

June *First Fridays* Celebrates NHM's Artistic Collaboration with Dutch Museum on *Conversations*

Highlights include a performance by musician Jon Hassell and a discussion with artists Ed Moses, Michael C. McMillen, and John Outterbridge

WHAT This month, celebrate the debut of the NHM exhibition, *Conversations: Nature and the City*, at the Naturalis Museum in the Netherlands. Los Angeles artists Ed Moses, Michael C. McMillen, John Outterbridge, Jon Hassell, and Paul McCarthy have collaborated with curators at Naturalis to create the latest version of the unique concept pioneered at NHM in 2005 that brings artists and museum collections together. If you can't make it to Holland, this evening offers a virtual visit. Join us for a live discussion with participating artists, a film about the collaboration between museums, and a live performance by electronic music innovator Jon Hassell in the Museum's 1913 Rotunda.

WHEN Friday, June 2, 2006 from 7 pm until 11 pm

- 7:00 pm Doors open; *The Mysterious Bog People* exhibition and the *Sonic Scenery* booth open.
- 7:30 pm Roundtable Discussion, *Conversations: Nature and the City*, including a film presentation; participating artists Ed Moses, Michael C. McMillen, John Outterbridge; and Dirk Houtgraaf, Vice President and Director of Public Engagement, Naturalis.
- 9:00 pm Jon Hassell performs his legendary sonic sculpture, *Solid State*, in the Museum's Rotunda
- All Night Lithographs by Ed Moses, Paul McCarthy, Michael C. McMillen, and Paul McCarthy, as well as photographs of *Conversations: Nature in the City* installations will be on display on the ground floor.

WHERE The **First Floor Galleries of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles** are located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90007. 213-763-DINO, www.nhm.org. Convenient parking is available across the street, near the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

HOW Admission is \$15; members and students \$12. Food and drink concessions by Wolfgang Puck will be available. Visit www.nhm.org/firstfridays for more information.