

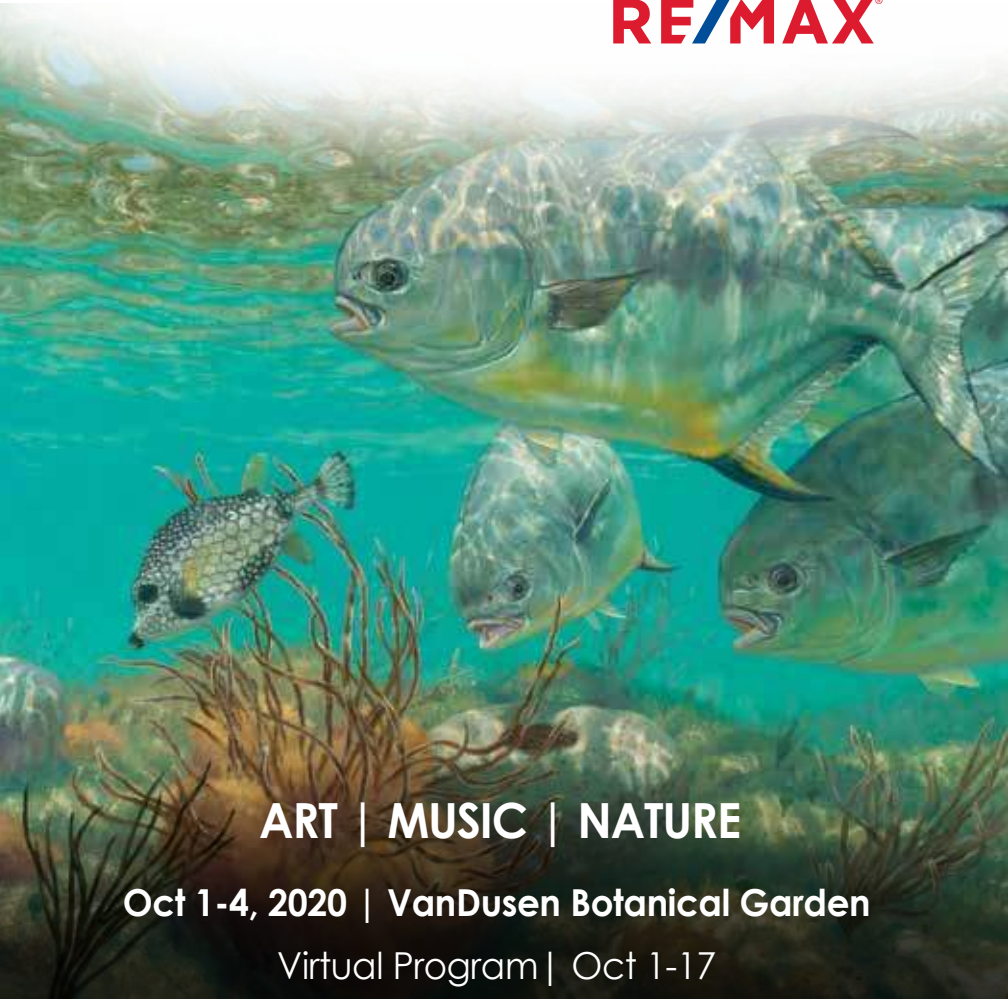


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Introduction by Jeff Whiting

President & Founder, Artists for Conservation



It's a Go! After several months of planning and major adjustments, we're excited to bring you this year's Artists for Conservation Festival. This year marks our festival's 10th anniversary!

Every year since 2011, the AFC Festival has offered an unparalleled chance for the public to meet these talented and dedicated artists in a unique forum of natural beauty, education and creativity.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, things will be a bit different this year and subject to change, even at the last minute... Public health and safety is our highest priority, so it will be evermore important to confirm festival activities and times on the Festival website (www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival). All changes and precautions are designed to make the experience both inspiring and safe for all. For those who cannot make it to the live event at VanDusen, we're also planning a host of other online events.

In the spirit of making the festival as accessible as possible, all in-person AFC festival activities and programming will continue

be free of charge, with your VanDusen Botanical Garden admission. This year, due to COVID, all exhibits and activities will be outdoors inside the gates of the gardens. Visit the VanDusen Botanical Garden website to purchase your advanced tickets ONLINE. Tickets to go on sale soon. Visit the AFC Festival website for a link to book your tickets.

For many during these strange times, it won't be possible to make it to the Festival in-person. In response, we've launched an online program with a combination of live and pre-recorded presentations, music, films, and virtual exhibit. Some of these new activities, we aim to integrate in future festival programs in a post-pandemic world.

Finally, special thanks to the entire AFC Festival support community for the crucial support that we received to make this year's event happen at all, be it through funding, sponsoring, volunteering, participating or even just attending or tuning in.

Looking forward to a deferred celebration of the 2nd decade of the Artists for Conservation Festival in 2021.

Yours in art and conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Whiting'. The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Jeff Whiting
President/Founder, Artists For Conservation

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About Artists for Conservation

The World's Leading Artist Group Supporting the Environment

Many artists today are active participants in an important awareness and educational movement, channelling artistic talent toward connecting the public to nature to inspire awareness, appreciation and action. At the forefront of this movement

is AFC - the world's leading artist group supporting the environment. This year's exhibit features 86 original artworks for sale by 81 leading nature artists. 40% of the proceeds support conservation and education.

"Our mission is to support wildlife and habitat conservation, and environmental education through art that celebrates nature."

AFC's Annual Art Exhibit

AFC's annual exhibit is the world's top conservation-themed art show. The goal of the exhibit is: 1) To support conservation through art sales and education; 2) To showcase the extraordinary pool of artistic talent within AFC; and 3) To share the nature-inspired art genre with new audiences. Each year, AFC organizes and produces a book and calendar featuring artwork from the exhibit.



AFC 2020 Hardcover Book

Published as a companion to Artists for Conservation's annual exhibit and annual festival. A beautiful collectible book, with limited quantities available. 10" x 10", hardcover, 240 pages, printed on FSC-certified paper. \$39.95.



2021 Environmental Calendar

A beautiful 12-month calendar highlighting key green dates. Featuring art from AFC's exhibit. It makes a superb gift to anyone who appreciates art and nature. 10" x 10" and printed on FSC-certified paper. \$16.95.

Purchase at the Festival or order online at www.ArtistsForConservation.org/store.

Exhibiting Artists

Anderson, Cher	Hoehlig, Diana	Pescott, Jim
Anderson, Walt	Ivanyi, Rachel	Peyton, Anne
Bach, Del-Bourree	Jackman, Pat	Raffin, Luke
Banks, Patricia	Johnston, Regan	Riggs, Pat
Barrett Justis, Suzanne	Kellner, Justin	Riley, Laurie
Bieler, Lucrezia Beerli	Kiesow, James	Roll, Ashley
Billingsley, Cindy	Kitler, David	Rosetta
Branson, Lynn	Kleinsteiber, Kathy	Rusin, Len
Breger, Varda	Knapp, Christine	Saenz, Eleazar
Brest van Kempen, Carel	Koensgen, Joseph	Sibley Wasyliw, Cherie
Brooks, Caroline	LaFogg Docherty, Deborah	Snoots, Karin
Cook, Carrie	Lampi-Legaree, Shawna	Starkevich, Colin
Cooke, Brent	Lindamood, Patsy	Taylor, Tammy
Coombes, Bryan	Lozeron, Emily	Thumbar, Chirag
Crouter, Anni	Mayo, Tony	Toft, Kim Michelle
Dreyer, Rob	McComas, Anita	Trygg, Joyce
Dumas, Michael	McCune, Michelle	van der Kelen, Gery
Dunn, Kathleen E.	McManiman, Candy	Vaux, Jacquie
Earle, Vicky	McNeil, Kelly	Warkentin, Nelda
Florentino, James	Morris, Simon	Weber, Katherine
Fisher, Cynthia	Munkittrick, Dianne	Weiss, Cathy
Foggoa, Erin	Nash, Ken	Wheeler, Rick
Grasso, Marco	Neilson, Susan	Xiang, Leo
Harvey, Guy	Norwich-Young, Dorset	
Hiser, Doug	Pepin, Patricia	

Award Winners

Best in Show, Painting

- Bruce Lawes: "A Family Affair"

Best in Show, Sculpture

- Lynn Branson: "Abstract Study - Man & Bird"

Environmental Statement Award

- Lynn Branson: "Abstract Study - Man & Bird"

Interpretive/Abstract Award

- Rosetta: "River Antics"

Medals of Excellence

- Lynn Branson: "Abstract Study - Man & Bird"
- Gary Fleming: "Lazy Leopard"
- Marco Grasso: "Overture II"
- Bruce Lawes: "A Family Affair"
- Rosetta: "Balancing Act"

Daily Program Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 14 | Maplewood Flats Conservancy

10:00am - 3:00pm Pacific Coast Portraits exhibit, art demos, live birds of prey
Live music by Michael Averill

Sunday, Sept. 15 | Maplewood Flats Conservancy

10:00am - 3:00pm Pacific Coast Portraits exhibit, art demos, live birds of prey
Live music by John Gilliat

Thursday, September 26 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

7:00pm - 10:00pm Grand Opening Reception | Tickets Required/Purchase Online

Friday, September 27 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

10:00am - 5:00pm AFC Art Exhibit open for public viewing
10:00am - 4:00pm Films open for public viewing
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey 🌿
11:00am - 5:00pm First Nations Carving Demo 🌿
11:00am - 5:00pm Live Music
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations
6:30pm - 8:30pm Hosted Film & Owl Prowl

Saturday, September 28 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

10:00am - 5:00pm AFC Art Exhibit Open
10:00am - 11:00am Welcome Ceremony 🌿
11:00am - 2:00pm African Drumming Workshop with Russell Shumsky 🌿
11:00am - 4:00pm Face Painting & Crafts 🌿
11:00am - 5:00pm First Nations Carving Demo 🌿
11:00am - 5:00pm Live Music
12:00pm - 4:00pm Film Screenings
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations
1:00pm - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey 🌿

Sunday, September 29 | VanDusen Botanical Garden

10:00am - 5:00pm AFC Art Exhibit Open
11:00am - 4:00pm Face Painting & Crafts 🌿
11:00am - 4:00pm First Nations Carving Demo 🌿
11:00am - 4:00pm Live Music
12:00pm - 4:00pm Film Screenings
12:00pm - 4:00pm Artist Demonstrations
1:00pm - 4:00pm Live Birds of Prey 🌿
5:00pm Festival Closed



Indicates outdoor activity where garden admission is required.

Artist Demos

Patricia Banks

Best known for her detailed oil and acrylic paintings, Patricia travels widely and is inspired by the splendor of the natural environment. She has exhibited across North America, and has won several awards for her work.

Alejandro Bertolo

Alejandro developed a personal painting style, having studied classical Japanese painting and calligraphy. He paints wildlife, particularly those species threatened with extinction in their natural habitats.

Bryan Coombes

"We are here for the experience of life. Most people get that on some level. It's my belief that this experience is the only thing we leave with. So make and build things, enjoy the planet, get away from your computer screens and get wet, tired and dirty."

Vicky Earle

Nature at its core evokes hope and renewal. Vicky's work invites people to slow down, look a little closer, and be surprised by the nature all around us.

James Harry

James Harry (Nexw kalus) is a contemporary sculptor and painter focusing in aboriginal artwork. He is from the Squamish Nation (Skwxwú7mesh) and of European descent.

Denis Mayer Jr.

Denis has earned international acclaim for his unique style of wildlife painting that offers not only remarkably realistic representations but also images infused with energy, vitality and warmth.

Tony Mayo

I like the challenge of pushing various materials to their limit, forming them either very thin, or into demanding shapes that are not normally attempted.

Simon Morris

Simon Morris is an internationally renowned bronze sculptor and scuba diver over five decades. He focuses much of his work on marine life and is passionate about marine conservation initiatives.

Ken Nash

Inspired by nature, Ken started painting at eight years old. His work can now be described in the genre of photorealism and is an excellent conduit to reflect the beauty of the wilderness of British Columbia, Canada, and other parts of the world.

Cherie Sibley Wasyliw

For Cherie, conservation of Habitat and Wildlife is key to our very survival. "I use my artistic gifts to remind people of the magic that dwells all around us and what we stand to lose without taking measures to protect it".

Tammy Taylor

Inspired by the beauty of all God's creations, Tammy strives to create lifelike renditions of her subjects in nature. For over twenty years she has been creating beautiful artwork in both oils and pencil.


Joyce Trygg









Joyce's paintings reflect her love and empathy for domestic animals and the awe of the magnificent wildlife she feels privileged to see. In 2010, Joyce was selected as the B.C. Wildlife Federation's Artist of the Year.

Xwalacktun

Xwa-lack-tun (aka Rick Harry) gained his skills and education from Emily Carr College of Art and Capilano College. He received the Order of British Columbia in recognition of his work as an artist.



 **VanDusen**
BOTANICAL GARDEN

-  Planted Areas
-  Lawn
-  Bike Racks
-  Drinking Fountain
-  Washroom
-  Restaurant
-  Wheelchair
- AFC Festival Circuit**
 -  AFC Festival Activities
 - 1) Art Exhibit
 - 2) Music Stage
 - 3) Woodcarving
 - 4) Silent Skies Mural
 - 5) Crafts and Music
 - 6) Live Birds of Prey
 - 7) Drumming



EXIT

ENTRANCE

Music & Cultural Presenters

Michael Averill | *Musical Guest*

Michael Averill is an adventurous Canadian troubadour who delivers stories and songs of serendipity around the country by foot. Through well walked Roots, Folk, and Blues, Michael captivates his audiences and invites them to connect deeper within themselves and their communities. <http://michaelaverill.com>.

AVIA Trio | *Musical Group*

AVIA Trio is a group composed of three musicians of Asian ancestry who incorporate a variety of Asian instruments such as shakuhachi, shamisen, zheng and sitar and draw inspiration from many styles of contemporary, improvisation, ambient and non-western traditions of playing.

Thomas Beckman | *Musical Guest*

Canadian-born violist, composer and producer, Thomas Beckman performs in a wide range of diverse musical groups. <http://www.thomastheviolinist.com/>.

Vi Ann Diep | *Musical Guest*

Vi Ann is an independent artist and improviser virtuoso on Asian long zithers (horizontal string instruments) such as Gu Zheng, Koto and Dan tranh. Vi Ann performs solo and collaboratively.

Eagle Song Dancers

First Nations Cultural Performance
Spakwus Slolem, (Eagle Song Dancers) are members of the Squamish Nation, geographically located in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, their traditional territory being the Howe Sound, Vancouver to Whistler area. Spakwus Slolem are honoured to present songs and dances of yesterday and today.

John Gilliat | *Musical Guest*

Canadian-born guitarist captures audiences with his acoustic flamenco rhythms. He is a past winner of Vancouver's Unplugged Competition and Montreal Jazz Festival's Grand Prize at the BOSS Loop Station.

Andrew Kim | *Musical Guest*

Andrew is a multi-award winning musician with 30 years of experience studying music from around the world. His music includes traditional Indian sitar, Indian styled violin, solo instrumental guitar compositions as well as various Indian, African and Japanese projects.

Edgar Muenala | *Musical Guest*

Edgar is a unique artist among his own generation, a composer, songwriter and a pan flute extraordinaire who combines ancient tunes with new age sensibility. Edgar relates to music much in the way of an ongoing journey. He is an independent artist based in British Columbia and has traveled across the world for the past 21 years sharing his music. <http://www.edgarmuenala.com/>

William Nahannee | *First Nations Cultural Performance*

Kwel-a-anexw is a member of the Squamish Nation and founder of the Sna7em Traditional Dancers. He has been actively involved with culture for his whole lifetime.

Jarett Plett | *Musical Guest*

Based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Sons of Granville specializes in spectacular romantic and fresh music. They have reached the fan-voted podium three times in the Georgia Strait's annual 'Best of Vancouver' contest. Their group features viola, acoustic guitar and orchestral percussion. <http://www.sonsofgranville.com/>

Alcvin Ryuzen Ramos

Shakuhachi Japanese Bamboo Flute
Alcvin Ryuzen Ramos lives a life guided by shakuhachi. With over 20 years of experience of shakuhachi and meditation practice, his mandate is to educate the public about Japanese musical and spiritual arts. <http://www.alcvin.ca/>

Russell Shumsky | *Drumming*

Russell is a Vancouver-based percussionist, performer and teacher who travels to West Africa regularly to study with master drummers Famoudou Konaté and Mamady Keita. Russell runs a hand drumming school here in Vancouver and has toured with Sarah McLachlan. Visit www.drumming.ca/.

Xwalacktun | *First Nations Presenter*

Xwa-lack-tun (aka Rick Harry) gained his skills and education from Emily Carr College of Art and Capilano College. In September, 2012, Xwa-lack-tun received the Order of British Columbia in recognition of his work as an artist. Visit www.xwalacktun.ca/.

VBGA | *Natural Heritage Presenter*

The Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) is the joint operating partner—with the City of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Park Board)—of the VanDusen Botanical Garden and the Bloedel Conservatory. <http://www.vandusengarden.org/>

NSOBP | *Natural Heritage Presenter*

The Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program's mission is to prevent this species from becoming extirpated from Canada by releasing captive-raised spotted owls back into habitat protected for the species in the province. NSOBP has an active outreach program with their resident (unreleasable) live Barred Owl, Forrest.

<https://www.nsobreedingprogram.com/>

OWL Society

Natural Heritage Presenter

OWL is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of raptors (eagles, falcons, hawks, osprey, owls, and vultures). Our facility and staff are equipped for the unique needs of these beautiful birds, offering them the best chance of recovery. OWL has an active outreach program with their multiple resident (unreleasable) live birds of prey. <https://www.owlrehab.org/>

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AFC Festival Goes Virtual

Can't make the live event in Vancouver? Enjoy AFC's Virtual Festival. For many during these strange times, it wasn't be possible to make it to the Festival in-person.

In response, we've launched an online program with a combination of live and pre-recorded presentations, music, films, and virtual exhibit.



Scene from Thomas Beckman's 'Metatation' musical video and art presentation.

Musical Video & Virtual Art Presentation

Watch the new musical video by Vancouver composer and viola maestro, Thomas Beckman, composed and assembled to accompany the 2020 Artists for Conservation Exhibit. The piece is called 'Metatation' - a play on the words mutations (from biological evolution and the variety of life) and meditation (the spiritual aspect of our experience when we contemplate this variation of life).

AFC Virtual Exhibit

See the premiere of AFC's latest annual juried exhibit featuring the original work by master artists from around the world. Buy Art. Support Conservation. 40% or more supports conservation or education. Visit the collection at www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival

Facebook Live Presentations & Studio Visits

Meet the artists in their own studios, from the confort and safety of your home. Free for all to participate, enjoy a series of behind-the-scenes featured artists demonstrating and showcasing their work and sharing some of their stories.

Streaming Films about Art & Conservation

Meet and chat on Facebook Live with artist and conservationist Guy Combes and filmmaker, Will Richardson, about their new film, "Pride - The Lions of Soysambu". "Pride: The Lions of Soysambu" is an in-depth look at grass-roots conservation in action, of the power of nature to inspire art, the power of art to inspire change, and a people's pride in their land, livelihood, and wildlife.

Visit www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival for a complete list and schedule of virtual programs.

360° Nature Art Walk



This year, in response to a need to expand virtual programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a 360 virtual nature art walk was produced, based in North Vancouver’s Maplewood Flats Conservancy area. The “proof-of-concept” virtual walk features the art of local chapter members of Artists for Conservation. Most photos on the tour were taken in August, 2020, during the peak of the forest fires across western North America. Smoke originating hundreds of miles to the south of North Vancouver shrouded the area and resulted in ghostly light effects during the day.

The exhibit features the art by members of the local chapter of Artists for Conservation, including: Patricia Banks, Bryan Combes, Rob Butler, Vicky Earle, James Harry, Mark Hobson, Joseph Koensgen, Laura Levitsky, Anita McComas, Ken Nash, Dorset Norwich-Young, Ashley Roll, Ronald Straight and Joyce Trygg.

The tour was produced in partnership with the Wild Bird Trust of BC, and with the support of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission, the City and District of North Vancouver, BC Arts Council and Heritage Canada.

Take the 360 Virtual Nature Art Walk at www.ArtistsForConservation.org/festival.



Silent Skies Mural Project

"Silent Skies" is an international collaborative super-mural mosaic featuring all 678 endangered species of birds of the world. The over 100-ft installation was originally unveiled at the 27th International Ornithological Congress - to stand as a poignant message for the public, and a symbol of international collaboration between the arts and sciences. The 678 endangered species were based upon classification on the most recent IUCN Red List. Each is represented by an 8-inch-square original artwork.

A limited edition of each of the species is being reproduced as high quality canvas giclee prints. These are now available for sale, with a large portion of proceeds

supporting bird conservation. The originals will tour internationally.

An important additional program created in parallel with the mural is the Silent Skies YOUTH Mural Project – engaging young artists and students to learn about endangered bird species, conservation concepts and to create mural artwork of their own.

AFC has also developed a series of downloadable education packages. Teachers were encouraged to submit and add their students' artwork to a live Virtual Mural for public viewing. A selection of the 100 youth mural creations has been installed outdoors alongside a vinyl representation of the professional mural, under the Van-Dusen Botanical Garden Lathhouse.

www.ArtistsForConservation.org/silent-skies



Above (top-left to bottom-right): Paintings from Silent Skies Mural Project (top-left to bottom-right): Mauritius Kestrel by Michael Dumas; Chilean Woodstar by Sandra Strohschein; Slender-billed Curlew by Jon Janosik; Northern Brown Kiwi by Fiona Goulding; Banded Ground-Cuckoo by Tony Mayo; New Caledonian Lorikeet by Kim Toft;

Silent Skies Young Artists

"In conjunction with the Silent Skies Mural Project (involving professional artists), a youth program was developed and offered to local youth in grades 3 through 7 in creating their own artistic renditions of endangered birds. The program focuses on the study of conservation and endangered species through research, art and

community engagement. In its first year, over 1600 students from British Columbia participated, including a majority from the Lower Mainland. Of these, 100 youth artworks were selected in the first year to display alongside the professional mural. This exhibit displays a sampling of those special artworks.

Afjool, Faraz	George, Addison	Naranjo-Sandonis, Jaime
Alcantar, Felix	Ghafouri, Nikoo	Nimmons, Hazel
Alexander, Sabrina	Gomes, Bella	Overduin-McWhirter,
Ansari, Abdus	Graham, Cohen	Eva-Mairéad
Archibald, Lindsay	Hamilton, Michael	Radburn, Lucas
Asoudeh, Aylin	Heer, Joven	Rosales-Soto, Andrea
B, Irene	Hisole, krista	Rosell, Taylor
B, Sydney	Hong, Jerry	S, Evelina
Babul, Sahar	Hu, Addie	S., Alessandra
Barnes, Brynn	Hultquist, Aidan	S., Maia
Baylie, Danica	Jayakody, Nethmi	Sachs, Catherine
Bhanote, Kashvi	Jin, Titus	Sam, Tiana
Biro, Laura	Johal, Rohan	Shakur, Omar
Campbell, Gabrielle	Johnson, Noah	Shee, Carlo
Carlow-Ujiiie, Tasmin	Jubb, Isabella	Shier, Jude
Ceholski, Karalin	Kazemipour, Baaran	Sinclair, Kaylee
Chamberlain, Kaylee	Khan, Taymour	Smith, Hatau
Chan, Elliana	Kim, Joshua	Stevens, Tatyanna
Chang, Chris	Kim, Vinny	T., Kiara
Cheng, Isaac	Klakowicz, Amadeo	Tansley, Emmi
Cortez, Cyrish	Kovach, Laurel	Tayefi, Baran
Dang-Landry, Hilarie	Lavender, Tavery	Tothill, Amelia
Dewolfe-Broad, Ariel	Lindsay, Angelina	Tsui, Trenton
Dinh, Jayden	Louie, Brayden	Verkerk, Tim
Drever-Dwyer, Ruth	Lovie, Grace	Weich, Emily
Drobe, Sonia	Low, Anthony	White, Owen
Duffy, Will	Luchkow, Lydia	Winsor, Maya
E., Jenna	Lukusta, Melika	Worster, Max
Ehrensperger, Veronica	M., Ella	Yamanashi, Rina
Esmail, Jenah	MacEachern, Tessa	Yao, Sunny
Fellner, Blaze	Martin-Fernandez, Maria	Yeshayahu, Devorah
Fraser, Raine	Martiniuk, Matyas	Zhou, Sarah
Funnell, Jillian	McCallum, Emma	
G, Sarah	McDiarmid, Angelita	

Documentary Films

Returning: An immersive film about the Salish Sea, it is also a conversation about connection, nature, and our sense of place. It explores the concept of a “Nature Culture” to sustain nature including livelihoods, as a basic cultural tenet.

Art & Conservation in the Caymans: Learn how a Caymanian marine biologist-turned-artist is championing international marine conservation efforts and how an international group of artists is working to help protect an underwater paradise and share it with the world before it is lost.

The Soysambu Legacy: Experience Africa and the story of one of the world’s most successful wildlife painters who fought to conserve endangered species and one of Kenya’s most precious and unique areas.

How an Artist Saved the Mountain Gorilla: Retrace the footsteps of a legendary explorer deep into the Congo, and learn the story of an artist who saved the Mountain Gorilla from extinction and helped found Africa’s first National Park a century ago.

Reflections: Art for an Oil Free Coast: Follow an expedition with 50 artists to BC’s Great Bear Rainforest: home to the Spirit Bear, whales, grizzlies and coastal communities at risk with the threat of a proposed oil pipeline and hundreds of oil tankers a year.



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