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Artist David Dunleavy set to paint larger than life “Endangered Species” mural in Key Largo

Key Largo, FL- Internationally renowned artist David Dunleavy will paint an Endangered Species Mural to raise public awareness of the importance of the Florida Keys living coral reef ecosystem May 19th on the exterior walls of Captain Slates Atlantis Dive Center.

Building owner, Captain Spencer Slate recently went diving with Dunleavy at the Christ Statue and is very excited about the project and all of the positive attention the mural will bring to the Keys. Dunleavy has plans to complete the Endangered Species mural in 10 days and the public is invited to watch the mural develop daily. “This will be my 54th Endangered Species Mural and I have completed 53 projects in 15 years” said Dunleavy. The wall has excellent exposure and I’m extra energized to dive in and start painting. As a scuba diver, I will take all the inspiration and beauty from local diving experiences and paint it on the wall for people to enjoy for many years to come.

The mural will showcase the Christ Statue, the living coral reef and colorful marine life that is indigenous to Key Largo. It’s going to wrap around three sides of the building located at Mile Marker 106.5 U.S. Highway 1, visible to all driving into or out of the Keys. The Florida Keys Reef is the only living coral barrier reef in North America, and is the 3rd largest coral barrier reef in the world. The reef runs approximately 221 miles from Key Biscayne to the Dry Tortugas and is one of the most beautiful and accessible wildlife areas in the country.

Dunleavy’s Endangered Species murals can be seen in the U.S., the Bahamas Islands, Australia and a local mural at the History of Diving Museum in Islamorada. Dunleavy’s Art and conservation commitment have been praised by divers and world renowned explore Jean Michele Cousteau. Dunleavy and Cousteau partnered with the Oceans for Youth Foundation to bring environmental awareness programs and materials to children of all ages. His conservation message has reached an even broader audience with his collaboration with Cousteau and the Ocean for Youth Foundation.

Like Dunleavy’s previous walls, the Key Largo mural is designed to increase global awareness and stewardship, mainly in children.

Divers and Island lovers alike will be able to celebrate this mural for many years to come. Dunleavy hopes the mural will become a landmark and serve as a constant reminder and inspire people to help protect these pristine environments for future generations as we continue exploring our amazing ocean planet.

For more information about Dunleavy’s Key Largo “Endangered Species” mural, visit www.daviddunleavy.com or call 866-922-8155.