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### Seeing the light at Bellevue Arts Museum

## *Mandy Greer: Dare alla Luce*

On view May 6 – August 3, 2008

**Bellevue, WA – Bellevue Arts Museum** proudly presents the exhibition *Dare alla Luce* by emerging Northwest artist **Mandy Greer**. Unveiled for the first time, *Dare alla Luce* will be Greer's largest and most intricate artwork to date. The room-size installation is featured as part of a larger selection of works drawn from the artist's last decade of activity. From *Skin Tight* (1999) to *Small But Mighty Wandering Pearl* (2006), this survey highlights the recurring themes of **romantic love, eroticism, fetishism and motherhood** in Greer's sensual world of **crocheted, beaded and stitched fairytales**.

An Italian expression for giving birth, the title of Greer's work, *Dare alla Luce*, literally translates as, "**to give to the light.**" Greer draws her inspiration for the work from Jacopo Tintoretto's 16<sup>th</sup> century painting *The Origin of the Milky Way*, and layers disparate symbolic elements with ancient mythology to address the idea that "**each life (is) inimitable**, yet we all in some way fit into an archetype, legend or mythology."

*Dare alla Luce* is the much anticipated next chapter in Mandy Greer's intimate ongoing narrative. As Stefano Catalani, curator of the show, explains, "In her work, Greer flirts with human nature and the results are stunning. Her installations are sensual, sexual, driven by instinct and intuition. They go right to the gut."

Mandy Greer is a **Seattle-based sculptor** and mixed-media installation artist who has earned an MFA in ceramics from the University of Washington. Her work has been shown at the Tacoma Art Museum, Kirkland Arts Center, The Henry Art Gallery, 4Culture Gallery, Soil Gallery, and the Tampa Museum of Art, FL, among other locations.

An exhibition catalog produced by Bellevue Arts Museum will accompany the exhibition.

*Mandy Greer: Dare all Luce* is organized by Bellevue Arts Museum. The local showing of this exhibition is made possible in part by 4Culture.

For more information on this exhibit and other Museum-related programming, to schedule an interview with the artist, or to receive press images, please contact Tanja Baumann (see contact information above).

**Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of the fine art of craft and design. An emphasis is placed on regional craft artists as part of the national and international conversation on fine craft and design.**

## Events and classes accompanying the exhibition:

**Saturdays, May 10 and 17, 1 – 3 pm,  
Get Crafty Saturdays! Sponsored by Bank of America  
Crochet Adventure**

Inspired by Mandy Greer's fiber art installations on the second floor, visit the Museum and learn and experiment with the wonderful art of crochet. The instructors will guide this informal activity showing kids the basic techniques of crochet and letting their creativity take over from there. Ages: 8+  
FREE

**Friday, June 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Free First Friday Lecture Series  
Featured Artist: Mandy Greer**

Join featured artist Mandy Greer, currently showing on the second floor as she discusses her work.  
FREE

**Saturday, June 21, 12 - 4 pm  
Sculptural Crochet-a-Thon with Mandy Greer**

How fun would it be to walk into a museum and point to part of a large sculpture and be able to say "I made that!" Artist Mandy Greer regularly hosts crochet-a-thons where a variety of people crochet with fabric, and she incorporates the creations into her sculptural works. After a brief lesson on the basic crochet technique, participants will create a range of unique and creative pieces. The fun comes when the artist begins to decide how to incorporate them into her overall sculptural piece. Your creations will actually become part of her sculptural artwork that you may find in a gallery one day.

Fees: \$10 members, \$15 non-members (supplies included)