



EUPHRAT MUSEUM OF ART
De Anza College

Installation:
We are Socially Networked

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For Immediate Release:

EXHIBITION:

Installation: *We are Socially Networked* created by artist Pantea Karimi and students from Nimitz Elementary School

Dates: April 4 – 19, 2011

Hours: T, W, Th 11-3. Open to tour groups by appointment. Viewing hours coincide with the *De Anza Foothill Art Faculty/Staff Exhibition*. For updates on extended hours and events, check the Euphrat website.

Location: Euphrat Museum of Art, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

CUPERTINO — The installation entitled *We are Socially Networked* by artist Pantea Karimi and students from Nimitz Elementary School will be on display April 4-19 in the Come On Down! Project Area, at the Euphrat Museum of Art, De Anza College, Cupertino. The project has been connected to Karimi's Artist of the Year Award, which Karimi received from the Fine Arts Commission, City of Cupertino.



Nimitz students (3rd – 5th grade) viewed Pantea Karimi's recent artwork and talked with her about its content and visual elements. Then the students drew and collaged their own artworks, taking off from hand-printed technological icons. They juxtaposed digital technology gadgets, logos, and/or environmental images. *We are Socially Networked* is the outcome: a collaborative installation in the form of a social network diagram.

The technologically curious group of students from Nimitz School in Sunnyvale jumped right into the project regarding digital tools and communication applications. They worked with artist Pantea Karimi as part of the Euphrat Museum's acclaimed Arts & Schools Program. This project took the experience of art-making beyond the classroom's walls, inviting the youth to look at the intersection of art and life in Silicon Valley.

On exhibition also is one of Pantea Karimi's most recent artworks exploring technological gadgets, social networking, the Internet, and their impact on our environments, behavior, and communication. "Through my art, I want to capture moments when technological tools, computer-assisted sounds, programs, and images, simultaneously connect and separate us from one another."

CO-SPONSORS include: Cupertino Fine Arts Commission, City of Cupertino, Euphrat Museum of Art, Arts Council Silicon Valley.

ABOUT THE EUPHRAT MUSEUM OF ART

For over 30 years, the Euphrat has presented one-of-a-kind exhibitions, publications, and events reflecting the diverse heritage of our area. Our mission is to provide a venue and resource for visual ideas and communication that stimulate creativity and an interest in art among audiences of all ages. We provide for a spectrum of interactions with a large and diversified public, working on and off campus with specialists in all disciplines. The Museum has an outstanding Arts & Schools Program, primarily in Cupertino and Sunnyvale, at various school and community sites. Each year the Museum creates public art projects involving elementary and middle school students, De Anza student interns, and Euphrat artist/teachers.

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More info at <http://www.deanza.edu/euphrat>

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