



For Immediate Release

**Desert X Mask Making Workshop For Schoolchildren Will Celebrate
The Desert X 2021 Art Installation
The Wishing Well By Serge Attukwei Clottey.**



Desert X 2021 mask making workshop with Serge Attukwei Clottey, photography courtesy Desert X.

(Palm Springs, Calif., July 15, 2021) –Desert X announced today that a special one-day mask making workshop for schoolchildren will take place on Monday, July 19, 2021 from 10:00AM at the **City of Palm Springs James O’Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center**.

Prepared by Desert X Director of Public Programs & Interpretation Mara Gladstone, the workshop responds to the themes and ideas for the Desert X 2021 artwork *The Wishing Well* by Ghanaian artist **Serge Attukwei Clottey**. The workshop is designed for schoolchildren in K-3rd grades and 4-6th grades attending the City of Palm Springs' **Summer Camp** taking place from

June 15-30, 2021. Led by Desert X Education and Docent Liaison Trish Gordon with Desert X volunteers, the workshop follows the success of a first and similar exhibition-related mask workshop in May this year, in which diverse schoolchildren participated with the artist.



Desert X 2021 mask making workshop with Serge Attukwei Clotey, photography courtesy Desert X.

Curated by Artistic Director **Neville Wakefield** and Co-curator **César García-Alvarez**, Desert X 2021, which closed in May, recorded more than 650,000 visits to its third edition. The exhibition included newly-commissioned works by 12 artists from eight countries. The site-specific installations explored the desert as both a place and idea, acknowledging the realities of people who reside here, the political, social, and cultural contexts that shape their stories and collectively posing urgent questions about our pasts while imagining the possibilities of a shared future.

Four of the installations including *The Wishing Well* by Clotey, *Finding Home in My Own Flesh* by **Felipe Baeza**, *Never Forget* by **Nicholas Galanin**, and *The Art of Taming Horses* by **Christopher Myers** remain on view, free and open to all. For more information on the works, please visit: <https://desertx.org/visit/map>



Desert X 2021 installation view of Serge Attukwei Clottey, *The Wishing Well*, photo by Lance Gerber, courtesy Desert X.



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For more information on the Summer Camp visit:

<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation/james-o-jessie-desert-highland-unity-center/summer-camp-2021>

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Desert X 2021 is presented by Richard Mille.

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About Desert X

Desert X is produced by The Desert Biennial, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, conceived to produce recurring international contemporary art exhibitions that activate desert locations through site-specific installations by acclaimed international artists. Its guiding principles include presenting public exhibitions of art that respond meaningfully to the conditions of desert locations, the environment and indigenous communities; promoting cultural exchange and education programs that foster dialogue and understanding among cultures and communities about shared artistic, historical, and societal issues; and providing an accessible platform for artists from around the world to address ecological, cultural, spiritual and other existential themes. Desertx.org

Acknowledgement of Native Land

We acknowledge the Cahuilla People as the original stewards of the land on which Desert X takes place. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work with the indigenous people in this place. We pay our respect to the Cahuilla People, past, present and emerging, who have been here since time immemorial.

City of Palm Springs James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center

Summer Camp 2021 Registration is now open.

Camp will run June 15 - July 30, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Palm Springs Resident: \$5 a week

Non-Resident: \$85 a week

For more information contact: (760) 323-8271 or email: Recinfo@palmspringsca.gov

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