



Coral Morphologic

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Coral Morphologic is the leading creator of innovative underwater media chronicling Earth's imperiled coral reefs. Coral Morphologic was founded in 2007 by marine biologist Colin Foord and musician Jared McKay in Miami as a multi-faceted platform for the development of symbiosis between humans and coral. Coral Morphologic's unique methodology blends science and art in a way that enamors popular culture with the beauty of coral while inspiring the next generation to restore the reefs and protect the planet.

CORAL MORPHOLOGIC IN PUBLIC PLACES

2025

[Knight Media Forum 2025](#) - Underwater visuals projected throughout the world's premier media conference

Miami, FL

Commissioned by the [Knight Foundation](#)

[BFI 20th Anniversary Show](#) - Projection mapping of the Miami Beach Bandshell for [Bas Fisher Invitational](#)'s 20th Anniversary concert

Miami Beach, FL

[Key Biscayne Community Foundation 'Aqua' Party](#) - Underwater visuals from the Coral City Camera presented across 8 screens and projection surfaces at Key Biscayne Yacht Club

Key Biscayne, FL

2024

[Coral City Couplets](#) - A collaboration with [O. Miami](#) for National Poetry Month generating poems by students in Miami-Dade County classrooms inspired by the Coral City Camera
Miami, FL

2023

[Biscayne](#) - A group show curated by [KDR305](#) & Bridge Initiative at the Kampong National Botanical Gardens
Coconut Grove, FL

[Coral City Collection](#) - A dye-sublimated swimwear collaboration with Natasha Tonić using organic hemp and cotton fabric to avoid microplastic pollution. Every swimsuit sold plants a coral in Indonesia. Runway collection debut at Paraiso Miami Beach during Miami Swim Week
Miami Beach, FL

[Aqua Garden Flow](#) - Audiovisual collaboration with musician Laraaji and artist Robert Beatty at the Miami Beach Bandshell
Miami Beach, FL
Commissioned by the [Rhythm Foundation](#)

A Projection of Overgrowth - Projections of a Coral City - 13 minute film of *Overgrowth* from *Projections of a Coral City* projected on the Arsht Center selected for Aspen Ideas: Climate screening room - Miami Beach Convention Center
Miami Beach, FL

[I Sea You](#) - Audio-visual coral orchestration with musicians from Red Sea-bordering countries of Jordan, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt commissioned to open the World Economic Forum
Davos, Switzerland

2022

[Projections of a Coral City](#) - Knight Foundation commission of a monumental video projection mapping of the Knight Concert Hall at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts during Miami Art Week
Miami, FL

[Threshold](#) - Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places commission of Coral Morphologic videos for display on eight 4'x8' LED screens flanking the boarding exits in the new Virgin Voyages terminal at PortMiami
Miami, FL

2021

[Coral City Camera](#) - exhibited in the screening room at Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami
Miami, FL

[Un Lago de Jade Verde](#) - Group exhibition at CentroCentro organized by the Center for Postnatural Studies

Madrid, Spain

2020

[*Coral City Camera: No Vacancy*](#) - Included in Miami Beach's Art in Public Places 'No Vacancy' group show at the Kimpton Hotel during Miami Art Week

Miami Beach, FL

2019-Present

[*Coral City Camera*](#) - Underwater camera streaming live from an urban coral reef in Miami, Florida. A public art and scientific research project in conjunction with NOAA and the University of Miami.

Previewed at Design Miami/ (December 2019), online launch (February 2020), adjunct installation at Miami International Airport (June 2020)

Miami, FL

Commissioned by the [Bridge Initiative](#) and [Bas Fisher Invitational](#) with grants from the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) and the [Knight Foundation](#)

2018

[*Tangerine Reef*](#) - Audiovisual collaboration with the band Animal Collective. Film accompanied by a live score at David Lynch's Festival of Disruption (Brooklyn, NY), the Parkway Theater (Baltimore, MD), the Balboa Theater (San Francisco, CA), and the Vista Theater (Los Angeles, CA)

Commissioned by the [David Lynch Foundation](#) and [Apple Music](#)

2017

[*2317*](#) - Site-specific audiovisual installation projection-mapped onto the facade of the Faena Forum during Miami Art Week

Miami Beach, FL

Commissioned by [Faena Art](#)

[*Coral Orgy*](#) - Site-specific audiovisual collaboration with the band Animal Collective. Film accompanied by a live score at the New World Center

Miami Beach, FL

Commissioned by the [Knight Foundation](#)

2016

Atlantic Blvd Flower Animal - Five vinyl-wrapped electrical utility boxes featuring Coral Morphologic photography of local fluorescent soft corals located along A1A

Pompano Beach, FL

Selected by City of Pompano Beach Public Art Program

2015

Underwater Worlds - Video installation and projections at 1 Hotel South Beach

Miami Beach, FL

Commissioned by [1 Hotels](#)

2014

[Flower Animal](#) - Exhibition of eleven acrylic-mounted photographs at Miami International Airport
Miami, FL
Commissioned by [MIA Galleries](#)

[Coral Reef City](#) - Collection of eighteen parking booths vinyl-wrapped in Coral Morphologic photography, a collaboration with artist Bhakti Baxter at PortMiami
Miami, FL
Commissioned by [Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places](#)

[Coral Therapy](#) - Conceptual relaxation room created for Design Miami's inaugural [Design Curio](#) program featuring an Oculus Rift Virtual Reality experience, video projection, photographic wallpaper and six fine art prints
Miami Beach, FL

Circumtropical - Video installation on the Intercontinental Hotel video wall
Miami, FL

2013

Version Key #2 - Live mangrove sculpture/ video projection as part of the *Collabo Show 2013*
Miami, FL

[Tombstone \(prototype\)](#) - Video projection sculpture as part of the *A/V Show* at Swampspace Gallery
Miami, FL

A Key to the City - Powdered coral sculpture as part of a Locust Projects auction
Miami, FL

[Aquacultural Transformation](#) - Video installation program on the Southeast Financial Center video wall
Miami, FL

2012

FUTUREHISTORY - Large-scale film screening program in SoundScape Park at the New World Center
Miami Beach, FL

2011

Underwater Worlds - Large-scale video projection program in the City Center
Cairns, Australia
Commissioned by [Cairns Festival](#)

2010

[Artificial Reef](#) - Large-scale video projection program on facades of the Wolfsonian Museum, the 407

Building, and the Art Deco Welcome Center in Lummus Park
Miami Beach, FL
Commissioned by the [Knight Foundation](#)

Flower Animal - Exhibition of fifteen acrylic-mounted photographs and video projection at Biscayne Nature Center
Key Biscayne, FL

2009

[Reel '09](#) - Large-scale film screening program on the LED facade of the American Airlines Arena as part of the *Media Mesh Project*
Miami, FL

Mogul - Video projection/ live aquarium sculpture at the Olympia Theatre
Miami, FL

Magic City - Video projection/ live aquarium sculpture
Miami, FL

Version Key #1 - Live aquarium sculpture as part of MIT art fair
Miami, FL

[Solar Power](#) - Video projection/ live aquarium sculpture as part of the *Collabo Show 2009*
Miami, FL

2008

Flower Power - Live aquarium and two fine art prints at Moksha Gallery
Miami, FL

CORAL MORPHOLOGIC ON TV AND ONLINE

2023

[Life on Our Planet](#) - Netflix television series. Contributor of coral fluorescence footage. Premiered internationally on Netflix

[America's National Parks](#) - National Geographic television series. Contributor of coral and marine life footage. Premiered internationally on the Nat Geo TV Channel and subsequently on Hulu and Disney+

[Aqua Garden Flow](#) - Open access audiovisual collaboration with the musician Laraaji and artist Robert Beatty

2022

[Illuminating Coral](#) - An 8-part coral educational series presented by Parley for the Oceans

2021

[Coral City Fluorotour](#) - An underwater fluorescent night dive film featuring the resilient corals of PortMiami near the *Coral City Camera*

2019-Present

[Coral City Camera](#) - Underwater camera streaming live from an urban coral reef in Miami, Florida. A public art and scientific research project in conjunction with NOAA and the University of Miami

2018

[Tangerine Reef](#) - Open access audiovisual collaboration with the band Animal Collective, in honor of the [International Year of the Reef 2018](#)

[One Strange Rock](#) - National Geographic 10-part docuseries. Contributor of coral and marine life footage. Premiered internationally on the Nat Geo TV Channel and subsequently on FOX, Netflix, and Disney +

2017

[Signs of Life](#) - Coral Morphologic makes a cameo in this Arcade Fire music video

2016

[Fish n' Trips](#) - Coral Morphologic makes an appearance in an episode of Hamilton Morris' [ViceLand](#) TV show, [Hamilton's Pharmacopeia](#)

2015

[Coral City](#) - 40 minute documentary on Coral Morphologic produced by VICE Media. Directed by John McSwain with videography by Jake Burghart

[ATLANTIC: The Wildest Ocean On Earth](#) - BBC natural history documentary. Contributor of coral footage and subject of a behind the scenes profile of Coral Morphologic's Miami Coral Rescue Mission, as part of Episode 3: *From Heaven to Hell*. Premiered on BBC2 in the United Kingdom

[Flower Garden Banks](#) - Audiovisual collaboration with the band Animal Collective featuring audio of their first rehearsal of 2015 accompanied by video shot at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary in the Gulf of Mexico

2014

Fungia Food - Featured on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim show *Off the Air* 'Nature' episode

[Natural History Redux](#) - 23 short videos with original soundtracks, documenting the minute invertebrate life of Florida's coral reefs

2013

[Spectre in Wire](#) - Music video for Dim Past (Other Electricities)

2012

[Coral: Rekindling Venus](#) - Contributor of coral footage. Fulldome film directed by artist Lynette Wallworth, premiered worldwide in 23 planetariums. Screened at Sundance Film Festival 2013 Park City, UT

2011

[Man O War](#) - Featuring a soundtrack by [Geologist](#) of the band Animal Collective

Oyster Vision - Featured on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim show *Off the Air* 'Food' episode

2010

[Hang Four](#) - Music video for Walls (Kompakt Records)

2009

[Aquascaping](#) - PBS documentary on Coral Morphologic. Directed by Oscar-winning producer Andrew Hevia (*Moonlight*) and premiered on WLRN Miami

Coral Nursery / Lab Installations

2025

Miami Native Coral Lab - Miami, FL

2024

The Coral Museum - Miami, FL

2021

[Fundación Grupo Punta Cana](#) - Dominican Republic

2020

[NOAA PortMiami CURES \(Coral Urban Research Experimental Site\)](#) - Miami, FL

2019

[Alligator Head Foundation](#) - Portland, Jamaica

MEDIA CLIENTS AND BRAND COMMISSIONS

BBC

National Geographic
HBO
Netflix
Volcom Stone
Scientific American
Samsung
Adult Swim - Cartoon Network
Adidas
REEF
Parley for the Oceans
Apple
Google
Microsoft
Instagram - Meta
Johnnie Walker Blue Label
Capitol Records
1 Hotels
Red Bull
Waterlust
MIA Skateshop
Natasha Tonić
Dell
Complex
Vice
Virgin Voyages - Virgin
World Economic Forum
Topo Chico - Coca-Cola
Seed

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

2025

[Underwater video reveals novel behavioural interactions: a case study of a repeated ongoing association between a sharksucker *Echeneis naucrates* and a yellowtail parrotfish *Sparisoma rubripinne*](#)

2024

[‘Automatic Detection of Unidentified Fish Sounds: A Comparison of Traditional Machine Learning with Deep Learning’ - *Frontiers in Remote Sensing*](#)

2023

[‘Coral persistence despite marginal conditions in the Port of Miami’ - *Nature Scientific Reports*](#)

2022

['Symbiodiniaceae diversity and characterization of palytoxin in various zoantharians \(Anthozoa, Hexacorallia\)' - Organisms Diversity & Evolution](#)

2021

['Molecular mechanisms of coral persistence within highly urbanized locations in the Port of Miami, Florida' - Frontiers in Marine Science](#)

2012

['Species Diversity of Shallow Water Zoanthids \(Cnidaria: Anthozoa: Hexacorallia\) in Florida' - Journal of Marine Biology](#)

ESSAYS

2018

['On Super Corals and Where to Find Them \(Or a Cautionary Tale of Using Memes in Science\)' - Pt. 1](#)

['On Super Corals and Where to Find Them \(A Closer Look at Miami's Urban Coral Ecosystem\)' - Pt. 2](#)

LECTURES

2022

[Aspen Ideas: Climate - *The Ocean is a Superhero*](#)

Miami Beach, FL

2021

Coral Restoration Foundation's Coralpalooza

Museum of Design Atlanta

Smithsonian Marine Station

2020

California Academy of Sciences

2019

CPH:DOX Copenhagen, DEN

Marine Aquarium Conference of North America

2017

Marine Aquarium Conference of North America

2015

Marine Aquarium Conference of North America

2014

University of Miami - *Miami Coral Rescue Mission*
Miami, FL

2013

Pratt Institute - *The Psychedelic World of Coral Morphologic*
New York City, NY

Marine Aquarium Conference of North America (MACNA) - *The Urban Corals of Miami*
Hollywood, FL

2011

TEDx Miami - [A Hybrid Future: The Corals Of Miami](#)
Miami Beach, FL

2009

Recif France - *Caribbean Corallimorphs*
Strasbourg, France

RESIDENCIES**2016**

[Robert Rauschenberg Foundation](#) residency 'Rising Waters Confab II' - April 25 - May 10
Captiva Island, FL

MUSIC ALBUMS AND INSTALLATIONS**2024**

[Projections of a Coral City](#) (with Nick León)

'Anthozoa' from the [Sabores Sounds EP](#)

2023

Official Soundtrack of Punta Cana International Airport

2020

[Coral Morphologic 2](#) (Reissued in 2024)

2018

[Coral Morphologic 1](#) (Reissued in 2022)

2016

[Rarities](#)

2014

[Natural History Redux \(Original Film Score\)](#)

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2024

Miami Individual Artist grant award - Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs. Miami, FL

2023

Miami Individual Artist grant award - Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs. Miami, FL

2021

'Ellie' award - Oolite Arts. Miami, FL

2020

Best Public Art Project - *Coral City Camera* - Miami New Times Year in Review

2014

Americans for the Arts - *Coral Reef City* - Public Art 2014 Year in Review

2012

United States Artists Fellowship - Finalist

GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Coral Morphologic has received grants from the [Knight Foundation](#) and the [National Endowment for the Arts](#). Coral Morphologic is a member of the [Mission Blue Sylvia Earle Alliance](#)

SELECTED PRESS

2025

[NPR 'All Things Considered'](#) (Radio)
[Popular Science](#)
[Miami New Times](#) (Print Cover Story)

2023

[Miami Herald](#) (Print)

2022

[AP](#)
[WPLG \(ABC\)](#)

2020

[BBC](#) (Radio)
[Scientific American](#)

2018

[ARTnews](#)
[The Washington Post](#) (Print)
[Miami New Times](#) (Print 'People Issue')
[Pitchfork](#)
[Rolling Stone](#)

2015

[BBC](#)

2014

[VICE Magazine](#) (Print Cover Story)
[The New Yorker](#)
[New York Times](#) (Print)
[CBS This Morning](#) (Television)
[NPR 'All Things Considered'](#) (Radio)
[Science Friday](#)
[Miami New Times](#)
[Grist](#)
[Artnet](#)

2013

Filmmaker Magazine (Print)
Miami Magazine (Print Cover Story)

2012

Ocean Drive (Print)
[Huffington Post](#)

Miami Herald (Print)

2011

[Miami New Times](#) (Print 'People Issue')

2010

Nylon Magazine (Print)

Complex Magazine (Print)

2009

[ArtStreet WLRN PBS](#) (Television)

EDUCATION

Colin is a 2004 graduate of the University of Miami with a dual degree in Marine Science and Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He graduated with Honors. He has also studied aquaculture at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia

Jared is a 2004 graduate of Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH with an A.A.
He is a composer, artist, and designer



Colin Foord and Jared McKay in the Coral Morphologic Lab / Studio (11.15.22)





Coral Morphologic Laboratory / Studio (3.25.24)