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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

***“ACCLIMATIZED” Art Exhibit in Carkeek Park
Responds to Previous Vandalism***

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In collaboration with Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Carkeek Park Advisory Council, the Center on Contemporary Art (CoCA) will orchestrate an exhibition of temporary artwork in the forest of Carkeek Park for the fifth consecutive year, **from July 13, 2013 through October 20. Opening Reception** with artists in attendance is 2–5pm, Saturday, July 13 at the Environmental Learning Center, 1000 Carkeek Park Road, Seattle WA 98177.

In addition to the obvious reference to climate-change adaptation, **Acclimatized: Heaven and Earth 5** hinges on the skill of artists in placing various eco-artworks in the park that are designed to withstand the intensity of scrutiny by an estimated 100,000 summer visitors to the park. In the wake of last year's vandalism of the artwork (several pieces were burned to the ground or pushed over and destroyed), 14 artists from around the Puget Sound region and as far away as Portland, Oakland, and Erdenheim (PA) were selected from a pool of nearly 40 proposals. The jury consisted of CoCA curator David Francis and Paula Hoff, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent's Office, a unique collaboration between the city and an alternative arts organization with a long history of experimental work.

The art is arranged throughout the park on a trail of about 3.3 miles. Artworks are identified by QR code readers on adjacent pier blocks that link to descriptions of the artwork and include brief biographies and statements by artists. Generous funding for the exhibit is provided by Carkeek Park Advisory Council and Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, as well as vital in-kind support from Seattle Parks and Recreation, and Associated Recreation Council.

Acclimatized is one of the region's only venues for site-specific artwork in an urban forest setting where part of the exhibit includes a walking tour of an hour or more. The exhibit is open dawn till dusk through October 20. Maps, along with more information, are available online: www.heavenandearthexhibition.org, www.cocaseattle.org

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Andrew Alba (Portland, OR), Susan Arthur (Bainbridge Island), Dave Francis (Seattle), Alan Fulle (Seattle), Elizabeth Gahan (Seattle), Aaron Haba (Camano Island), Thendara Kida-Gee (Seattle), Ingrid Lahti (Mercer Island), Light Table Design Collective (Riisa Conklin, Carrie Barnes; Seattle), Fred Lisaius (Newcastle), Lucy Mae Martin (Conway), Philip McGaughy (Oakland), Richard Metz (Erdenheim PA), Suzanne Tidwell (Sammamish)

