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Dee Marcellus Cole to Transform the Claremont Depot into a Carnival of Color

The Claremont Museum of Art's upcoming exhibition, *Dee Marcellus Cole and Carnival Seekers*, will present the work of eight local folk artists driven, not by the art world, but by the instinctive need to create. The exhibition, generously sponsored by Gould Asset Management LLC, will open on Saturday, August 4 with a reception from 6-9 p.m. during Art Walk and remain on view through November 26, 2017.

Dee Marcellus Cole, a self-proclaimed faux-folk artist living in Upland, creates vibrant sculptures constructed of wood and layered paper. These colorful creatures, whimsical in movement and spiritual in nature, are reminiscent of Latin American culture.



Inspired by her many travels to Mexico, Guatemala and throughout South America, Dee will transform the Claremont Depot into a carnival of bright colors, iconic images, and spiritual messages. She has chosen to collaborate with some of Claremont and Pomona's most distinctive artists for this exhibition including Johnnie Dominguez, Cathy Garcia, Sandy Garcia, Karen and John Neieber, Christian Ornelas and Dan Romero to highlight celebration, in all shapes and forms.

Dee Marcellus Cole earned an MA in art from the Claremont Graduate School in 1984 and taught at La Verne University for twelve years. Known as the Goddess of the Pomona Art Colony she has inspired generations of artists, hosted studio tours, presented workshops and been exhibited in numerous solo shows.

The **Claremont Museum of Art** is located in the historic Claremont Depot at 200 W. First Street in Claremont just steps away from the Metrolink Station. The museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free for CMA members and children under 18. The museum is also open from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for the Art Walk.

The first Sunday of the every month is Free Family Day with free admission and ARTStation, a place for children to experience art and engage with local culture. High school students in CMA's Project ARTstART lead visitors in an art activity related to the current exhibition. ARTStation is generously sponsored by Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's International Realty and Broadview Mortgage.

Go to www.claremontmuseum.org for more information about the museum, its history and current programs.