

# JUNKYARD JUNGLE

## Curator's Statement

From the beginning of the 20th century, artists have collected found and discarded objects to be used in the creation of their artwork.



A famous example of this type of artistry is by Pablo Picasso. The famous Spanish artist, while walking near his home, looked down to see a bicycle seat and handle bars laying on the ground. Though he knew the objects and their use, in his imagination, he saw the head of a big Spanish bull with horns. He raced to his studio and created his wall sculpture, Bull. Look at the photograph to the left, how does it look like a real bull?

*Bull's Head (1942)* by Pablo Picasso

In our exhibition, *Junkyard Jungle*, you will find diverse creations by artists who used their imaginations when they found discarded items. These items would be upcycled into wild animals that are living in jungles, rainforests, forests, plains, deserts and the oceans of our Earth.

As you explore our *Junkyard Jungle*, you will encounter all sorts of wild creatures, along with activities that allow you to learn more about where they live and how we can help to sustain their habitats. Check out the *Rainforest at Night* black light room to become one of the jungle animals.

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