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***Confluence*: Explore water through art, science, and history**

Saturday, April 17: Celebrate outdoors at the UMFA

Where does water in Salt Lake Valley come from? Where does it go? In [*Confluence*](#), the Utah Museum of Fine Arts (UMFA) at the University of Utah, in collaboration with six local groups, explores this essential component of our daily life.

From mountain streams to Great Salt Lake, this exhibition illuminates the idea of water—environmentally, culturally, and historically—through contributions created by Ute Spiritual Leader Larry Cesspooch, *saltfront*, Seven Canyons Trust, Natural History Museum of Utah (NHMU), Great Salt Lake Institute at Westminster College (GSLI), and Framework Arts. These unique lenses include histories of valley waterways, local Native American perspectives, expressions of human impact on local water ecologies, a project to “daylight” buried and impaired creeks, an effort to document nature along the Jordan River, a sights-and-sounds exploration of Great Salt Lake, and audio reflections from community members about personal connections to local waterways.

The exhibition is on view now through December 4.

On Saturday, April 17, 1–4 pm, Museum visitors can enjoy water-related activities for all ages and abilities. Stop by the Museum’s main entrance for a scavenger hunt guide, sketchbooks, and pencils to record your findings as you explore water around the University campus. Pick up Brainy Brine Shrimp kits and brine shrimp temporary tattoos from GSLI, take part in an audio-recording activity from Framework Arts, and learn about NHMU’s iNaturalist app, which invites you to help photograph nature in Utah. Admission to the galleries is free on this day—as always on the first Wednesdays and third Saturdays of every month—but [**advance tickets are required**](#). [Face masks and social distancing](#) are also required at the event and inside the building until further notice.

Confluence is the seventh exhibition presented in the ACME Lab, an innovative space in the UMFA’s Emma Eccles Jones Education Center that’s dedicated to community engagement and art experimentation.

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Confluence is part of [Think Water Utah](#), a statewide collaboration and conversation on the critical topic of water presented by [Utah Humanities](#) and its partners.

UMFA Hours of Operation

Wednesday 10 am–8 pm

Thursday–Saturday 10 am–5 pm

*The 10–11 am hour is reserved for seniors and high-risk individuals

Note: The UMFA will temporarily pause public operations Monday, April 19 through Tuesday, May 4, after the successful run of *Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum*, which closes Saturday, April 10. We will welcome visitors back to the Marcia and John Price Museum Building on Wednesday, May 5.

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The Utah Museum of Fine Arts is located on the University of Utah campus in the Marcia and John Price Museum Building at 410 Campus Center Drive. The UMFA's mission is to inspire critical dialogue and illuminate the role of art in our lives. For more information call (801) 581-7332 or visit www.umfa.utah.edu.