

your curious journey

olafur
eliasson

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HOW TO ENJOY

Welcome to **Your Curious Journey**,
the first solo exhibition in Asia by artist **Olafur Eliasson**!

Olafur has always been curious about how we see, feel,
and connect with the world around us.

That curiosity inspired him to create artworks that invite you
to look closely, ask questions, and discover something new.



Now it's your turn! Step back, look closer,
and let your imagination run wild.

You might notice something surprising.
Let your curiosity guide you wherever you go!

MEET OLAFUR ELIASSON

Olafur Eliasson is an Icelandic-Danish artist (born 1967) known for creating huge artworks you can walk through and explore! Using light, water, fog, and other elements, he transforms ordinary spaces into extraordinary adventures.



Your journey begins somewhere unexpected...

One moment you're in a museum, the next feels like you've wandered into a forest! Isn't that amazing? Olafur covered the walls with soft reindeer moss to bring a piece of nature indoors.

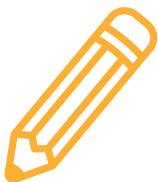
Reindeer moss is an important part of the ecosystem, a community of living things that help one another. It feeds reindeer, protects the soil, and gives tiny creatures, like tardigrades, a safe home.



Moss wall, 1994

Installation view: Olafur Eliasson:
Your Curious Journey, SAM
at Tanjong Pagar Distripark,
Singapore, 2024

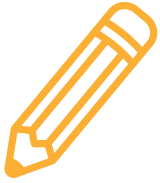
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**WITHOUT TOUCHING THE MOSS,
HOW DO YOU THINK IT FEELS?**

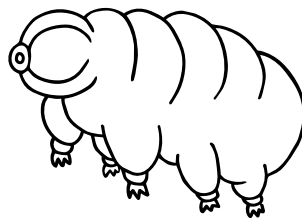
Can you circle the words that describe it:

SOFT ROUGH FLUFFY SPONGY FUZZY BUMPY



WHAT DO YOU THINK A TARDIGRADE'S NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD LOOK LIKE?

Draw this moss piglet a home!

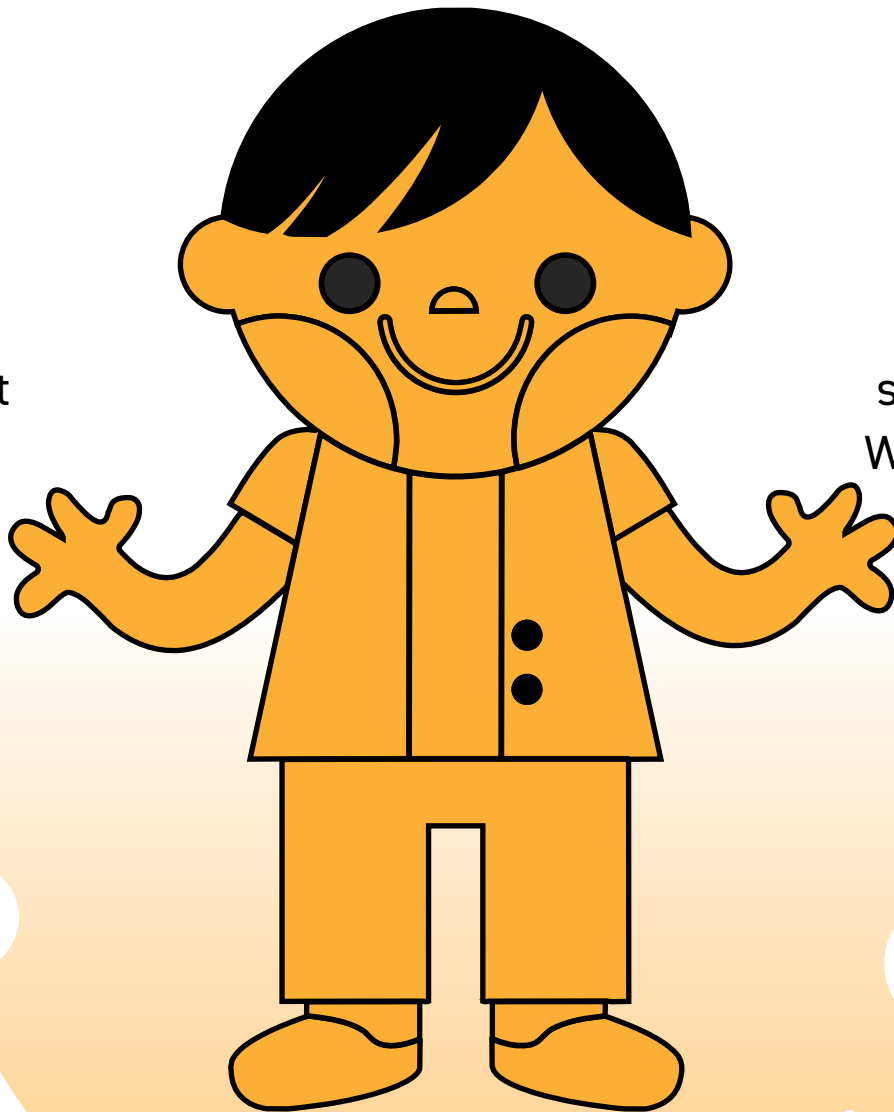


After visiting the mossy forest, you find yourself standing before a bright yellow corridor waiting to be explored.

BUT WAIT! Take one last look at the colors around you then walk in!

**BEFORE
ENTERING**

Pick an object you can see on you. What color is it?



**AFTER
ENTERING**

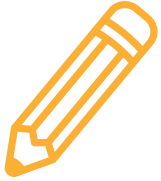
Can you still see that color?
What changed?
Did you think it would turn out this way?

Hold on... where did all the colors go? Everything looks different now!

Well that's Olafur's intention! He filled the hallway with yellow lamps, making some colors disappear. Now it's up to your eyes and brain to solve the mystery.

As you follow the path, something twisty comes into view.

Before you know it, a giant double spiral twists and turns in front of you. Walk around it and watch carefully. Does it stay the same, or does it seem to change as you move?

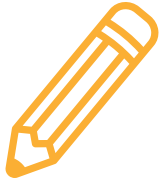


**SEE IF YOU CAN FOLLOW THE SPIRAL'S PATH
WITHOUT LIFTING YOUR PENCIL!**



CAN YOU FIND SPIRALS HIDING IN NATURE?

Maybe something like a snail's shell!



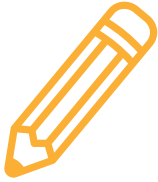
LET'S RETRACE YOUR ADVENTURE!

Just like *the Seismographic testimony of distance*, every journey can be told with lines.

Think about how you got to the museum.
Draw your path using curvy, zigzag, looping, or straight lines.
Add shapes to show places you remember along the way.

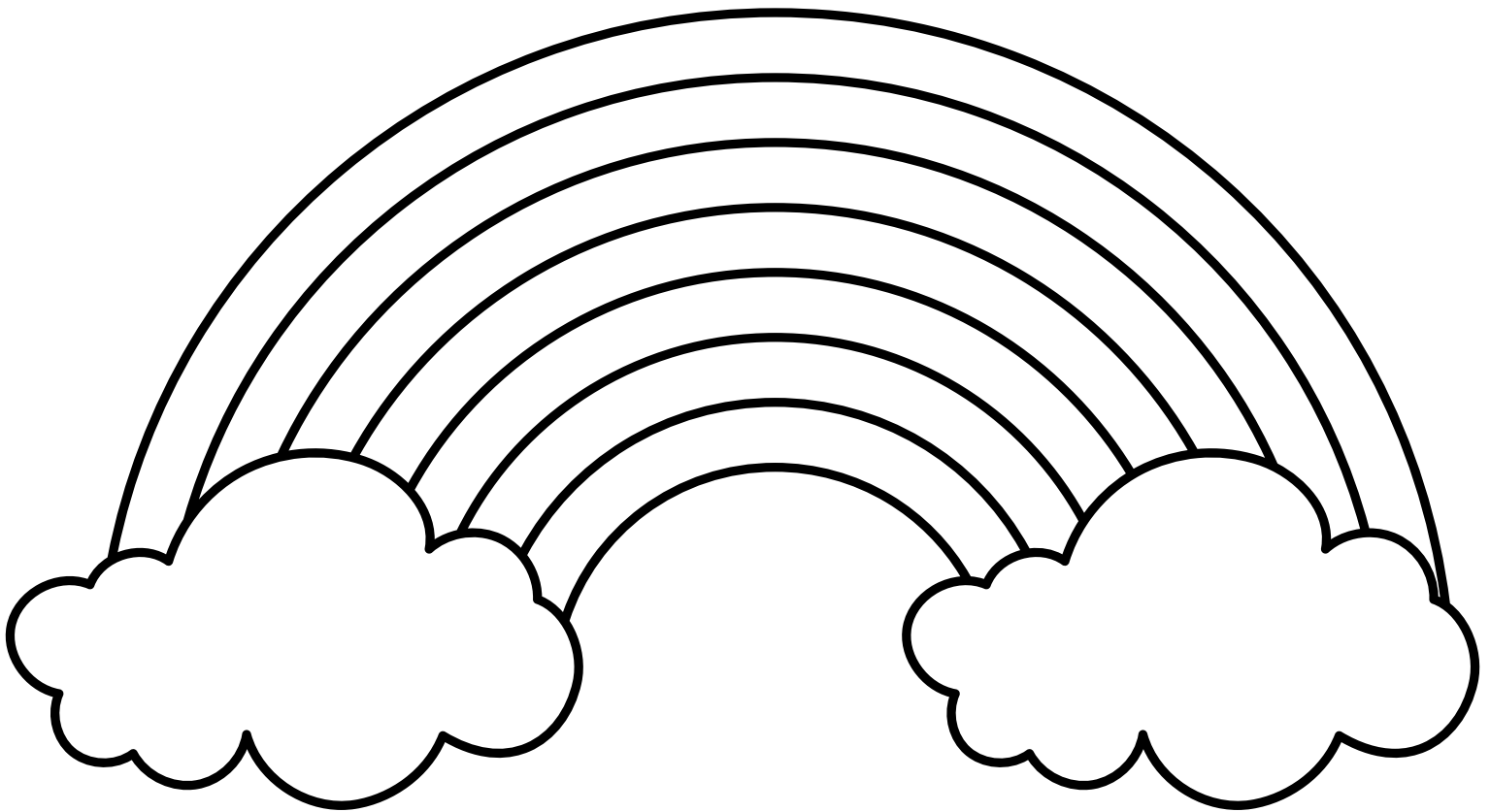
CAN EVERY MOVEMENT BE PREDICTED?

Time for a splash of color! is one of Olafur's oldest works, created from light and mist. As you move, the rainbow changes. Watch as the colors shift.



FILL IN THE RAINBOW USING THE COLORS YOU SPOTTED!

Did you notice them all, or just a few?



What color would your rainbow be?



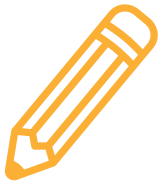
THINK ABOUT IT!

Do you think everyone sees the same rainbow?
Why or why not?

As you wander a bit farther, the air starts to chill!

Right ahead of you are giant glaciers! They are bodies of moving ice made up of ice, snow, rock.

Olafur visited the same glacier again and again, taking photos every time. If you think they all look alike, look again

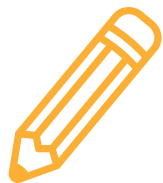


IF OLAFUR WENT BACK TO PHOTOGRAPH THE GLACIERS, WHAT WOULD THE NEXT PHOTO LOOK LIKE?



THINK ABOUT IT!

What do you notice between the photos? How do those changes make you feel?



CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE?

These words appear throughout Olafur Eliasson's works. As you explore the exhibition, circle each word and see if you can find an artwork that connects to it!

E X P E R I E N C E J G
M S C W A T E R K I S L
O H R D W E A T H E R A
T A U B U L I G H T M C
I D U S N A T U R E O I
O O S P I R A L G H S E
N W M O V E M E N T S R
S R R A I N B O W O M W

SPIRAL
RAINBOW
MOVEMENT

SHADOW
MOTION
MOSS

GLACIER
LIGHT
WEATHER

WATER
NATURE
EXPERIENCE



Olafur believes that curiosity isn't just about asking questions, it's about caring more about the world we live in.

When we slow down and take the time to notice things, we begin to understand how people and nature are all connected. That's why many of his artworks ask us to experience them with our whole body.

You've reached the end of this guide... but curiosity never ends.

So keep looking, keep wondering, and keep exploring! Who knows what you'll discover next?

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE
DISCOVERY TODAY?**

