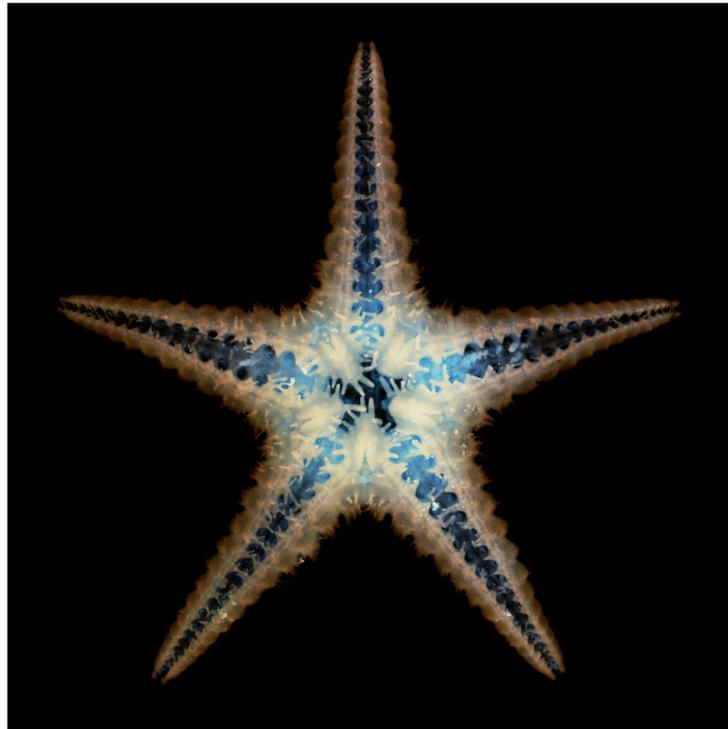




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The G2 Gallery Presents *Nature LA: Christine Caldwell*
September 13–November 6, 2011



Christine Caldwell

Venice, CA—On Tuesday, September 13, 2011, The G2 Gallery will present an exhibition of new work by Christine Caldwell. A reception will be held Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 6:30–9:00 pm.

For her second exhibit at The G2 Gallery, Christine will present a series of photograms that bring new light to marine specimens. With their X-ray like appearance, photograms are unique, shadow-like photographs created in the darkroom by placing objects between light-sensitive color paper and a light source, in Christine’s case a dichroic color enlarger. The manner in which the photograms are produced generates limited editions, because once the objects are removed or start to deteriorate, that particular arrangement is gone forever.

The process of creating a photogram is inherently experimental and demands many tries before producing satisfactory results, which Christine describes it as, “an endorphin rush” for its unpredictability. When testing out new materials for her Ocean series, Christine says that in

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general, “small, translucent type materials work the best.” In working with nature’s smaller creations, Christine hopes that her series will spark “a greater appreciation for their intricate beauty.”

Christine has been working with photograms since 2007, using the debris found on hikes in the local mountains. These images appeared in her first exhibit at The G2 Gallery in 2010. Inspired by a recent trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Christine chose sea creatures as the thematic element for her second series of photograms. Christine’s interest in the fluorescent colors expressed in photograms stems back to the 1990’s when she was cross processing slide film for its funky colored effect.

A Halloween themed reception will be held Saturday, October 29, from 6:30–9:00 pm. A \$5 admission will be charged at the door and all proceeds will benefit Bat Conservation International. To attend, please RSVP to events@theg2gallery.com.

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About Christine Caldwell

St. Louis, Missouri native Christine M. Caldwell relocated to California in 1995 to study photography at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. In the years since obtaining her degree, Christine mastered color and black & white darkroom techniques, which have made her a highly sought after darkroom professional. She works with a wide range of print publications and advertising agencies. Photographers seeking to advance their skills come to her for private instruction and workshops in darkroom printing. As an artist, Christine has expanded the potential of the photogram—the process of creating an image using light and photo sensitive paper, minus the camera and film—by pioneering the use of the color enlarger and color paper to manipulate the look of the final product.

About The G2 Gallery

Established in March 2008, The G2 Gallery in Venice, California, is a green art space with a dedicated focus on nature and wildlife photography. In keeping with G2’s commitment to supporting arts and the environment, the gallery presents exhibitions with eco-conscious themes, donates the proceeds from all art sales to environmental charities and hosts events that bring awareness of critical issues to our community.

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