



## Message in a Bottle

A Series of Art and Educational Events Inspired by the Ocean and Marine Plastic Pollution

The Venue at the Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco  
February 23-25, 2018

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Message in a Bottle is a series of art and education events, inspired by the ocean and marine plastic pollution. This year's event is held on February 23-25, 2018 at The Venue at the Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco. The entire event is open to the public and will feature an incredible assortment of art and educational installations that were created by local artists and environmentalists. Sunday, February 25th is Student Appreciation Day where we celebrate all the K-12 artists who are participating in the show.

By the year 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. Most plastic pollution at sea starts out on land as litter on beaches, streets and sidewalks. Rain or over-watering flushes that litter through a storm drain system or directly to creeks, streams and rivers that lead to the ocean. After plastics enter the marine environment they slowly photodegrade into smaller pieces that marine life can mistake for food, sometimes with fatal results. Ocean gyres concentrate plastic pollution in five main areas of the world's oceans and various research groups are bringing back alarming data documenting plastics impacts.

### Art and Education

Through art, we aim to inspire the community to reduce litter, protect our ocean and raise awareness about litter and plastic pollution. Surfrider volunteers are available to host a beach cleanup or an on-site presentation on how to make a positive impact by reducing our "plastic footprint" and how to help keep plastics out of the marine environment. Participation in a beach cleanup or Surfrider presentation is not mandatory to get involved with Message in a Bottle!

Please [fill out this form](#) if you'd like to participate, and a volunteer will follow up with you directly.

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