Museum information please call (213) 763-DINO or visit the Museum's website <a href="http://www.nhm.org">www.nhm.org</a> .