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***A WHALE OF A GOOD TIME***

***Whale Watching Adventure with the Monterey Museum of Art***

**Sunday, April 13, 3 pm, Fisherman's Wharf**

*"Our family has lived and worked off the Monterey Bay for two generations. We have the responsibility to give back to the ocean and its animals through the collaboration with Pacific Explorer EcoTours, the Monterey Museum of Art, and Bryant Austin. We are making a stand that we will be doing our part in conserving the Monterey Bay."*

*-The Shake Brothers*

[MONTEREY, CA] Pacific Explorer EcoTours and Old Fisherman's Grotto invite the public to join the Monterey Museum of Art on Sunday, April 13 at 3 pm for a whale watching adventure of a lifetime. All proceeds benefit the exhibition *Into the Deep: Photographs by Bryant Austin*, currently on view at the Monterey Museum of Art.

Leading the expedition aboard the *Pacific Explorer* is Captain Danny Frank whose vast experience and knowledge will reveal the quiet secrets of the inner Monterey Bay and the bold power of the open seas. Joining the expedition are world renowned marine photographers and conservationists Bryant Austin, Chuck Davis and Bob Talbot who will share their stories, photography tips, and love for marine life.

Bryant Austin has spent the last several years in Tonga working with humpback whales to produce life-size images of these magnificent animals and to educate those who might

otherwise harm these creatures. Chuck Davis and Bob Talbot are most well known among their many accomplishments for the photography and cinematography of the journey and release of Keiko, an orca whale upon whom the beloved story of *Free Willy* is based.

After the excitement, guests are invited to stay on the boat deck to relax, mingle with the photographers and enjoy delectable hors d'oeuvres and wine hosted by Old Fisherman's Grotto.

Tickets are \$70 and may be purchased by visiting [www.montereyart.org/event](http://www.montereyart.org/event), or by calling at 831.372.5477, ext. 106. Participants will meet at Princess Monterey Whale Watching located at 96 Fisherman's Wharf. in Monterey.

*Sponsored by Pacific Explorer EcoTours and Old Fisherman's Grotto.*

### **About The Monterey Museum of Art**

The Monterey Museum of Art collects, preserves, and interprets the art of California from the nineteenth century to the present day, within a national and international context. In this way, we expand the appreciation of our evolving artistic legacy and inspire a passion for the visual arts. The Monterey Museum of Art was established in 1959 as a chapter of the American Federation of the Arts. The permanent collection of 14,000 objects includes paintings, photographs, works on paper and Asian ceramics, and significant holdings of California paintings by artists such as Armin Hansen and William F. Ritschel in addition to world-renowned photographers including Edward Weston and Ansel Adams. The Monterey Museum of Art has two locations: 559 Pacific Street and 720 Via Mirada, Monterey, CA, 93940. The Museum is open: Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 to 4 pm. Admission: \$5 general, \$2.50 student, and military. Museum members and children under 12 are free. For more information, please visit [www.montereyart.org](http://www.montereyart.org) or call 831.372.5477.

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