EARTH’S CALL TO ARTISTS

The Earth is a work of art. Protecting her is the work of artists.

The brilliance of the human intellect has taken us to the heights of technological achievement, and to the very brink of global catastrophe. Our unquestioned belief that the human mind alone can solve every global problem is proving itself to be an illusion. The genius of the human mind now needs to be tempered and informed by the wisdom of the human heart. This is the domain of the arts.

The arts speak directly to that aspect of our humanity that is beyond intellect and beyond mind. The artist has a direct connection to that part of us that makes us distinctly human - the generosity of compassion, recognition of our inter-connection, concern for the common good. It is these qualities that must be brought to the forefront now, if we are to achieve what theologian Thomas Berry called the Great Work of our time: to transform the human presence on this planet from a destructive force to one that is mutually beneficial to the entire community of life. Even though they are supremely iconoclastic and highly independent as individuals, artists collectively have the power to awaken our sense of mutuality, to engender awe, to embody the beauty of nature, to remind us of our oneness. Art moves us. Art connects us. Art illuminates our commonality, awakens our humanity. Now more than ever, we need the arts to assume a leadership role in navigating our miraculous and fragile planetary home through the turbulent whitewater of our immediate future.

This is the mission of Planet Earth Arts: To bring the uniquely unifying power of human creativity to bear on the global conversation making the decisions and setting the priorities that will determine humanity’s future. Our purpose is to amplify the power of the collective voice of the global community of artists to help alter our trajectory away from the current dark vision of suffering and separation and put us on a path toward a civilization rooted in wonder, awe and inspired by the transcendent beauty of nature herself.

- Neal Rogin, Planet Earth Arts Co-Curator & Artist-in-Residence
6th Annual Planet Earth Arts Night
February 27, 2020 Topic Prep
Suggested Viewing & Reading

Topic: "FEEDING 9 BILLION"


Climate Change Threatens the World’s Food Supply, United Nations Warns Aug. 8, 2019


Earth’s Food Supply Is Under Threat. These Fixes Would Go a Long Way. Aug. 9, 2019


AGRICULTURE

24 TED Talks That Will Help Save the Food System
Surviving Droughts, Tornadoes and Racism
Nov 6, 2019


A Place at the Table | Film Trailer
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4LuipQzXqA

"A Place at the Table" clip 1
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfnMb24cEOk

"A Place at the Table" clip 2
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYf7jFZ5zzY
They Grow the Nation's Food, but They Can't Drink the Water

The Future of Food: Josh Tetrick
TEDx Talks
73K views

The Shocking Truth About Food Insecurity | Clancy Cash Harrison I

Throwaway nation: food waste and food insecurity I Katie Plohocky I
Advances in technology and globalization of the food industry continue to revolutionize 21st-century agriculture. For more information, visit the links below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfDTM4JxHl8

https://www.biggestlittlefarmmovie.com

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prqdj3Sf5t4

The United States remains the world's largest exporter of food, and at the cutting edge of new technologies to produce it. George spent a year photographing

EUROPE’S FOOD REVOLUTION — View Story

FEEDING 9 BILLION - View Story

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