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The Undiscovered Island

- Lakeside to present an interactive upside down underwater sensory experience with Makers of Imaginary Worlds, during the Summer Holidays.
- Bookings open to visit at Lakeside's Djanogly Theatre.
- Press filming/interview opps available on Friday 13 August.

Following the success of *Thingamabobas*, Nottingham based company Makers of Imaginary Worlds proudly present a new exciting interactive installation *The Undiscovered Island*, opening at Lakeside Arts from Tuesday 17 August – Sunday 5 September 2021.

This mixed reality installation at Lakeside Arts is an interactive, sensory experience for children and families featuring digital technology to bring an imaginative coral island to life.

Taking place during the summer holidays (Tuesday 17 August – Sunday 5 September) *The Undiscovered Island* is a playful, contactless, underwater world where children can explore and venture the island. Stimulating the senses, participants can interact with giant corals and musical stepping stones before entering a giant brain coral, where an upside down underwater world is waiting to be discovered. Children will receive a passport to enter the island and discover its secrets.

The installation features large scale 3D printed corals and traditionally crafted hyperbolic crochet corals that have been hand made by five Nottingham 'Knit and Natter' groups from St Anns, Bilborough, Strelly, Nottingham City and Bullwell. Corals are interwoven into the installation with modern technology to create a truly engaging experience.

Speaking about *The Undiscovered Island*, founders of Makers of Imaginary Worlds Roma Patel and Rachel Ramchurn said,

"This exhibition has given us the opportunity to explore the themes of sustainability and the environment into an imaginary world. We have a greater understanding of coral reefs and their importance to the environment."

Accompanying the installation in Lakeside's Djanogly Theatre is a small exhibition that includes real life examples of bleached corals. Visitors to Lakeside can learn about the amazing ways that scientists and our population are responding to ecological challenges.

To ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all, Lakeside will limit performances to ten visitors per 30-minute timeslot. For more information about *The Undiscovered Island*, please visit Lakeside's website: lakesidearts.org.uk

Lakeside's popular Pavilion Café and externally accessed public toilets will remain open through this period, with the café operating a takeaway-only service.

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Notes to Editors:

Lakeside Arts is the University of Nottingham's public arts centre presenting a programme of visual arts and museum exhibitions, theatre, dance, children and families' productions, workshops as well as a learning programme for everyone. Its venues include the Djanogly Recital Hall which stages concerts by internationally renowned soloists and chamber ensembles; the Djanogly Gallery; the University Museum which has a permanent collection of archaeology covering a period of some 250,000 years; and the Djanogly Theatre presenting UK and international touring work as well as producing and co-producing new theatre and dance. lakesidearts.org.uk

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The Undiscovered Island by Makers of Imaginary Worlds

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